

Mission

Building 9 for Veterans is a transitional housing model designed to provide safe and stable housing for both male and female homeless veterans who are committed to returning to employment and/or independent living.

The model provides structure in a respectful, clean and sober environment with individual and group chemical dependency counseling, mental health counseling, employment services, and life skills groups.

The model provides veterans with assistance, encouragement, and needed support services to foster lasting stability. The model assists veterans in reaching personal goals and breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Goals

Building 9 for Veterans focuses on three goals:

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



Building 9 for Veterans Transitional Housing Program is located at the Washington Veterans Home in Retsil, WA. The Veterans Home sits on a 31 acre bluff overlooking the Sinclair Inlet.

The 60-bed transitional housing facility is available to assist those in need of stable housing, vocational rehabilitation, and increased income potential.

Veterans are surrounded with supportive staff and wraparound services designed to lead to their successful completion of the program and a successful return to the community.

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Services

Case Management:

Veterans in the program work in a collaborative partnership with case managers to form an individualized case plan. Accountability, progress in achieving case plan 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. The program is a zero tolerance environment, with random drug and alcohol testing.

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 Community Service Center:

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.

Eligibility

- Served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Received an Honorable or General Under Honorable Discharge
- Homeless for one or more nights
- Clean and sober for at least the last 30 days
- Desire to lead a clean and sober lifestyle
- Desire to make meaningful life changes leading to independent living
- Willing to undergo criminal background check

Contact Information

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Admission

Most veterans are referred by the Federal VA Medical Center Homeless Coordinators. Veterans should work through these coordinators to be considered for admission. Please call 253-582-8440 for more information. Veterans may also be referred to the program by community service providers. Veterans may contact a Building 9 for Veterans staff member at 1-800-562-2308 or email Building9@dva.wa.gov for more information.

On-Site Job Center

An on-site job center is available to veterans in the program, providing access to computers, Internet, e-mail, voicemail, and fax services. Employment and training services are provided collaboratively by program staff, WorkSource, volunteers, community providers, and the local business community. Employment services include vocational guidance, job readiness skills, computer familiarity, computer-assisted job search, Internet and e-mail guidance, resume development, and job referrals.

Transportation

Building 9 for Veterans has a van to transport veterans in the program to case management related appointments. The facility is also located on bus lines and is accessible from the Seattle area by ferry.