

*GOAL: To provide safe supported housing for our most vulnerable homeless veterans.*

## **HUD-VASH**

Housing and Urban Development-  
Veteran Affairs Supported Housing

Is a long term intensive case management program for homeless veterans. Funding for HUD-VASH comes from a collaboration between the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Eligible veterans receive casemanagment services designed to resolve current homelessness and prevent future episodes of homelessness. In addition veterans receive access to Section 8 housing voucher, which can substantially subsidize housing rental cost. Each of the following counties have been awarded a set number of housing vouchers. Davidson, Dickson/ Montgomery, Hamilton and Rutherford .

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*To Care For Him Who Shall  
Have Borne the Battle...*



**HEALTH CARE FOR  
HOMELESS  
VETERANS  
HUD-VASH  
PROGRAM**

**Tennessee Valley Health Care System**

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HUD-VASH

- Veteran must be eligible to receive health care through the VA and has enrolled through the business office
- Veteran may be single or with a family
- MUST BE HOMELESS (per the McKinney Act definition)
- Medical Health Stability
- Mental Health Stability
- In recovery with Substance Use
- Have a functional impairment
- Need Case Management
- Need and accept Case Management services
- Able to manage skills of independent living
- Meet the HUD income guidelines of minimum needed and maximum allowed (this is determined regionally)
- Must meet with the HUD-VASH clinician for complete assessment to determine eligibility
- Once accepted into the program the veteran must be willing to sign a treatment contract agreeing to participate & comply with medical & behavioral health treatment recommendations, regular case management contacts, participate in on going service and treatment planning
- Veterans must agree to all requirements of the local public housing authority who administers the HUD-VASH vouchers

## VA'S PARTICIPATION:

- Screening potential participants
- Psychosocial Assessments
- Treatment Planning
- Case management
- Assistance in meeting with the public housing authority
- Help in locating a suitable housing unit
- Referrals for community services
- Oversight to ensure continuity of care
- Continuing case management once housed

## HUDS'S PARTICIPATION:

- Section 8 "housing choice" vouchers allocated for selected VA Medical Centers use with homeless veterans
- Public Housing Authority oversight of section 8 housing rules & guidelines
- Public Housing Authority issues the vouchers
- This is a TENANT based program, meaning veterans will choose their rental units

Dependent upon Veterans eligibility determination they will receive an array of services for medical and mental health care and financial benefit assessment referrals

Veterans will receive direct and indirect assistance with casemanagement services, such as life skill training, advocacy, clinical assessment & referrals, support and linkage to and coordination with community providers and/or resources.

This is NOT an emergency based housing program. It typically takes anywhere from 1-6 weeks from initial contact until a veteran moves into their chosen rental unit. The veteran once approved has a total of 120 days/4 months to locate a rental unit and activate their voucher. Should a veteran not find a rental unit during this time it will be reassessed on a case by case basis.

The HUD-VASH program is designed to assist veterans in establishing permanent, stable housing. As long as the veteran needs and meets casemanagement requirements they may remain enrolled in the program. The ultimate goal is to assist veterans in establishing permanency and graduating out of casemanagement services and off the program.