VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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MISSION:
To empower Veterans to navigate the transitions of life.

VISION:
That every Veteran of the United States Military reach their fullest potential as citizens of the Nation that they have so proudly served.

IMPACT:
VLP serves over 6,000 Veterans annually with housing, wellness, career development, and supportive services. We provide services throughout 30 counties in Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio including Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland, Chautauqua, NY and Ashtabula, OH Counties.

HISTORY:
Founded in 1982 by Vietnam Veterans, VLP has been proudly serving Veterans for almost 40 years.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP's SSVF program, funded by the Department of Veteran Affairs, is a rapid-rehousing and homeless prevention program able to assist Veterans experiencing homelessness or an eviction with permanent and sustainable housing. SSVF assists Veterans with case management and short-term financial assistance in order to assist with housing-related expenses. Meetings with the SSVF Team involve setting goals, creating a budget and ultimately working towards self-sufficiency and sustainability.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Emergency Housing
Assistance locating permanent and sustainable housing
Temporary Financial Assistance
Case Management
Rental and Utility Assistance
Transportation
Food Assistance

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran Status, Not Dishonorable Discharge
Experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of housing loss
Household income under 50% Area Median Income for the county in which they reside


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HOUSING

SHALLOW SUBSIDY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s Shallow Subsidy program, funded by the Department of Veteran Affairs under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families grant, provides rental assistance to Veteran households with incomes under 50% AMI. Veterans are able to receive rental assistance up to 50% of the Veteran’s monthly rent. VLP will also provide case management services to assist Veteran households in maintaining their housing stability.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Case Management
Rental Assistance
Utility Assistance
Transportation
Food Assistance

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Enrolled in Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program
Veteran Status, Not Dishonorable Discharge
Household income under 50% Area Median Income for the county in which they reside


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Program Overview:
VLP’s GPD bridge housing program, funded by the Department of Veteran Affairs, is a scattered site housing program for Veterans who are experiencing homelessness. Veterans are able to reside in housing units, ranging from 1-3 bedrooms, throughout Pittsburgh, Butler, Erie and Altoona. The units are furnished with private bedrooms and shared living space in common areas where Veterans are able to reside for up to 90 days. The program “bridges” Veterans from their episode of homelessness to permanent housing.

Services Available:
Bridge Housing
Case Management

Eligibility Requirements:
Veteran Status
Experiencing Homelessness
No income guidelines

Serving Veterans in:
- **GPD Pittsburgh:** Allegheny, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties
- **GPD Butler:** Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Lawrence, and Mercer Counties
- **GPD Altoona:** Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Elk, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, and Somerset Counties
- **GPD Erie:** Crawford, Erie, Forest, McKean, Venango, Warren, Chautauqua, NY and Ashtabula, OH Counties

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HOUSING

CASE MANAGEMENT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
Case Management, funded by the Department of Veteran Affairs, provides one-on-one support to Veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their housing. The main goal of Case Management is to create a tailored plan for each Veteran and improve their retention of housing. The VLP team offers weekly and monthly meetings including home visits to monitor housing stability and assist with understanding tenant responsibilities, meal planning, and use of public transportation. Referrals to needed services, such as mental health, substance use services, and medical care are also available.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Case Management
Budgeting
Medical Referrals

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran Status
Experiencing homelessness and not yet in permanent housing, or at risk of losing housing

Serving Veterans in Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Beaver, Clarion, Fayette, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s GPD Women Veterans programs, funded by the Department of Veteran Affairs, is a scattered site housing program for Women Veterans who are experiencing homelessness. Veterans are able to reside in housing units, ranging from 1-2 bedrooms, in Pittsburgh and Butler up to 90 days. The program “bridges” Veterans from their episode of homelessness to permanent housing.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Bridge Housing
Case Management

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran Status
Experiencing Homelessness
No income guidelines

Serving Veterans in:
GPD Women Veterans Pittsburgh: Allegheny, Indiana, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties
GPD Women Veterans Butler: Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Fayette, and Lawrence Counties

For assistance call 844-VLP-VETS or complete an online intake at VeteransLeadershipProgram.org
PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s Project Journey program, funded by the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, provides immediate shelter to women Veterans for 30-90 days while offering intensive case management services. The Project Journey team works with women on a detailed plan to secure safe and affordable housing, viable employment, and connections to essential services. Once clients have obtained housing, the VLP team continues to offer one-on-one case management services in order to foster ongoing success. Weekly and monthly meetings involve setting goals, creating a budget and ultimately working towards self-sufficiency and sustainability.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Emergency Housing
Emergency Financial Assistance
Case Management

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Woman with Veteran Status
Experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of housing loss
No income guidelines

Serving Veterans in Allegheny County.

For assistance call 844-VLP-VETS or complete an online intake at VeteransLeadershipProgram.org
HOUSING

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) CONSTITUTION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s Constitution rapid-rehousing program, funded by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, serves single Veterans who were once experiencing homelessness with short-term housing assistance. Once housing has been identified, the VLP team continues to offer one-on-one case management services in order to foster ongoing success. Weekly and monthly meetings involve setting goals, creating a budget and ultimately working towards self-sufficiency and sustainability.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Housing
Case Management

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran Status
Experiencing Homelessness
No income guidelines

Serving Veterans in Allegheny County.

All referrals must come through the Allegheny Link at (866) 730-2368.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s Victory supportive housing program, funded by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, provides Veterans in Allegheny County with ongoing financial support for their housing needs as well as one-on-one case management. Veterans who are experiencing homelessness can be assessed for and referred to VLP’s Victory program through the Allegheny County Link. Once Veterans have moved into Victory housing, the VLP team continues to build rapport by working alongside each Veteran to set goals, creating a budget and ultimately working towards self-sufficiency and sustainability.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Supportive Housing
Case Management

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran Status
Experiencing Homelessness
Diagnosis of permanent debilitating disability
No income guidelines

Serving Veterans in Allegheny County.

All referrals must come through the Allegheny Link at (866) 730-2368.
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SERVING VETERANS IN 30 COUNTIES

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s Career Development team works directly with Veterans who are unemployed and underemployed to explore their existing skills and desires in order to maximize their career potential. VLP equips Veterans with the confidence and tools needed to successfully navigate the challenges of entering the workforce or advancing in an existing career.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Resume and Cover Letter
Mock Interviews
Transportation Assistance
Professional and Vocational Attire
Training

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran Status
Looking for assistance obtaining employment
No income guidelines


For assistance call 844-VLP-VETS or complete an online intake at VeteransLeadershipProgram.org
CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

HOMELESS VETERANS' REINTEGRATION PROGRAM (HVRP)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP), funded by the Department of Labor, offers job counseling, resume preparation, job placement, and follow-up case management. The VLP team ensures that participants receive essential supportive services such as clothing, shelter, referral to medical or substance use disorder treatments, and transportation assistance either at the program site or at another agency in the community. What makes HVRP so unique is the program’s ability to provide immediate financial assistance to allow participants to obtain and maintain employment.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Resume and Cover Letter
Mock Interviews
Transportation Assistance
Professional and Vocational Attire
Training
Tools necessary for occupation

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran Status, Discharge other than Dishonorable
Experiencing homelessness at time of referral
Requesting assistance with finding employment
No income guidelines


For assistance call 844-VLP-VETS or complete an online intake at VeteransLeadershipProgram.org
MISSION: WELLNESS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
Mission: Wellness aims to complement the services provided through VLP’s housing, employment, and supportive services programs. Mission Wellness follows the 8 Realms of Wellness which recognizes that our health is multidimensional. VLP’s assistance programs support three of the realms: Financial, Occupational, and Environmental. VLP’s Mission Wellness program supports the remaining: Social, Intellectual, Emotional, Spiritual, and Physical. The path to wellness may look very different for each person and the VLP Team is available to meet with Veterans and create a tailored plan.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
- Stress Management and Meditation
- Mindfulness and Wellbeing
- Health Coaching
- Nutritional Guidance
- Personal Training
- Meal Planning

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
- Veteran Status
- No income guidelines


For assistance call 844-VLP-VETS or complete an online intake at VeteransLeadershipProgram.org
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

HEALTH CARE NAVIGATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s Health Care Navigator, funded by the Department of Veteran Affairs, connects VA eligible and non-VA eligible Veterans to VA healthcare benefits and community healthcare services. Veterans can also receive case management, care coordination, health education, interdisciplinary collaboration, consultation, and administrative duties.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Access to healthcare
Identifying barriers to care
Provide education on wellness-related topics

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran Status
Experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness
Household income under 50% Area Median Income for the county in which they reside


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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

STATE OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (OPS)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
The VLP team works alongside Veterans who are experiencing or who have experienced an opioid or stimulant crisis to achieve self-sufficiency and financial sustainability. OPS, funded by the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, enhances the services to Veterans by providing support in areas such as employment, education, transportation, utility, rental, and food insecurity assistance. VLP also works to connect Veterans to resources in the community that will support them in the treatment process and work to sustain recovery.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Case Management
Connection to resources
Emergency financial assistance

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran status
Current or previous opioid or stimulant misuse
No income guidelines


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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s emergency assistance program provides financial assistance to Veterans in order to prevent or end their experience of homelessness. Veterans are able to meet with the VLP team in order to receive the highest quality of services. If the Veteran is in need of ongoing financial assistance, they will also be assessed for VLP’s additional housing programs and supportive services.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
- Emergency financial assistance for singles or families
- Rental and Utility Assistance
- Transportation
- Food Assistance

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
- Veteran Status
- Experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of housing loss


For assistance call 844-VLP-VETS or complete an online intake at VeteransLeadershipProgram.org
PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR), funded by the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, is a national program supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). SOAR was designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI disability benefits administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA). Veterans who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and have qualifying documentation of a physical and/or mental impairment by a licensed medical professional may be eligible to apply. VLP has dedicated Veterans Benefits Service Coordinators certified to assist Veterans with applying for SSI/SSDI disability benefits through the SOAR process. VLP’s Veterans Benefits Service Coordinators meets with Veterans for one-on-one meetings to gather additional supporting medical evidence and to determine the best pathway to assist the Veteran with their SOAR application.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Veteran Status
Experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of housing loss
Diagnosed Disability
Income less than $1,191/month


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PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
The VLP team supports Veterans Court, a voluntary treatment court program designed to find alternatives to incarceration for service men and women. Through this program, Veterans who have committed misdemeanors or felonies attend weekly meetings with their probation officers, come before judges on a regular basis, and receive support and guidance from Veteran mentors. VLP works alongside Veterans in the program to provide support and services.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Advocacy
Mentorship

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Justice-Involved Veteran
No income guidelines


Referrals can be made through the court system, Veteran Justice Organizations, VA Homeless Outreach, Allegheny County Jail, Renewal, Parole Officers, Federal Court or directly through VLP by calling 844-VLP-VETS or completing an online intake at VeteransLeadershipProgram.org
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

PASERVES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
VLP’s PAServes program, funded by the Institute for Military and Veteran Families, aids Veterans, service members, and their families in connecting them with necessary resources throughout Western Pennsylvania.

REFERRALS AVAILABLE FOR:
VA benefits
Education
Financial Assistance
Healthcare
Housing
Legal
Social Activities/Meeting Fellow Veterans
Mentoring
Sports & Fitness
Spouse and Family Support

Eligibility Requirements:
Served in any branch of the military regardless of discharge status or be the spouse of a Veteran.

For assistance call 1-855-838-7744 or complete an online application at Pittsburgh.AmericasServes.org
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VLP GROUPS FOR VETERANS
Women Veterans Group
LGBTQ and Ally Veteran Group
Opioid Group
Facebook Groups for Wellness, Career Development, and Women Veterans

VLP EVENTS FOR VETERANS
Monthly Food Distributions
Wellness Events
Free Tax Clinic
Stand Down Pittsburgh
Veteran Holiday Party

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