



TVC’s Veterans Mental Health Department: Homeless Veteran Program

Situation Report



The leading causes of homelessness among vets are PTSD, social isolation, unemployment, and substance abuse. *(Source: National Coalition for Homeless Veterans)*

51% of veterans experiencing homelessness have a disability. These disabilities range from physical, mental, intellectual, and sensory disabilities to any combination. *(Source: National Coalition for Homeless Veterans)*

Only **seven percent** of the general population can claim veteran status, but nearly **13%** of the homeless adult population are veterans. *(Source: National Coalition for Homeless Veterans)*

2020 was the first year in a decade that veteran homelessness did not decline. *(Source: HUD Secretary Fudge on 2020 AHAR: Part 1 – PIT Estimates of Homelessness in the U.S.)*

Mission

The Homeless Veterans Program is housed within the Veterans Mental Health Department of the Texas Veterans Commission. The goal is to improve the accessibility of resources and services for military veterans and their loved ones in Texas that are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of becoming homeless. The Program identifies and highlights services aimed at preventing veterans from entering homelessness and provides trainings to direct service providers.

Resources

The resources and services identified by the program aim to establish and maintain housing stability. In order to achieve this, needs will be identified in each veteran’s local community such as:

- case management
- healthcare
- mental health
- substance abuse
- transportation
- financial assistance
- local homeless assistance
- rental assistance programs
- VA services

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