

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Many service men and women are trained for specific military jobs, and when their service ends, they find that their skills do not immediately transfer to the civilian job market. Others find difficulties adjusting to civilian life, or become homeless or unemployed due to problems and events in their lives. Interfaith Veterans Programs provide guidance, support and practical solutions to help homeless, unemployed or underemployed veterans return to stable and productive lives.



Interfaith Community Services is proud to serve the men and women who have defended our country's freedom and way of life. For more information or to offer your support, call 760-489-6380.



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VETERANS SERVICES

Workforce Investment Act

The Workforce Investment Act includes the Dislocated Program, Veterans Employment Assistance Program and the Recently Separated Veterans Program. All veterans with discharges other than dishonorable are eligible to apply for these programs.

The vocational-focused Recently Separated Veterans Program provides job training, support services, skills upgrade and recertification, counseling and job placement assistance to veterans who have been separated from the service within the last four years. The objective of this program is to help the veteran achieve and maintain employment that provides a livable wage and potential for career advancement.

The Dislocated Program provides vocational training for veterans who are receiving unemployment benefits or have received unemployment benefits within the past six months. The program also provides supportive services, skills upgrade and re-certifications, counseling and job placement assistance.

The Veterans Employment Assistance Program is a training program for unemployed and under-employed veterans. This program provides training, supportive services and job placement assistance to help veterans return to the workforce.

Employment Services / Computer Lab

All Interfaith clients are able to utilize the computer lab for job searching and other vocational activities. Staff assist clients with career assessments, resume creation and interview preparation. Workshops are offered weekly on a variety of employment related topics. Through the Homeless Court Program information and advocacy are available for dealing with legal barriers.

Veterans Transitional Housing New Oceanside Facility To Open Soon

Interfaith's Escondido-based Transitional Housing Program currently provides 72 sober living beds for qualified veterans. Another 72 beds will be provided at Interfaith's new Oceanside facility for transitional housing. The new facility will open later this year, with special outreach efforts for female veterans, a first for our housing programs, and a strong focus on serving recently separated veterans.

While in transitional housing, veterans are provided basic needs, life skills training, group and individual counseling, plus the opportunity for vocational training. The program's main focus is to prepare the veteran to mesh smoothly into mainstream society by attaining financial stability, permanent housing and personal health. All veterans who received discharges other than dishonorable are eligible to apply.



Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project

The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project focuses on employment and aims at returning homeless veterans to the workforce. Veterans will receive case management and skills assessment, along with the employment and training services they need to re-enter the labor market, and are given priority for our housing programs. Other services include work readiness training, resume preparation, plus job search assistance and placement. Supportive services, such as clothing and transportation assistance, are also provided.

To be eligible for the HVRP program, a candidate must be a homeless veteran who can provide a DD form 214, proving active duty service and a discharge other than dishonorable.

Clinical Psychology

Interfaith Community Services employs a state licensed clinical psychologist, LCSW, and Master level interns to provide an array of client services.

The services include cutting-edge Neurofeedback treatment for those afflicted with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and/or Traumatic Brain Injury. Recently, art therapy was added, giving clients a creative avenue to work on enhancing self expression and self confidence. A motivational series, titled "Mindset for Success," is a key component in Interfaith's Work Readiness Program for clients in the job market.

Individual therapy offerings include one-on-one clinical psychotherapy, direct psychiatry referral and eligibility consultation for Social Security disability benefits.

Group therapy sessions focus on co-existing disorders, relapse prevention, transition to independent living and healthy processing of feelings and emotions.

Homeless Outreach Program Evaluation

Known as Project HOPE, this program of the Social Security Administration helps homeless people both veterans and non-veterans apply for disability benefits. Assistance is provided in filling out and filing the application, with follow-up advocacy and help filing an appeal if an application is denied. Supportive services, based on eligibility, include payment assistance for medication, referrals to other services, bus passes and advocacy for a variety of issues. Those services are provided for a year following enrollment.

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