

Mass Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: July 2, 2015

Subject: **Veterans Referral Tool**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce development partners of a new [Veterans' Referral Tool](#). The Veterans' Referral Tool was developed as a guide to help connect Veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness to appropriate housing and services. Specifically, this document provides guidance on how to:

- Identify Veterans among others who are experiencing homelessness;
- Assess whether a Veteran is experiencing or at-risk of homelessness;
- Identify what type of assistance is needed by each Veteran experiencing homelessness; and,
- Refer Veterans to appropriate sources for homelessness assistance.

Links will also be available on the Department of Labor's [Veterans Priority](#) resource page.

Background: The Obama Administration is committed to achieving an end to homelessness among our nation's Veterans, and connecting Veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness to needed services and helps them to obtain permanent housing. Achieving this goal requires an 'all-of-community' response in which Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities, homeless services organizations/Continuums of Care, health care providers, law enforcement, the public workforce investment system, and other community-based organizations work together to identify Veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and refer them for assistance that can help them obtain permanent housing.

Action

Required: Please share this information with all career counselors, front-line staff and partners to become familiar with the Veteran Referral Tool to understand the services and functionality it offers.

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