

Monthly Newsletter

May 2026



MAY SPOTLIGHTS



National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center May 2026 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Community of Practice: Addressing Barriers and Advocacy

The May Community of Practice will focus on addressing barriers and strengthening advocacy strategies within the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program. The National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center will walk through common challenges veterans face on the path to employment including transportation, housing instability, justice involvement, behavioral and physical health challenges, the potential need for treatment or stabilization, and access to supportive services. The session will highlight practical strategies grant recipients can use to navigate these barriers, while also emphasizing participant-centered advocacy that aligns with each veteran's goals and comfort level. Additional focus will be placed on strengthening partnerships and coordination to support successful employment outcomes. Please join our team on

Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 3 p.m. ET for the May Community of Practice on Addressing Barriers and Advocacy.

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9603: Leadership for the Integration of Veterans' Services, June 2-4, virtual delivery

This course covers core leadership principles and the legislation that supports veterans' programs. It introduces key leadership and management concepts and provides an orientation to the Veterans' Employment and Training Service and the National Veterans' Training Institute. The curriculum also addresses Priority of Service, measurement tools, and program reporting.

9617: Federal Grants Management for Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Recipients, June 9-12, virtual delivery

This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively manage their grants. It covers the full grant-making life cycle and introduces best-practice management techniques. Learners will also examine how current laws apply to homeless veterans, their spouses, and their families, as well as the Uniform Administrative Requirements for all grant awards. The course concludes with an in-depth review of each phase of grant award administration.

9604: Managing Case Management, June 9-11, virtual delivery

Managing Case Management is a course intended to enhance awareness of issues and management techniques related to case management. Participants learn the basic concepts of case management and understand how to monitor and support the process. Learn various approaches to case management, conflict management, and handling legal and ethical issues.

9614: Federal Grants Management for Jobs for Veterans State Grants Recipients, June 23-26, virtual delivery

This course equips participants with the knowledge and skills needed to successfully manage their grants. It introduces the full grant-making life cycle and highlights best-practice management techniques. Participants will also explore the laws that apply to homeless veterans, their spouses, and their families, along with the

Uniform Administrative Guidance for all grant awards. The course concludes with a detailed review of each phase of grant award administration.

9610 Series: Career Coaching for Special Populations

Explore one of the one-day virtual courses or take all three! Learn about serving varying demographics of veterans to better assist in the job search process or career change.

- [**9610/SYVS: Serving Younger Veterans, June 24, virtual delivery**](#)
Examine the needs of younger veterans—particularly needs that may prevent them from being successful in a job search—and discuss how to empower younger veterans to make informed decisions about their employment trajectory.
- [**9610/DAAN: Serving Veterans with Disability and Accessibility Needs, August 5, virtual delivery**](#)
Gain in-depth understanding of how to identify the challenges veterans with disability and accessibility needs face and how to assess their capabilities to better assist them in the employment process.
- [**9610/JIV: Serving Justice-Involved Veterans, August 10, virtual delivery**](#)
This course will equip you with the skills necessary to engage and inspire Justice Involved Veterans to successfully reintegrate into the civilian workforce.

The National Veteran's Training
Institute Website

The National Veteran's Training
Institute Class Schedule



Case Management Workflow: Building a System That Works

Strong case management in the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program is about having a clear and consistent workflow that keeps participants engaged and moving toward employment. When staff are aligned on a simple process, things run smoother, documentation is stronger, and it is easier to move participants toward keeping a job.

From the point of enrollment, staff should establish a rhythm of regular follow up so that no participant goes more than 30 days without contact. Each interaction should connect back to the Individual Employment Plan and help move the participant forward, with case notes clearly documenting who was contacted, what

happened, what support was provided, and what comes next. When notes are written this way, they tell the full story and make it easy for anyone on the team to step in and understand where things stand.

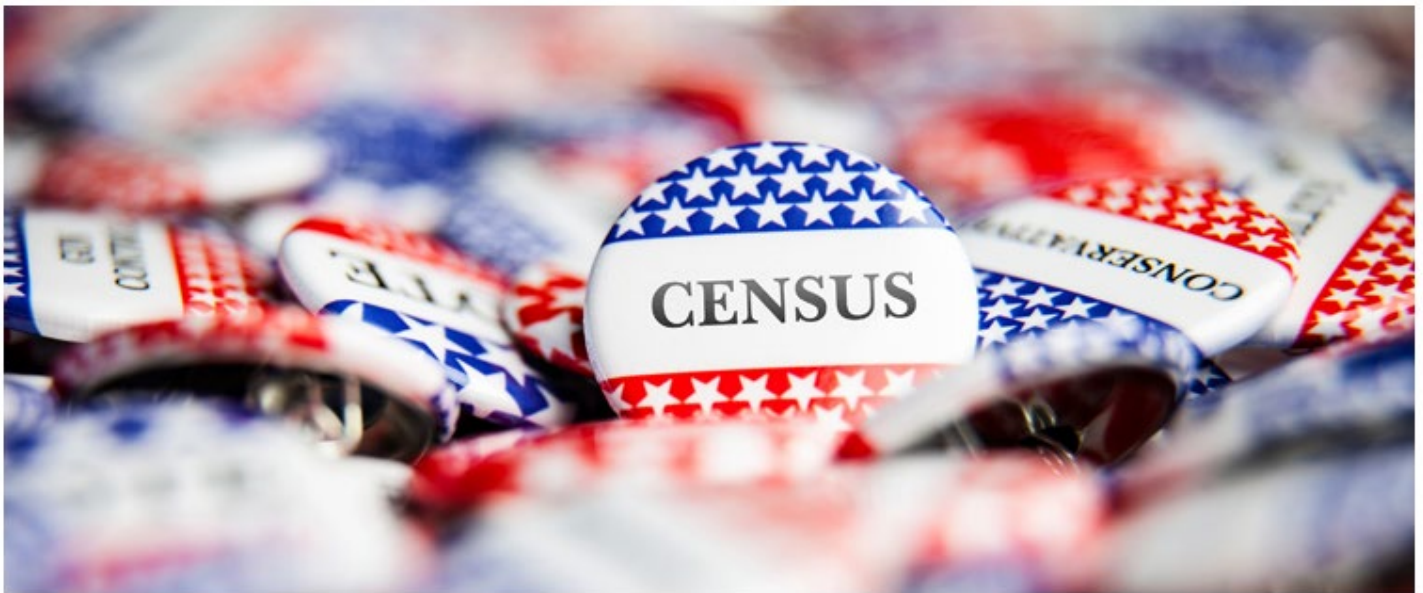
Your workflow should reflect what is actually happening day to day. Case management should stay connected to your outreach and employer relationships. Know where your participants and referrals are coming from and what jobs are actually available right now. Teams that stay close to their partners, keep up with current job openings, and prepare participants for specific opportunities tend to see stronger placements. Simple things like using text, phone, and email consistently, and having a basic checklist that staff follow, can make a big difference in keeping participants engaged and on track.

Access the following resources from the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center for more information:

- [Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Allowable Costs and Case Management Documentation](#)
- [Roles and Responsibilities for Case Managers](#)
- [Homeless Veteran's Reintegration Program Placement Strategies](#)
- [Hiring a Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Case Manager](#)
- [Using the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Eligibility Tool](#)
- [Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Verification of Employment](#)

If you would like support in building or refining your case management workflow, connect with your National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center coach to schedule a session. If you are not currently connected to a coach, you can reach out to nvtac@dol.gov to get started.

NEWS



New Census Pulse Data Offers Insights to Better Serve At-Risk Veterans

On April 23, the [U.S. Census Bureau released new data](#) on employment, food sufficiency, housing status, difficulty of paying usual household expenses, use of artificial intelligence, living arrangement plan in case of foreclosure or eviction, and other topics from the Household Trends and Outlook Pulse Survey. A sample of about 30,000 households was collected in June 2025 to compile this data and show what's happening across the country and in smaller local areas.

Data users can access the Household Trends and Outlook Pulse Survey dataset as a public-use file to create customized tables, as well as [data tables](#). Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients can use this dataset to identify localized trends in housing instability, income volatility, and barriers to employment, allowing you to better target outreach and tailor supportive services for veterans most at risk.

RESOURCES



Outreach to Veterans and Family Members

When providing services to veterans, it is important to remember that not all veterans engage with well-known programs and services created for veterans, such as the [American Legion](#), [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#), [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#), [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs grant and per diem programs](#), or [Supportive Services for Veteran Families](#). This may be because they do not know what resources are available to them, they may not think they qualify based on the nature of their discharge, or they may intentionally avoid seeking veteran services.

This can be an opportunity to engage with a broader range of providers and conduct outreach to provide information to a wider population of service recipients. It is crucial to remember that veterans, more often than not, have family members and loved ones who can act as resources for sharing information. Instead of asking where veterans go for services when mapping out potential new community partners, ask where people in general go for services. Think of outreach to include anyone who has either served or has a family member who has served in the military. This can provide you with a wider range of service providers, community resources, and social services professionals to engage with and build relationships.

Empower your staff, other providers or partner agencies, and anyone who has possible touchpoints with military-connected people to screen for military connectivity in a way that broadens the number of people

who respond positively to having personal connections to the military or veterans. Do not simply ask “are you a veteran?” Instead, ask people if they have served or if they have family members who have served in the military. This may yield more “yes” responses than simply asking if people are veterans. You will find that you may meet spouses, children, parents, siblings, or other family members of people who have served, and you may get “yes” responses from people who have served but are not aware that they qualify as veterans or qualify for services.

For more information, view the [February 2026 Community of Practice Session](#) on Enrollments and Outreach below.

Enrollments and Outreach

If you would like to engage with a National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center coach for one-on-one technical assistance, please email nvtac@dol.gov.



From Military Skills to Manufacturing Careers

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program's veteran participants' military experience may align with advanced manufacturing industry needs well. Veterans bring competencies that translate directly into manufacturing careers like strong problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and discipline. Programs like [LIFT's Operation Next](#) build on those strengths by providing short-term, free training leading to industry-recognized credentials in high demand fields such as welding, computer numerical control operations, and robotics. [LIFT](#) is a nonprofit public-private, Department of War-supported national advanced materials and manufacturing innovation institute that accelerates technology on behalf of warfighters and the broader defense industrial base.

Manufacturing is a strong pathway to stable employment, especially for veteran participants who may not have pursued a four-year degree. With employers across the manufacturing sector struggling to fill roles, these careers offer competitive wages, hands on work, and opportunities to quickly enter the workforce with portable credentials.

Connecting participants to local community colleges, training providers, or initiatives like Operation Next can help bridge the gap between interest and employment while addressing both workforce shortages and veteran reintegration goals.

Registered Apprenticeship Resource

Leveraging GI Bill Benefits for Registered Apprenticeship

The Education Service within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has released the webinar, [Know Your GI Bill: On-The-Job Training and Apprenticeships](#). This session explains how GI Bill benefits can offset living expenses while veterans gain hands-on skills through Registered Apprenticeships and on-the-job training. The webinar gives two examples of veterans using the GI Bill for their training to become a Fire Fighter and Truck Driver. The video also covers eligibility requirements, rates of monthly payments, a Registered Apprenticeship overview from the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship, and a review of the services from the Veterans Employment and Training Services.

We encourage you to watch the webinar to learn how to help Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program participants bridge financial gaps through their GI Bill and connect veterans to earn-and-learn opportunities that lead to long-term employment.

EVENTS

Stand Down Events



Stand Downs for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to veterans experiencing homelessness such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, and Veterans Affairs Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, the U.S. Department of Labor, other government agencies and community based homeless service providers.

This noncompetitive grant is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to support one day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively.

Eligible entities include:

- state workforce agencies,
- state and local workforce investment boards,
- veterans service organizations, and
- local public agencies and nonprofit organizations including community and faith based organizations.

If you are interested in applying for a Stand Down grant, contact your Veterans' Employment and Training Service state director or follow the link on the [Veterans' Employment and Training Service Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program homepage](#) to [Stand Down Grant Information](#).

Awarded Applicant	City	County	State	Event Date	Event Length
Bluegrass Area Development District, Inc.	Lexington	Fayette	KY	May 14, 2026	1 Day
One Community Now, Inc.	Tampa	Hillsborough	FL	April 24-25, 2026	Multi-day
Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, Inc. (West)	Asheville	Buncombe	NC	May 8, 2026	1 Day
Goodwill - Elkhart	Goshen	Elkhart	IN	June 13, 2026	1 Day

Do you have a success story you would like to share? If you are a grant recipient who helped a veteran who is struggling with housing or employment, we would love to hear from you at nvtac@dol.gov.

Outreach at the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center

The National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center outreach coach is available to provide information, answer questions, and guide interested organizations through the process of getting involved with the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program. If you know of organizations that could benefit from learning more about Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program, you can refer them to National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center Outreach Coach Miranda Moffat at:

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