

intensive rehabilitation process, which includes evaluation, training and job placement. VI offers paid transitional work placements in the following areas.

- ◆ Housekeeping, food service, and the warehouse staff at the VA Medical Center.
- ◆ A nursing assistant training program located at the VA Medical Center.
- ◆ Construction teams currently operating throughout New Jersey
- ◆ Horticulture through our greenhouse located at Lyons.
- ◆ Retail sales at “Rainbow Collectibles” located in Bound Brook, (732)564-9551.
- ◆ A golf driving range at Lyons.
- ◆ A Bagel shop in Perth Amboy

The variety of experiences these sites provide, offer veterans diversified opportunities to meet their individual needs.

**For more information visit our website at [www.vetsinfo.com](http://www.vetsinfo.com)**

## *Housing*

Any solution attempting to resolve homelessness will ultimately require finding a safe and affordable place to live. Through partnerships with community agencies, the VA offers low cost transitional housing in a variety of locations. As of August 2003, we can offer access to the following transitional residences.

- ◆ Bound Brook, Somerset County – 12 units
- ◆ Plainfield (2 homes), Union County – 10 units
- ◆ Plainfield, Union County – 8 units, for women only (under construction)
- ◆ Fords, Middlesex County – 4 units
- ◆ Garfield, Bergen County – 8 units
- ◆ Lyons, Somerset County – 70 units
- ◆ Perth Amboy, Middlesex County – 14 units (under development)
- ◆ Jersey City, Hudson County – 25 units (under construction)
- ◆ Trenton, Mercer County – 5 units (under construction)

**Residential rehabilitation screening appointments are available 24 hours a day. Call our toll-free help line at (888) 725-3000**

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## Services for Homeless Veterans

We seek to offer a broad continuum of services to homeless veterans. Our goal is to offer our clients the services they need to resume a full and productive life. On any given night there are approximately 8300 homeless veterans in New Jersey. This brochure provides a brief summary of the special programs offered to homeless veterans at the VA New Jersey Healthcare System. Areas of program focus include:

- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Treatment & Rehabilitation
- ◆ Work Training & Employment
- ◆ Housing

### *Outreach*

Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) is the VA's outreach program that serves as a gateway to a variety of services. Supported by staff and AmeriCorps volunteers, HCHV is able to reach hundreds of homeless veterans each year. Whether in shelters or in the streets, HCHV seeks to offer referrals and

assistance to homeless veterans who have honorably served their country.

For more information call Outreach services at (973)645-3769 or call our 24 hour toll-free help line at (888)725-3000. Program information can also be found on the web at: [www.vetsinfo.com](http://www.vetsinfo.com)

### *Treatment & Rehabilitation*

A broad range of medical services is available through The VA New Jersey Healthcare System (VANJHCS). In addition to its tertiary medical center campuses in East Orange and Lyons, the VA offers care at its community based clinics throughout New Jersey. Rehabilitation services are also offered to homeless veterans seeking to end their alcohol and/or drug use. These rehabilitative services are offered through VANJHCS's Domiciliary Care For Homeless Veterans Program (DCHV).

The Domiciliary Care For Homeless Veterans is a short-term, residential treatment program. This program provides intensive biopsychosocial rehabilitation services. An interdisciplinary treatment team offers medical, psychiatric, vocational and psychosocial service within a modified therapeutic community structure. The program utilizes a variety of treatment modalities including lectures, workshops, counseling, recreation and fitness activities. A strong relapse

prevention component includes 12 step meetings. The program's objective is to provide homeless veterans with the knowledge and skills needed to lead productive lives in the community. The Domiciliary is often a gateway into Veterans' Industries and Supported Housing.

Eligible veterans are referred from other programs, the community and self-referral. Call (888) 725-3000 for a screening appointment.

### *Work Training & Employment*

Many homeless veterans have not worked regularly for many years. For most homeless veterans, the opportunity to regain both housing and their independence depends upon full-time employment. Veterans Industries (VI), through a program of work restoration, seeks to foster an environment where veterans in transition can develop sufficient skills and income to achieve optimal levels of independence and productivity. VI recognizes the rehabilitative process of work and capitalizes on this philosophy by providing meaningful work activities for veterans. Through this program, veterans adjust their work habits and improve their attitudes and skills – an essential step towards integrating into the community work force. The program includes an