

Overview of Homeless Supported Employment Program

The Supported Employment Program provides assistance in locating and maintaining competitive community professions for Veterans who require assistance in career seeking and job stability, and have a desire for meaningful work. It is a partnership among the Veteran and Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist in determining the goals and abilities of the Veteran, and designing and implementing a plan of action to make those ambitions and passions a reality.

“One important key to success is self confidence. An important key to self confidence is preparation.”

Arthur Ashe

In order for a person to have confidence in a competitive situation, there must be an effective process of preparation. When someone knows that they are fully equipped, an air of assurance is the winning factor that will lead to success in any endeavor. The Supported Employment Program brings this to the table by providing;

- A Strategic Employment Plan
- Informed, Efficient, and Focused Job Search
- Assistance In Application Processes
- Professional Resumes
- Insightful Interview Preparation
- Active Support, Counseling, and Follow-up

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Elements Of A Successful Partnership

Having A Plan

Constructing a practical, skillful strategic employment plan is the very first step of this partnership; one that is workable and answers to the desires of the Veteran.

The counselor will take the time to get to know the Veteran and come to understand any obstacles to the client's professional desires, as well as the talents and abilities that set them apart from the crowd. Together, the counselor and the Veteran will form a winning partnership and plan that will bring their ambitions within reach.



Zeroing In On The Right Job

An informed, efficient, and focused approach is employed in the job seeking process. The Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist uses a large variety of assets to zero in on the most promising prospects for the client.

We partner with other community organizations and groups, such as Workforce Oklahoma and the Department of Labor, in order to maximize efforts and minimize the length of time required to locate the right opportunities.

Preparing A Professional Resume and Application

Completing an application process and developing an effective, professional resume is also one of the key benefits of the program. The very first “look” that an employer will get of a prospective employee is through a resume or an application. Thus, it is one of the most significant elements of the assistance we provide.

Interviewing with Confidence

Interview preparation is among the most important aspects of the partnership. Interviewing can be a very overwhelming experience; yet, being thoroughly prepared lends the Veteran the self-assuredness that is required to impress a prospective employer.

From appearance to insightful and engaging verbal skills, which highlight a client's positive personality and interest in the interviewer and their company, all details of the interviewing process are crucial. The Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist is an expert in polishing the client's performance in these areas.

On-Going Support

On-going support is also part of the program. Once a Veteran gets the job, we are still there to help. If needed, the counselor can meet with the Veteran at the job site, and the supervisor as well, to lend support. Help is provided for at least three months or until the Veteran feels

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that he or she is doing well enough on their own and decides to end their involvement in the program.

Maintaining Your VA Benefits

Are you currently receiving VA benefits, such as a pension? Be assured that your benefits will remain in place and protected while in the program.

So How Does This Work?

In order to get into the Supported Employment Program, the Veteran must be enrolled in VA healthcare and referred by one of the Homeless Veterans Program Coordinators.

Interested? Why wait? Ask your Program Coordinator for a referral today!

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