

## Every Veteran deserves a home

Ending Veteran homelessness is a top priority at VA because everyone deserves a safe place to call home—especially those who put their lives on the line to protect our nation. It is our responsibility to provide the highest level of care for all Veterans, regardless of their housing status.



National Call Center  
for Homeless Veterans  
**877-424-3838**  
[va.gov/homeless](https://va.gov/homeless)

If you are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, call 1-877-4AID VET (877-424-3838).

For 24/7 confidential crisis support for Veterans and their loved ones, contact the Veterans Crisis Line by dialing 988 and pressing 1.

You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect.

## More Information

- Visit [www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash\\_GEC\\_Partnership.asp](https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash_GEC_Partnership.asp) for more information about the initiative.
- Visit [www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp](https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp) to learn more about HUD-VASH.
- Learn about VA's homeless programs at [www.va.gov/homeless](https://www.va.gov/homeless).
- Learn more about VA's geriatrics and extended care programs at [www.va.gov/geriatrics](https://www.va.gov/geriatrics).
- Find your local VA medical center at [www.va.gov/find-locations](https://www.va.gov/find-locations).

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# Homeless Aging and Disabled Veterans Initiative



**As the overall Veteran population gets older, many Veterans facing homelessness are also aging. Because homelessness is hard on the body and mind, these Veterans are more likely to contend with disabilities and chronic health conditions as well.**

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s 2023 PIT Count, more than 35,000 Veterans were experiencing homelessness in the United States on a single night in January 2023. Since nearly half of all Veterans are 65 and older, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, that adds up to many aging and disabled Veterans who may need assistance from VA.

The HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) and Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) programs have stepped up to ensure that these Veterans have the support they need to secure housing and remain stably housed over time.



## About the Initiative

VA's Homeless Aging and Disabled Veterans Initiative finds innovative ways to bring together home and community health care, social services, and permanent supportive housing programs.

It combines resources from the HUD-VASH program, which pairs HUD Housing Choice Vouchers with VA case management and supportive services, and the GEC program, which advances quality care for aging and chronically ill Veterans and seeks to maximize their functional independence.

The initiative aims to:

- Increase access to GEC community care programs
- Develop housing options to assist with using HUD-VASH vouchers in specialized care settings
- Expand the use of HUD-VASH project-based vouchers with intensive services that could be provided where Veterans live
- Proactively develop partnerships with community agencies

## Benefits for Veterans

VA serves aging and disabled Veterans by:

- Enabling them to stay within their communities, near friends and family members
- Increasing their quality of life and level of independence
- Allowing them to age in place or transition more seamlessly to higher levels of care
- Lessening the burden on them and their caregivers
- Decreasing their chances of returning to homelessness

