# MISSION

The WDVA Transitional Housing Program provides temporary housing and supportive services to homeless Veterans who are committed to obtaining permanent, independent housing.

The program provides structure in a respectful, safe environment and provides intensive, personalized case management services. Veterans are connected to healthcare, mental health services, substance abuse treatment and support, employment services, benefits specialists, life skills groups, and more.

The WDVA Transitional Housing Program staff and partners assist and encourage Veterans as they work together to overcome barriers, reach goals, and break the cycle of homelessness by attaining long-term housing stability.

#### **GOALS**

**Transitional Housing Program for Veterans focuses on three goals:** 

- Increased residential stability of participants
- Greater self-determination of participants
- Increased skill level and income potential of participants



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM FOR VETERANS

# dva.wa.gov/thp

#### **WDVA Transitional Housing Program**

**THP Port Orchard - Building 10** 

360-895-4371

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PO Box 8175

Port Orchard, WA 98366

#### **THP Orting - Roosevelt Barracks**

253-263-0735

Fax: 360-893-5623

1301 Orting Kapowsin Hwy.

PO Box 790

**Orting, WA 98360** 

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The WDVA Transitional Housing Program has two locations: at the Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard, WA and the Washington Soldiers Home in Orting, WA.

The 130-bed transitional housing program includes 11 beds specifically for women veterans and 20-bed Contract Residential Service Program beds for veterans in need of stable housing, vocational rehabilitation, and increased income potential.

Veterans are surrounded with supportive staff and wraparound services to assist in achieving a successful return to the community.

### **SERVICES**

**Case Management:** Veterans in the program work in a collaborative partnership with case managers to form an individualized plan. Accountability, progress in achieving goals, and abiding by program rules are cornerstones to continuation in the program.

#### **On-Site Chemical Dependency Services:**

Veterans in the program have access to individual and group chemical dependency services, including AA and NA groups.

On-Site Mental Health Services: Veterans in the program have access to mental health services to identify issues that need to be addressed and to develop a course of treatment. The treatment plan may include individual and/or group mental health services. Part of the treatment may include life skills training and community volunteer work.

On-Site Veterans Benefits Specialist: Veterans and family members have access to assistance with veterans' benefits. Staff members, accredited by the Federal VA in benefits assistance, are available to assist veterans applying for VA Healthcare, VA disability compensation/pension, and other county, state, and federal veterans' benefits for Veterans and Military Retirees.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Homeless for one or more nights
- Desire to make meaningful life changes leading to independent living
- Willing to undergo criminal background check

#### **Betsy Ross House in Orting, WA:**

The Betsy Ross House provides privacy and security for women Veterans participating in the Transitional Housing Program, complete with in-building laundry access, WiFi, computers, and two common areas.



#### **ADMISSION**

Veterans can apply at dva.wa.gov/THP or by calling either of the two locations below:

- THP Port Orchard (Building 10): 380-895-4371
- THP Orting (Roosevelt Barracks): 253-263-0735

Veterans may also call Federal VA Medical Center Homeless Coordinators at 253-582-8440.

Applications can be submitted via email to THP@dva.wa.gov or sent via fax (see front).

Veterans may also be referred to the program by community service providers.

#### **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Employment and training services are provided collaboratively by program staff, WorkSource, HVRP, Federal VA, and other community providers. Employment services include vocational guidance, job readiness skills, basic computer skills, Internet and e-mail guidance, resume development, and job referrals. Access to computers and WiFi are available on-site to all clients.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Transitional Housing Program for Veterans has a van to transport Veterans in the program to case management related appointments. The Port Orchard location is also located near bus lines and is accessible from the Seattle area.