

## **HISPANIC VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**



Hispanic Veterans are disproportionally impacted by homelessness. Despite only representing 8.5% of all Veterans, 1 Hispanic Veterans represent 13.2% of all homeless Veterans.<sup>2</sup>

Hispanic Veterans also face unique barriers and have unique needs that impact their housing stability. Compared to non-Hispanic white Veterans, Hispanic Veterans were:3

for "legal assistance for outstanding warrants and fines" more likely to report needs

more likely to report needs for "credit counseling"



more likely to report needs for "emergency shelter"



for "legal assistance for eviction and foreclosure more likely to report needs eviction and foreclosure"



## **VA RESOURCES TO HELP HISPANIC VETERANS**

No Veteran should be homeless in the country they fought to defend. VA is committed to ending homelessness among all Veterans because it is our nation's duty to ensure all Veterans have a place to call home.

VA offers important resources that address the unique needs of Hispanic Veterans, including:

- VA's Legal Services for Veterans Programs, which help address legal barriers to stable housing
- VA's temporary housing programs, such as **Grant and Per Diem** transitional housing and **Health Care for** Homeless Veterans Contracted Emergency Services, which provide safe, short-term housing options
- VA's Veterans Benefits Banking Program, which offers credit counseling, financial education, and financial counseling opportunities

These are in addition to VA's robust **housing assistance programs** that ultimately connect Veterans to safe, stable, accessible, and affordable housing.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

- If you are a Veteran who is homeless or at risk for homelessness, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838).
- Visit the **VA Homeless Programs website** to learn about housing initiatives and other programs for Veterans exiting homelessness.
- Check out the **Ending Veteran Homelessness podcast** to learn more about what VA is doing about Veteran homelessness.

- Learn how to **get involved with housing** homeless Veterans.
- For more stories like these, **subscribe to the Homeless** Programs Office newsletter to receive monthly updates about programs and supportive services for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
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- 2. The 2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress
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