



Homeless Veterans Supported Employment Program (HVSEP)

HVSEP is an individualized employment program designed to meet Veterans “where they are at” in assisting them with rapid placement in competitive community employment at any level. The HVSE program is part of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs mission to end homelessness among Veterans within 5 years.

This program is available to Veterans who are currently enrolled in one of the following one of the VA Homeless Programs to include:

- HCHV –Health Care for Homeless Veterans
- VHPP-Veterans Homeless Prevention Pilot
- G&PD –Grant and Per Diem
- HUD/VASH - Housing and Urban Development / Veterans Affairs Supported Housing
- MHR RTP – Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (Domiciliary and CWT/TR)
- HCRV – Health Care for Re-entry Veterans
- VJO – Veterans Justice Outreach

In addition, you also must meet these other basic requirements:

- Be eligible for VHA services.
- Be interested in obtaining immediate competitive employment.
- Have had a sporadic work history
- Have not been able to obtain or maintain employment long term on your own

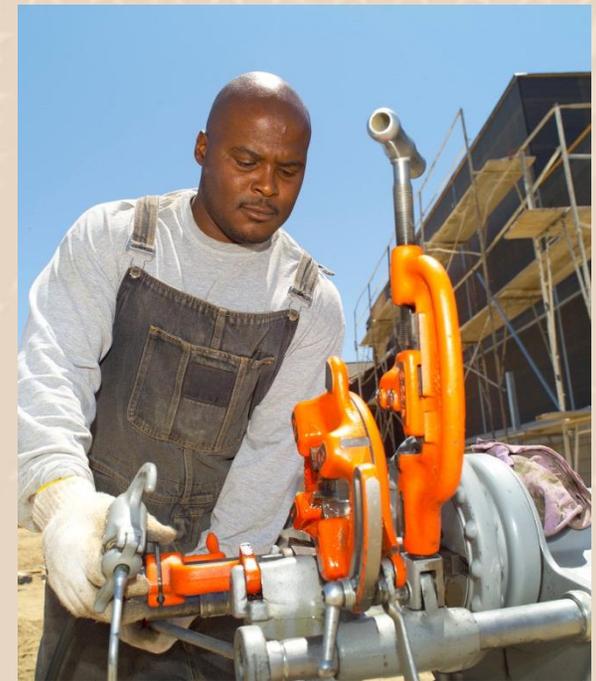
Want to Learn More?

Contact your VA Housing Program Case Manager or Primary Care Provider to generate a consult for services. Your case manager or provider may then submit a consult to Vocational Services at American Lake or Seattle Divisions to access HVSE program services.

Still Want More Information?
Come to our Vocational Assistance Class in building 148 the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 PM.



Homeless Veterans Supported Employment Program (HVSEP)

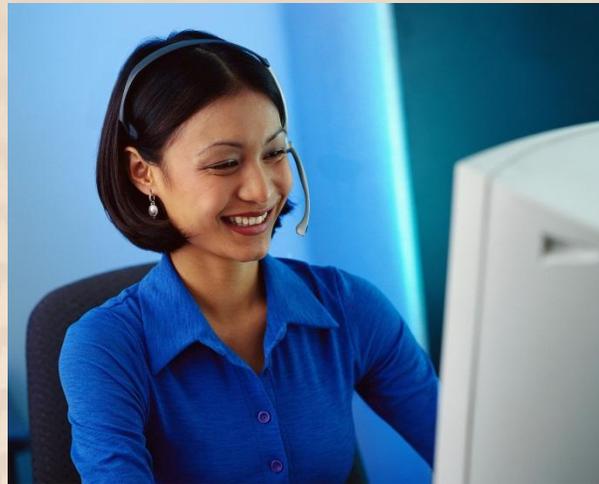




What is Involved?

Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists (VRS's) will individually help you to determine an appropriate employment goal using informed choice.

You will work alongside a VRS who will assist you with resume development and construction, interviewing skills, job search, job leads, job coaching (helping you learn the job at the employers work site) and provide your employer and you with ongoing supports in order to maintain your employment long term. These supports include the job coaching mentioned above but also might look like helping you and the employer identify job accommodations so that you are able to perform the job without aggravating any disability conditions.



VRS's are able to meet you in the community for assisted job searches, activities and provide transportation to and from interviews, job fairs and other job search related activities.

VRS's will work with you to identify your transferable skills and helping you apply them to a variety of employment opportunities in your local community.

VRS's will work with you in making application ONLY for jobs that you express interest in pursuing in order to obtain immediate placement in a job that will not aggravate your health conditions.

VRS's are trained to address barriers that you might be concerned about in attempting to go back to work such as: criminal backgrounds, support enforcement, or driving records. This program does not discriminate against any Veteran. While in HVSE, you will have access to numerous programs and literature to improve your marketability.

This program offers you flexibility!

This program is Veteran paced. VRS will work with the Veteran to identify barriers and goals and create an individualized service plan. This program is completely voluntary. Veterans can choose to discharge at any time without jeopardizing any benefits.

What's in HVSE for YOU?

The benefits to the HVSE program are MANY!

Not only can the VRS's provide you with the one-on-one individualized job search assistance and job placement supports, but we can also help in the following ways:

- Provide the VBA with documentation of enrollment in HVSE to protect your non-service connected pension benefit.
- Provide you with benefits counseling so you will know how return to work may or may not impact your receipt of SSI or SSDI benefits (ie. you may need to work part time to preserve your benefits).
- Obtaining employment will affect your housing costs and your housing case manager will be able to assist you with that information.