

	New Jersey Workforce Innovation Notice		WD-PY22-11
	Issued By:	Workforce Development Division of Career Services	
	Approved By:	Dr. Yolanda Allen, Assistant Commissioner Workforce Development	
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SUBJECT: Enrollment of Homeless Veterans Program Participants into a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Workforce Program at an American Job Center (AJC)

EFFECTIVE DATE: This NJWIN is effective **Immediately**.

POLICY RESCISSIONS: This policy rescinds and replaces NJWIN 17-16, effective **immediately**.

PURPOSE: This policy provides updated guidance regarding implementation of the requirements of Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 4-16, describing processes and programs for serving homeless veterans in conjunction with Homeless Veterans Reintegration Grant recipients; and ways that local WBDs can coordinate Title I WIOA services with other programs focused on homeless veterans.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Questions about this policy may be directed to WIOAPOLICY@dol.nj.gov

Overview

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) is an employment focused competitive grant program of the Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS), the only federal grant to focus exclusively on competitive employment for homeless veterans.

The Department of Labor serves veterans through this program as well as WIOA Title I programs and the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES). TEGL 4-16 requires that participants in the US Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) homeless veterans programs enroll in WIOA title I workforce programs available through American Job Centers (AJCs), stating that Homeless Veterans Reintegration Programs (HVRPs) "are the primary programs through which VETS administers grant funding to support employment opportunities for homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness. Through JVSG in particular, Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists, authorized under 38 U.S.C. 4103A, provide intensive services to veterans with significant barriers to employment, including homeless veterans."

Enrollment of homeless veterans program participants in the public workforce system through the local One Stop career center occurs when the homeless veterans program participant receives a Wagner-Peyser Act-funded ES, a JVSG-funded DVOP service or another WIOA Title I-funded service, such as WIOA Title I services for adults or dislocated workers.



The current HVRP grantees and the locations that they serve are provided [here](#). All local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) are strongly encouraged to ensure coordination of WIOA Title I services with these grantees, as homeless veterans are a priority population under WIOA.

Responsibilities of HVRP Grantees and of WIOA Partners

HVRP grantees must enroll their participants into Employment Service (ES), JVSG or WIOA Title I services according to the service strategy and timeline outlined in each individual service plan. The Department requires both One Stop career center enrollment of homeless veterans program participants and the receipt of ES, JVSG or WIOA title I services by all participants to occur during the period of performance outlined in the homeless veterans program grant award terms and conditions, including homeless veterans.

Veterans Program Letter 3-16 outlines the responsibilities of both HVRP grantees and ES, JVSG and WIOA Title I partners in the effort to assist homeless veterans:

Homeless Veterans Program Grantees:

- Partner with AJCs to properly enroll all homeless veterans program participants into an ES, JVSG or WIOA Title I program.
- Ensure a homeless veterans program grantee counselor is present during the enrollment process to facilitate accurate reporting and to facilitate strong working relationships with local AJC workforce programs.
- Invite local AJC staff to share information on their services and encourage AJC staff to learn about the services the homeless veterans program grantee offers.
- At the time of employment with the grantee, ensure that new homeless veterans program grantee staff members are fully trained on the multitude of AJC services and the AJC enrollment requirements.

ES, JVSG and WIOA Title I Grantees:

- Coordinate with the local homeless veterans program grantees, providing an overview of the AJC and the services available.
- Partner with local homeless veterans programs to ensure the enrollment of their participants into the appropriate AJC workforce programs.

Recording HRVP Participants in America's One-Stop Operating System (AOSOS)

To record that a participant has been referred to a one-stop from an HRVP, click on the Eligibility tab. On the right-hand side under Programs the HRVP Grantee Service Provider, select the relevant provider from the drop down list. See Figure 1 below.

Figure 1.



General Info	Eligibility	Add'l Info	Resume Data	Planning	Comp Assess	Programs	Outcomes	Saved Searches	Services
Eligibility									
Income Info *Lower Living Standard: No *Income 70% LLSIL: No 5% Rule/Local Priority: High Poverty Area: Disability Info *Disability Status: Not Disabled					Programs HVRP - Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program HVRP Grantee Svc Provider: Catholic Charities - (Inactive) Real House Recovery VOA Delaware Valley - (Inactive) Goodwill Industries of Greater NY/NJ Eyes Inc. MOVES Program				

References

- [Training and Employment Guidance Letter 4-16](#)
- [Veterans Program Letter 3-16](#)
- Title 38, United States Code, [Sections 2021 et Seq.](#) and [4103A](#) (38 U.S.C. 2021 et seq. and 4103A).
- [Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program](#)

