

Setting the Stage

National Efforts to End Homelessness
Among Veterans

September 27, 2013





The Time is Now

“Nobody in America, and certainly no Veteran, should be left to live on the streets.”

President Obama
August 6, 2013



Opening Doors

Four Bold and Ambitious Goals:

1. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by 2015
2. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015
3. Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020
4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness



Opening Doors

The Plan was built around five themes:

- Leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement
- Access to stable and affordable housing
- Increase economic security
- Improve health and stability
- Retool the homeless crisis response system



Shared Goals = Shared Success

Ending homelessness *nationally* means ending homelessness *locally*.

- Data for decision making
- Apply evidence based strategies
- Leverage existing and untapped resources
- Remove barriers



National & Virginia Point-in-Time Homeless Count by Subpopulation, 2010-2012

	2010 US	2012 US	% change	2010 State of VA	2012 State of VA	% change
Individuals	407,966	386,604	-5%	5,338	5,077	-5%
Persons in Families	241,951	239,403	-1%	3,742	3,340	-11%
Chronic	109,812	99,894	-9%	1,510	1,531	+1%
Veterans	76,329	62,619	-18%	995	881	-11%
Youth	8,153	6,632	-19%	63	5	-92%
Total	649,917	633,782	-2%	9,080	8,424	-7%



Federal Action on Ending Veteran Homelessness

- Increasing investments in effective strategies
- Encouraging broad adoption of Housing First
- Improving access to mainstream benefits



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United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

No one should experience homelessness. No one should be without a safe, stable place to live.

Ending Veteran Homelessness

Pushing to the Goal: 3 Ways to Accelerate Ending Veteran Homelessness

With less than 1,000 days until the 2015 goal, here are three important ways to accelerate progress

The Administration's commitment to end homelessness among Veterans and their families remains steadfast. The President's FY 2014 budget proposal continues to increase investment in effective strategies including \$75 million for the [HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(HUD-VASH\) program](#) and \$300 million for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) [Supportive Services for Veteran Families \(SSVF\) program](#). The Administration's previous investments in ending Veteran homelessness continue to show significant results: homelessness among Veterans is down 18 percent since the launch of *Opening Doors*.

During the April 16 meeting of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, along with representation from the White House's Domestic Policy Council and Office of Management and Budget, Council leadership reviewed progress at ending Veterans homelessness, recognizing that even with the progress to date, efforts must be accelerated to meet the goal of ending Veterans homelessness by 2015. Ending Veterans homelessness remains possible with the right investments focused in

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