

# NEW ENGLAND HUD-VA CONFERENCE: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO END HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS

## DATE/LOCATION

Friday,  
November 4, 2011

9AM - 4 PM  
(Registration begins at 8:00AM)

Boston, MA

## LUNCH

Lunch will be provided for \$13/person but you **MUST PREPAY**. Payments may be made online at [www.tacinc.org/training/calendar](http://www.tacinc.org/training/calendar) or by sending TAC a check by Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. Checks should be made payable to TAC and should be sent to:

Attn: HUD-VA Conference  
31 Saint James Ave., Suite 710  
Boston, MA 02116

No lunch payments will be accepted the day of the conference.

## WHAT IS IT?

- A chance to learn more about policy initiatives and programs on homelessness and veterans and their implications for local homeless systems and providers
- An opportunity to meet and establish relationships with local agencies in your area working with homeless veterans
- Builds on recent and ongoing partnership-building activities

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Staff from agencies serving veterans and/or homeless people, Continuum of Care representatives, state and local government staff, ten-year planners, veterans service organizations, service providers, HUD homeless grantees and sponsors, VA staff, HUD staff, Public Housing Agencies, and any other agency involved with homeless or veterans related issues.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Each individual must register by **October 21, 2011** in one of two ways:

1. Fill out the registration online at [www.tacinc.org/training/calendar](http://www.tacinc.org/training/calendar) or
2. Complete the attached registration form and fax to (617) 266-4343

## HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of hotel rooms are reserved at the Doubletree Hotel until October 20<sup>th</sup>. Please call (800) 222-8733 and reference Group Code "DVA."



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## DESCRIPTION OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS

### **Veterans Needs and VA Resources to Assist Homeless Veterans:**

Looks at veterans needs and the VA programs available to assist CoCs and homeless veterans.

**Make Everyone Count:** HUD and VA requirements for counting homeless people during the Point-in-Time (PIT) homeless count and documenting homeless housing resources in HUD's Housing Inventory Charts (HIC).

**Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF):** The VA's new SSVF program and its relationship to HPRP.

**Using Federal Fair Housing Laws to Increase Housing Opportunities for Veterans with Disabilities:** An overview of fair housing laws – highlighting the concepts of reasonable accommodation and modification.

**HUD Homeless Resources and HEARTH:** Details how CoCs and the VA can work together to prepare for implementation using the HEARTH Act.

**HMIS for VA Programs:** HMIS requirements for VA providers, how VA staff can collaborate with CoCs in implementing an HMIS.

**Medicaid as a Tool for Ending Homelessness:** Reviews the basics of Medicaid works, including how health care reform will make changes to Medicaid that will allow more homeless people to access health insurance, and help CoCs better address homelessness.

**HUD-VASH:** Details how homeless veterans can apply for and utilize HUD-VASH vouchers for housing in the community.

**State Agencies that Serve Veterans:** A panel discussion of the state resources available to veterans in New England.

**Integrating Homeless 10-Year Planning Activities with VA Efforts to Address Homelessness:** how to integrate various homeless and VA planning efforts, including local examples of agencies working together.

**Unique Needs and Preferences of Homeless Veterans:** A historical overview and discussion of the evolving needs and services of veterans and their housing preferences, as compared to other homeless sub-populations.

**Examples of Partnerships between VA and COCs:** A look at local CoCs, VA staff, homeless providers, and others that are working together in an innovative fashion to assist homeless veterans.

**Workforce Development: Building Community Capacity for Homeless and At-risk Veterans:** Details successful models and practices that have demonstrated results in helping veterans find and maintain employment.



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**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCTOBER 21, 2011**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you require special accommodations (ADA): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- I will purchase/have purchased lunch online via Paypal
- I will mail a check to TAC, 31 St. James Avenue, Suite 710, Boston, MA 02116, by October 21, 2011
- I will get lunch on my own

**Each individual participant must complete a separate registration form.**

**For questions about the training, please call Kyia Watkins at (617) 266-5657 x127.  
We will be emailing confirmation letters, site location, and directions to participants  
at least one week prior to the day of the conference.**

