



TVC's Veterans Mental Health Department: Homeless Veteran Program

Situation Report

The leading causes of homelessness among vets are PTSD, social isolation, unemployment, substance abuse, lack of support, and lack of access to affordable housing. (Source: U.S. DVA)

51% of veterans experiencing homelessness have a disability. At least 51% of homeless veterans suffer from serious mental illness and 70% have substance abuse. (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)

There has been an 11% decline in Homelessness since early 2020 to 2022. (Source: U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.)



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. 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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