



BRINGING VETERANS HOME

WORKING TOGETHER TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IN NEW JERSEY

Bringing Veterans Home is committed to ending veteran homelessness by strengthening support systems, providing rapid access to housing, and ensuring that homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Program Goals & Outcomes

Our comprehensive approach focuses on two key metrics that indicate success in ending veteran homelessness. These measurable outcomes help us track progress and ensure our efforts are making a real impact.

Achieve Functional Zero

Maintain fewer homeless veterans than can be housed within 30 days, with rapid response systems in place to quickly address and resolve veteran homelessness through coordinated regional efforts.

- ▶ Track real-time veteran housing placement rates.
- ▶ Monitor emergency shelter capacity and utilization.
- ▶ Maintain rapid response capabilities across all regions.
- ▶ Evaluate and optimize available housing resources.

Improve Housing Flow

Reduce the inflow/outflow ratio to below 1, ensuring veterans are connected to stable housing faster than new cases arise through our comprehensive support network and regional partnerships.

- ▶ Implement prevention and diversion strategies.
- ▶ Coordinate with regional housing providers.
- ▶ Streamline housing placement processes.
- ▶ Monitor and optimize program effectiveness metrics.
- ▶ Strengthen regional support networks and partnerships.

Program Eligibility

- ▶ Persons experiencing homelessness in New Jersey meeting the federal definition of Veteran eligible for homelessness services.
- ▶ Persons experiencing homelessness in New Jersey meeting the state statutory definition of Veteran.
- ▶ Service members (reservists) and National Guard members that, while not meeting the federal or state statutory definition of Veteran for homelessness services, are experiencing homelessness in the State of New Jersey.*

**To be eligible, the servicemember or National Guard member must be physically present in the State of New Jersey and must not have any pending service-related criminal or misconduct charges.*



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BVH Process

The Path to Housing

Bringing Veterans Home (BVH) creates a clear path to stable housing for veterans experiencing homelessness through a coordinated network of services and support.

Finding Veterans in Need

Coordinated Assessment

Supporting the Transition

Personalized Housing Solutions

The path forward depends on each veteran's current housing status. Those who are unsheltered are first connected with emergency shelter and diversion services to provide immediate safety and stability. Veterans who already have temporary shelter can move directly toward permanent housing options.

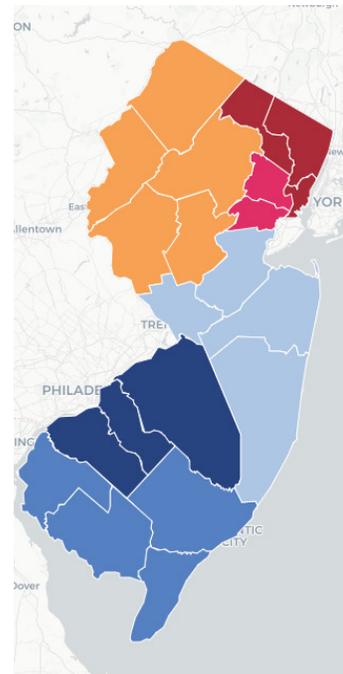
Types of Assistance

- ▶ **Street Outreach**
Direct engagement with veterans experiencing homelessness
- ▶ **Diversion**
Prevention strategies to help veterans avoid entering the homeless system
- ▶ **Rapid Rehousing**
Quick placement into permanent housing with support services
- ▶ **Housing Navigation**
Assistance in finding and securing suitable housing
- ▶ **Emergency Shelter**
Immediate, temporary housing for veterans in crisis
- ▶ **Regional Coordination**
Coordinated services across counties and jurisdictions

Regional Service Areas

Regionalization is critical to BVH's success because it bridges jurisdictional gaps between Continuums of Care, Veterans Affairs service areas, and county boundaries. This coordinated approach ensures

veterans receive consistent services regardless of location, eliminates service duplication, pools resources more efficiently, and creates clear accountability for housing outcomes within defined geographic areas.



- Region 1: Gateway**
Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, Inc. (CSPNJ)
- Region 2: Metro**
Bridges Outreach
- Region 3: Highlands**
Community Hope
- Region 4: Coastal**
Garden State Home (GSH)
- Region 5: Shoreline**
Soldier On
Monarch Housing Associates
- Region 6: Riverline**
Veterans Multi-Service Center (VMC)

Make a Referral

Multiple Ways to Refer

- ▶ Through existing coordinated entry systems
- ▶ Via community partner referrals
- ▶ Self-referral through online form, NJ Vet2Vet, or NJ 211

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