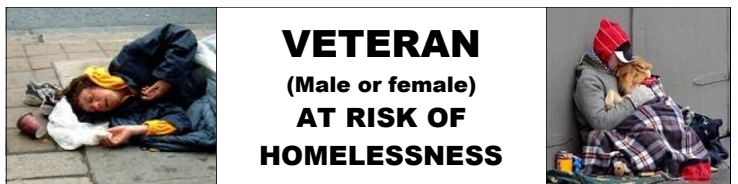


PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS FOR VETERANS IN MACOMB COUNTY

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MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICES
 (586) 269-5315
 Assessment and referrals for veterans at-risk for homelessness

VETERAN'S HOME IS IN JEOPARDY OF BEING FORECLOSED OR IS IN FORECLOSURE

VETERAN NEEDS ASSISTANCE WITH AN EVICTION OR TO RELOCATE AFTER AN EVICTION

PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE
 (owing \$2000 OR LESS) that will result in an imminent foreclosure.

DHHS must have assurances that any amount over their contribution is guaranteed from other sources to pay the taxes in full.

Available from DHHS offices:

DHHS - Mt. Clemens: (586) 469-7700

DHHS - Sterling Heights: (586) 254-1500

DHHS - Warren: (586) 427-0600

TAX, LAND CONTRACT OR MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE

Veteran may be eligible for Property Tax assistance if TOTAL owing for all past due years is less than \$2000. Home must be in Judicial Tax foreclosure or Forfeiture status and payment necessary to restore ownership or prevent forfeiture to county. Housing must be affordable (affordability = Total monthly shelter expenses cannot exceed 75% of net available income) for veteran to meet eligibility requirements. If amount owing for all years is greater than \$2000, then request will be denied. Veteran or vet representative may reapply once balance falls below \$2000.

Available from MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICES (586) 469-5315

IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDING TO HELP PREVENT FORECLOSURES FOR VETERANS

Available from Veterans Constructing Communities Foundation, (586) 777-2115

VETERANS TRUST FUND/ VETERAN'S RELIEF FUND

Available from MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICES (586) 469-5315

May be able to cover bills that are in arrears e.g., utilities, house insurance, home repairs, mortgage payments

ASSISTANCE WITH RENT ARREARAGES AND UTILITIES

State Emergency Relief Funds (SER)

are administered through DHHS and provide help to prevent loss of a home if no other resources are available and the home will be available to provide safe shelter in the foreseeable future.

Available from DHHS offices:

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ASSISTANCE WITH RENTAL ARREARAGES AND UTILILTY BILLS

Available from the Macomb Homeless Coalition, (586) 213-5757

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May be able to cover bills that are in arrears e.g., utilities, house insurance, home repairs, mortgage payments

OUTREACH, CASE MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING VA AND OTHER BENEFITS ("SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF) PROGRAM")

is available to low-income qualifying veterans and their families who are in or transitioning to permanent housing:

Macomb Community Action (586) 469-6999

REFERRALS TO RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHERS (HUD/VASH FOR VETERANS)

Call the Veterans Community Resource and Referral Center (VCRRC) at (313) 576-1587. The HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics.

HELP WITH EVICTION AND UTILITIES

Macomb County Community Action Centers (below) help with evictions and utilities. (These services are available to veterans but not specific to veterans.)

Macomb Community Action Center, New Haven (586) 749-5146

Macomb Community Action Center, Mt. Clemens (586) 469-6964

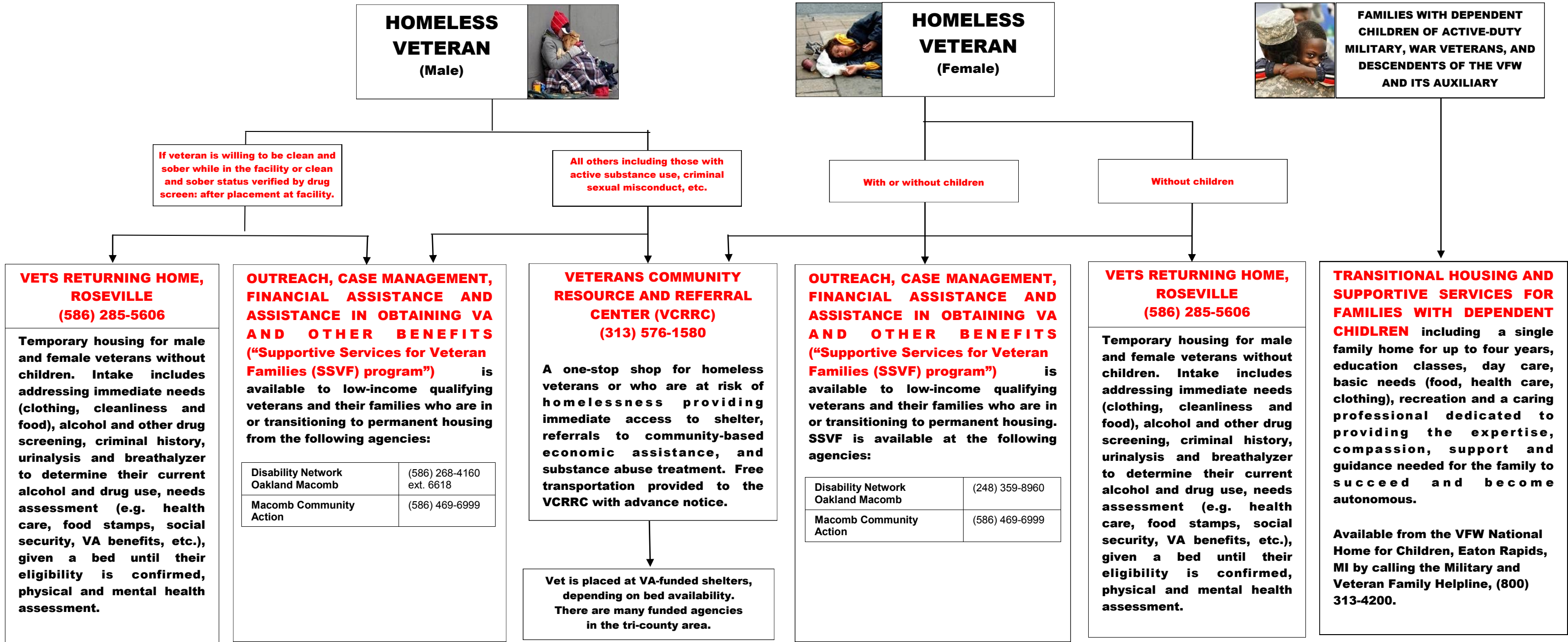
Macomb Community Action Center, Warren (586) 759-9150

CoC—Continuum of Care - A coalition of area agencies working together with homeless residents of the county to help them access needed services.
 HARA - Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) - A Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) provides centralized intake and housing assessment, thereby assuring a comprehensive communitywide service and housing delivery system.
 HMIS—Homeless Management Information System
 MBAI—Michigan Benefits Access Initiative - Michigan Benefits Access is a public/private initiative created to streamline the benefits application process, increase online access to DHHS programs, and coordinate local support services.
 MMVA - Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency - MVAA administers the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MTVF) as well as the Michigan Veterans Homeowners Assistance Program (MiVHAP), both designed to help veterans stabilize their economic situation and get their finances back on track.

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TEMPORARY OR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR HOMELESS MACOMB COUNTY VETERANS (AND THEIR FAMILIES)

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Other non-veteran specific resources: Macomb County Warming Centers provide emergency shelter during the night only from 8:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M. seven days a week. An evening meal and a light breakfast are also provided. No pre-registration is required and guests must be 18 years of age or older and must be ambulatory. For information about Macomb County Warming Centers, call (586) 218-7173. For after-hour emergencies, call (586) 321-0998.

Also check out the Homeless and Housing Chapters of The Right Connection Resource Directory: www.misd.net/connection

PERMANENT HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS IN MACOMB COUNTY

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HOMELESS VETERAN
(Male or Female)

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MACOMB HOMELESS COALITION
Assessment, case management and referrals
(586) 213-5757

HOUSE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (586) 263-1540

Helps build simple, decent, and affordable housing. Prospective homeowners are usually expected to put approximately 500 hours of "sweat equity" into their own or other project homes

For a list of the qualifications, go to:

http://macombhabitat.org/home_ownership/faq/

The Habitat for Humanity Application form is posted at:

<http://macombhabitat.org/forms/application2014.pdf>

MACOMB COMMUNITY ACTION INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM (IDA) (586) 469-7378

Provides matching funds that may be used for a down payment for first-time homebuyers.

ACCESS TO HOUSING RESOURCES

Assistance in finding services is available from:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICES (586) 469-5315

VETERANS CONSTRUCTING COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION (586) 777-2115

USER-FRIENDLY RESOURCE DIRECTORY OF FREE AND LOW-COST SERVICES:
www.misd.net/connection/housing
(There is a section on housing, which includes information on Housing Choice Vouchers. It also has a Veterans Services chapter)

MICHIGAN HOUSING LOCATOR: www.MichiganHousingLocator.com

NEWSPAPERS

MOVE-IN COSTS

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICES (586) 469-5315

May be able to help with first month's rent (but not a down payment) and moving expenses.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) SER FUNDS

Will provide SER funds if housing is affordable (monthly rent equal to or less than 75% of net available income each month) and the veteran has ongoing income to support the expense. Maximum grant for one person: (\$410), two people:(\$520). Additional County funds may also be available depending on individual circumstances. DHHS refers clients to other agencies if additional funding is needed. Contact the local DHHS office:

DHHS - Mt. Clemens: (586) 469-7700
DHHS - Sterling Heights: (586) 254-1500
DHHS - Warren: (586) 427-0600

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)

SSVF may be able to help with first month's rent and security deposit. Apply at:

Disability Network Oakland Macomb,
(248) 359-8960

Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA), (248) 935-9834

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

for those who are homeless (on the street or in shelters)

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF/ESG)

Outreach, case management, financial assistance and assistance in obtaining VA and other benefits to low-income qualifying veterans and their families who are in or transitioning to permanent housing. Apply at:

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(248) 359-8960
Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency, (OLHSA), (248) 935-9834

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MCA'S EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM (only available during specific time periods) or COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (available year-round) are available for one months rent or mortgage or first month's rent. Apply at: your local Community Action Center:

Macomb Community Action Agency offices:

North Center, New Haven, (586) 749-5146
Central Center, Mt. Clemens, (586) 469-6964
South Center, Warren, (586) 759-9150

REFERRALS TO HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS (HUD/VASH for Veterans)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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SCREENING

For screening into the program, contact the VCRRC:

VETERANS COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTER (VCRRC) (313) 576-1580

A one-stop shop for homeless veterans or who are at risk of homelessness providing immediate access to shelter, referrals to community-based economic assistance, and substance abuse treatment. Free transportation provided to the VCRRC with advance notice.