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Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Service **Delivery in Rural Areas Community of Practice**

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Rural Challenges

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Challenges (1 of 2)



- > Transportation
- Housing and shelter availability
- Community silos
- > Food insecurity
- Digital divide
- Access to health care
- Child care
- Education
- Hiring businesses

Challenges (2 of 2)



> HVRP

- On-the-Job Training (OJT)
- Registered Apprentice Programs (RAP)
- What's available in the job market versus the veteran's employment goals
- Livable wages



What are some challenges that you have experienced in rural HVRP?



Addressing Rural HVRP Challenges

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Tips (1 of 2)



- Personal connections
- Understanding the local job market
 - Small town feel, everyone knows who's working where
- > Partnering with community resources
 - Where to find veterans
- Lived experience
 - Compensation

Tips (2 of 2)



- > Connecting with other rural communities
 - Leveraging your successes and all available resources
 - > Sharing lessons learned
- Appreciating and understanding the uniqueness of HVRP service provision in rural communities versus urban environments
- > Developing a rural taskforce



Do you have any tips from your experience with HVRP in a rural community?

Resources for Rural Communities (1 of 2)



- Information on 211
- Continuum of Care: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Exchange
- HUD Rural Information
- National Health Care for the Homeless Council: Rural
- National Veterans' Training Institute
- DOL Off-Base Transition Training
- Local Innovative Support Corporation (LISC): Rural
- Rural Public Transportation

Resources for Rural Communities (2 of 2)



- Rural Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Economy
- USDA Rural Employment
- USDA Broadband
- U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Rural Workforce Opportunities
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health





Questions?



Thank you!

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