



WDVA Brief Program Descriptions

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<p><u>Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (HVRP)</u> Two grants (Urban and Rural) through U.S. Department of Labor (general fund federal). Resources used to set the path for homeless and at-risk-of-homeless Veterans to reintegrate into the labor force and obtain a sustainable independent living. Services include case management, housing placement and employment assistance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate needs – food, clothing, transportation and access to shelter • Outreach to homeless Veterans providers • Employability needs and skills assessment • Job readiness services, including transitional housing assistance, basic skills training, therapeutic work, résumé development and employment opportunity referrals • 90-, 180- and 270-day job retention follow-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Veteran who served in the active U.S. military, naval or air service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable • Homeless or imminent risk of homelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be employable, actively seeking full-time work or already working full-time
<p><u>King County Homeless Services</u> Addresses the needs of Veterans in King County by identifying and targeting for services eligible Veterans who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness. Services include case management, housing placement, financial assistant, referrals and employment assistance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency financial assistance • Housing assistance • Employment guidance and assistance • Case management • Life stability • Veterans' benefits counseling • Mental health referrals • Other supportive services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income, homeless, disabled and at-risk Veterans and their families 	
<p><u>Incarcerated Veterans Re-Entry Services (IVRS)</u> A joint project with King, Thurston and Clark counties to address the needs of Veterans incarcerated in county correctional facilities, offering alternatives to jail and referral to housing, employment services and treatment. Many Veterans come to jail due to untreated drug and alcohol issues, poverty, homelessness or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Veterans who are referred to this program get reduced sentences in exchange for drug and alcohol treatment and mental health services, housing and employment. Services include case management, financial and employment assistance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitional housing for Veterans upon release from jail • Assessment and referral to the Puget Sound VA Health Care System for treatment including drug, alcohol and mental health counseling • Job referral and placement services • Assistance with court appearances and early release requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Veteran who served in the active U.S. military, naval or air service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable 	

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<p><u>Building 9 for Veterans</u> Transitional housing model designed to provide safe and stable housing for both male and female homeless Veterans who are committed to returning to employment and/or independent living.</p> <p>Service center onsite providing VA claims assistance to the public.</p>	<p>Building 9 for Veterans focuses on three goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased residential stability of participants • Greater self-determination of participants • Increased skill level and income potential of participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces • Received an honorable or general under honorable discharge • Homeless for one or more nights • Clean and sober for at least the last 30 days • Desire to lead a clean and sober lifestyle • Desire to make meaningful life changes leading to independent living • Willing to undergo criminal background check 	
<p><u>Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF)</u></p> <p>Eligible Veterans who are at risk of homelessness will receive community-based housing stability support. Whenever possible, the SSVF program will connect the Veteran and their families to community-based benefits and supports that will supplement their VA benefits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental and housing assistance • Counseling • Creation of housing and services plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving Veterans associated with military installations and hospitals in Pierce, Thurston, Kitsap and King counties • Special outreach emphasis on reaching Veterans who are returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as National Guard and reservists who are not part of traditional military communities 	

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<p><u>Veterans Estate Management Program (VEMP)</u> Homelessness prevention program. WDVA acts as fiduciary/payee for approximately 400 clients who were declared incompetent to manage their personal finances by the VA and/or Social Security Administration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide timely payments to clients and vendors to ensure food, clothing and shelter needs are met using the client's limited income and resources • Protect client income and assets from undue creditor claims as well as protection from loss or diversion • Ensure all clients are fully advised of all potential federal and state benefits to which they may be entitled • Provide maximum investment and savings opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran or eligible family member who has been rated incompetent to manage their finances by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) 	
<p><u>SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery Technical Assistance (SOAR)</u> National project funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Designed to increase access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The approval rate of initial SOAR applications averages 65 percent in an average of 94 days from date of application submission to date of decision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and • Have a mental illness and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder 	
<p><u>Stewardship Fund</u> The Veterans Stewardship Account is used for activities that benefit Veterans, such as maintaining the state Veterans cemetery in eastern Washington and providing programs and services for homeless Veterans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless prevention assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorable discharge 	

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<p><u>Post Traumatic Stress/War Trauma Counseling</u> Services provided throughout the program include individual, couples, family and Veteran group counseling. Some contractors offer group services to women Veterans and spouses of Veterans. Veterans may be referred to specialized inpatient or outpatient treatment offered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers or Vet Centers within Washington state. Additional services contracted with King County include individual, couples, family and group counseling for Veterans and their family members living in King County.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Program provides community-based avenues to counseling services that are less formal in nature, offering the highest level of confidentiality possible • Services provided throughout the program include individual, couples, family and Veteran group counseling • Some contractors offer group services to women Veterans and spouses of Veterans. Veterans may be referred to specialized inpatient or outpatient treatment offered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers or Vet Centers within Washington state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorably discharged war era (any of the nation’s war or peacekeeping periods) Veterans and his/her family members • Washington State National Guard or Military Reserve members deployed in support of the nation’s war and peacekeeping missions, and their family members • Veteran does not need to be suffering from or diagnosed with PTSD, but should be able to demonstrate significant post-war adjustment issues to warrant outpatient care • No VA service-connected disability for any condition is required for this service within the WDVA PTSD Program • Services are free to qualified Veterans and their family members • Priority is given to those most vulnerable or having no other reasonable options for care 	

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<p><u>King County Funded Training and Support Center</u> Educational training opportunities, prepared by educators, authors, treatment professionals, Veterans and trainers with specialty skills in assessment and treatment of PTSD, traumatic brain injury (TBI) and a range of military- and Veteran-related trauma and homecoming concerns.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim is to raise awareness and understanding on issues specific to Veterans such as invisible wounds like PTSD and TBI • Encourage agency and institution staff to establish promising best practices that will empower Veterans in their reintegration and pursuit of personal, academic and meaningful career goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special emphasis is given to training social service agencies, private practice providers, first responders, police, colleges and universities, employers of Veterans, K-12 professionals and others 	
<p><u>Veterans Conservation Corps</u> The Veterans Conservation Corps seeks to connect Veterans to Washington state’s natural resources as a mode of eco-therapy or eco-psychology. As part of the VCC, Veterans are able to connect with the environment, their communities and themselves while serving in paid internships that put them outside.</p>	<p>Opportunities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream restoration and monitoring • Revegetation of native plants • Restoration of watersheds, forests, prairies or native grasslands • Office or clerical duties • Environmental or community education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran and/or dependent of Veteran • Active duty/reserves or guard 	
<p><u>Vet Corps</u> The Vet Corps program employs 50 Veterans in national service through AmeriCorps. Members serve as peer mentors to help Veterans transition to civilian life through training, education and outreach. Primarily on college campuses, Vet Corps is able to serve a large portion of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation New Dawn (OND) and other recently returned Veterans where they are.</p> <p>The Vet Corps helps Veterans and their family members navigate Washington’s higher education and training programs as Veterans adjust from military to college life.</p>	<p>Vet Corps members help Veterans achieve their higher education goals by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing training and support to college faculty, staff and administration to increase awareness of student Veterans’ needs • Providing a peer connection for Veterans new to higher education • Helping the college to meet the needs of student Veterans • Providing Veterans with connections to federal, state or local Veteran’s benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran and/or dependent of Veteran • Active duty, reserves or guard • Background check (Washington State Patrol, national sex offender registry) • U.S. citizen 	
<p><u>Traumatic Brain Injury Program</u> Interagency agreement with DSHS and the TBI Commission to provide outreach to Veterans who may have a traumatic brain injury (TBI) so that they can be referred to the VA as well as training to community members and Veterans statewide, increasing the understanding of TBI and its symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TBI coordinator provides case management for Veterans living with traumatic brain injury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran and/or dependent of Veteran • Active duty, reserves or guard with TBI or caretaker of a Veteran, active duty, reserves or guard member with TBI 	

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<p><u>WDVA Call Centers</u> WDVA is a full-service state agency that assists Veterans, their family members and survivors. The department is an advocate for Veterans and their families, and aggressively pursues all federal and state benefits and entitlements on their behalf.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDVA operates call centers in Olympia and in King County where we can evaluate the needs of the Veteran and refer them to the appropriate expert in our Field Services Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans, their family members, surviving spouses • General public 	
<p><u>Enhanced Benefits Program</u> A partnership between WDVA and DSHS that identifies Veterans and their dependents who are receiving state social and health services to access the maximum federal benefits for which they are eligible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans and their eligible family members will be able to access the maximum federal benefits to which they are entitled • Veterans are able to access medical benefits through the Veterans Administration at 100 percent federal cost as opposed to the shared financial responsibility under Medicaid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans and their dependents who are receiving state social and health services aid 	
<p><u>VSO Contractors, VA Claims</u> WDVA contracts with seven nationally recognized Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) to provide claims services to Veterans throughout the state. Rather than staff state offices with state employees, WDVA created partnerships with existing VSOs whose service officers are already trained and skilled at helping Veterans access their federal entitlements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This network allows a Veteran or family member to access the expertise of a professional service officer without having to travel to Olympia or Seattle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans, their family members, surviving spouses 	

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<p data-bbox="90 136 548 167"><u>Transitioning Warrior Program (TWP)</u></p> <p data-bbox="90 172 709 235">A program that assists wounded warriors with their transition to civilian life.</p>	<p data-bbox="795 136 1066 167">Their services include:</p> <ul data-bbox="795 172 1360 771" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="795 172 1360 310">• Preparation of VA Claims-expedited VA claims adjudication through ready-to-rate claims maximizing use of the Benefits, Delivery at Discharge program and other programs <li data-bbox="795 315 1360 453">• Information and coordination of points of contact for service members relocating to the other 49 states, commonwealths and territories <li data-bbox="795 457 1360 771">• Activities for Warriors in Transition and family members through: Veterans Conservation Corps; self-employment; development opportunities through the Veterans Business Enterprise Development Alliance; gap funding (child care, training, special equipment, licenses and permits); service member and family readjustment counseling through the WDVA PTSD program 	<ul data-bbox="1381 136 1730 345" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1381 136 1730 274">• Active duty military personnel who are in the process of transitioning to Veteran status <li data-bbox="1381 279 1730 345">• Veterans, their family members, surviving spouses 	

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<p><u>Veterans Innovation Program (VIP)</u> The Veterans Innovations Program was created to provide assistance to Veterans and their families facing financial hardships due to deployments in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our goal is to make sure the Veteran and their family has access to all Veteran’s benefits and the tools they need to provide for themselves and their families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received an honorable discharge • Deployed in support of Operating Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom or Noble Eagle receiving GWOT Expeditionary Medal • Experiencing financial hardship where income is not sufficient to meet basic needs • Presents a discernable positive outcome • Request is within the grant funding capabilities • Submits complete application packet with required supporting documentation 	
<p><u>Veterans Homes</u> WDVA serves Veterans in three homes, where Veterans are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve in settings that provide a sense of belonging unique to Veterans.</p> <p>All Washington State Veterans Homes are Medicare and Medicaid certified facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homes provide 24-hour nursing care, medical care and pharmacy services. • We provide a number of supportive programs and services such as: physical therapy; occupational therapy; recreational activities; social services; volunteer programs; hospice care; nutritious meals; community involvement; religious programs; transportation; laundry; beauty and barber shops; fishing pond (in Orting); patriotic interment services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served at any time, in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces including the National Guard • Received an honorable discharge • Resides in Washington state • The spouse or widow of an eligible Veteran • Gold Star Parent 	

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<p><u>Washington State Veterans Cemetery</u> The facility is located 3 miles west of Fairchild Air Force Base. From the flag assembly area looking southward, Francher Butte and West Medical Lake are visible. Looking northward from the Committal Shelter, military aircraft banking northward off the 90-foot flagpole with its 30-foot flag lowered to half-staff often form the backdrop to interment services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a serene setting for the final resting place of our nation's heroes, our Veterans and their families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility for interment in the State Veterans Cemetery mirrors National Veterans Cemetery eligibility requirements • In general, U.S. Veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and their spouses and dependent children are eligible 	



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<p>Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative A group of coalitions of providers helping youth and families access prevention and intervention. Each coalition offers a variety of programs that serve youth and families. Contact the coalition for program schedules and availability.</p>	<p>Connection to support services in the community, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention and Intervention Specialists in select schools • Mental health care providers • Support services for housing, food and other basic needs. 	<p>Available to all individuals in Washington</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Washington Recovery Help Line A consolidated help line for substance abuse, problem gambling and mental health. The Problem Gambling Helpline also provides help with prevention and treatment of adult problem gambling.</p>	<p>24-hour crisis counseling and referrals to mental health, problem gambling and substance abuse services as well as resources for basic needs.</p>	<p>Available to all Washington residents</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Mental Health Services Available for children, youth and adults through Regional Service Networks.</p>	<p>Mental health services for children, youth and adults are available through community mental health agencies and licensed therapists. Public system resources and plans are on the Washington State Health Plans website: Washington Health Care Authority Services are generally provided at the mental health agency, in the home or at other locations in the community.</p>	<p>Medicaid-eligible or low income</p>	<p>Must also be medically eligible</p>
<p>Substance Use Treatment Services Available for youth and adults.</p>	<p>Assessments, detox, outpatient and inpatient. Call the WA Recovery Help Line at 866.789.1511 for referrals.</p>	<p>Medicaid or low income families</p>	<p>Medical necessity</p>

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<p><u>Recovery Support Services</u> Connects people in recovery from mental health and substance abuse issues with peer support, employment and housing.</p>	Employment, housing and peer support in recovery.	People in recovery	None

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<p><u>Basic Food</u> Helps low-income people make ends meet by providing monthly benefits to buy food.</p>	<p>Varies by family size. Examples: 1 person – maximum \$194/mo. 4 people – maximum \$694/mo.</p>	<p>Income below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level</p>	
<p><u>Basic Food Education and Training (BFET)</u> Provides job search support, educational services, skills training, community service placements and other employment opportunities to Basic Food recipient who are not receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).</p>	<p>Education and vocational services.</p>	<p>Enrollment in Basic Food</p>	
<p><u>Employment Pipelines</u> Pathways to immediate employment for DSHS clients. We work with employers in different fields to provide a choice of career opportunities.</p>	<p>Direct connection with employment, training, support services (e.g., transportation), and post-employment support for up to one year following employment.</p>	<p>Enrollment in any DSHS program</p>	
<p><u>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</u> Provides cash assistance to low-income families and pregnant women.</p>	<p>Varies by family size. Examples: 1 person – maximum \$305/mo. 4 people – maximum \$562/mo.</p>	<p>Varies depending on family size and income deductions, generally about 40 percent of the Federal Poverty Level</p>	<p>Parents must participate in the state’s TANF work program (WorkFirst) by working, preparing for work or addressing barriers to work.</p>
<p><u>Aged Blind and Disabled (ABD)</u> Provides cash assistance to people with disabilities without children.</p>	<p>\$197/mo.</p>	<p>Applicants must have a disability that appears to meet the federal definition of disability. Countable income cannot exceed the payment standard of \$197 per month.</p>	<p>Participation requirements include participating in appropriate medical and/or mental health treatment, and applying for federal disability benefits.</p>

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<p><u>Housing and Essential Needs (HEN)</u> Provides a pathway for temporary housing and essential needs support for people without children who cannot work because of a temporary medical and/or mental health issue.</p>	<p>Persons found eligible are referred to the Department of Commerce for assistance in the form of vouchers for housing and essential needs, which are provided based on available funds. This program does not include cash assistance.</p>	<p>Applicants must have a medical and/or mental health condition that prevents employment for at least 90 days but that does not appear to meet the federal definition of disability. Countable income cannot exceed the payment standard of \$197 per month.</p>	
<p><u>Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP)</u> Provides DSHS clients help with the cost of accessing phone service.</p>	<p>50-percent discount on telephone connection fee when you move, discount on local telephone service and waiver of local deposit.</p>	<p>Enrollment in almost any cash, medical or food assistance through DSHS will qualify a household for WTAP.</p>	
<p><u>Division of Child Support (DCS)</u> Provides assistance with paying or receiving child support.</p>	<p>Help with paying or receiving child support. Parents with obligation to pay child support</p>		



Applications for public assistance can be completed online (www.washingtonconnection.org) or in person at a Community Services Office. Online services include a “See If I Qualify” feature so that families can see what benefits they may be eligible for before they apply. Services through the Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP) are available by contacting the local phone company. More information about WTAP is available by calling 1-888-700-8880. The customer service number for DSHS programs like TANF and Basic Food is 1-877-501-2233. The Division of Child Support can be reached at 1-800-457-6202. Employment Pipeline questions can be answered by Calvin Greer at (360) 704-0936 or Don Mercer at (360) 480-6302.



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<p><u>Financial Education Clearinghouse</u> <u>www.dfi.wa.gov/financial-education</u> One-stop, comprehensive website providing links, nonpromotional products and programs, and financial education resources on a variety of topics.</p>	<p>Free resources, accessible at home or via mobile devices. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgeting • Credit/Debt • Foreclosure Prevention • Investing • ID Theft Prevention • 	<p>Any person seeking information, though much of the information on this site is specific to Washington state.</p>	
<p><u>Financial Education – Printed Materials</u> Available for order online, phone or email.</p>	<p>Free resources, free shipping. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgeting • Credit/Debt • Foreclosure Prevention • Investing • ID Theft Prevention • 	<p>We ship to any Washington state address.</p>	
<p><u>Financial Education – Workshops</u> Our staff provides information-only workshops on a variety of financial topics. Advice is not given.</p>	<p>Free workshops, anywhere in Washington state. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgeting • Credit/Debt • Foreclosure Prevention • Investing • ID Theft Prevention • 	<p>Send your request for a presentation/workshop to dfi@dfi.wa.gov.</p>	

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<p><u>Foreclosure Assistance</u> If a homeowner is in the foreclosure process or is concerned about foreclosure we can answer questions about the process and refer the homeowner to additional assistance.</p>	<p>We can answer specific questions about the foreclosure process and refer the homeowner to a housing counselor or potential legal assistance for specific help with foreclosure and/or for a referral to mediation</p>	<p>Washington residents, Washington residences only.</p>	
<p><u>Loan Modification Scam Assistance</u> If a homeowner is targeted for a loan modification program, we can verify if the program is legitimate.</p>	<p>We can answer questions about a loan modification service or product.</p>	<p>Washington residents, Washington residences only.</p>	
<p><u>Mortgage Servicer Assistance</u> If a consumer is having trouble with the company servicing their mortgage, we may be of assistance.</p>	<p>We can answer questions about a mortgage servicer or servicing issue. We can receive complaints on problems with financial service providers and contact the provider of the product/service.</p>	<p>Washington residents, Washington residences only.</p>	
<p><u>Money Transmitter</u> If a consumer is having trouble sending money through a money transmitter, we may be of assistance.</p>	<p>We can receive complaints on problems with financial service providers and contact the provider of the product/service.</p>	<p>Washington residents or Washington licensed businesses only.</p>	
<p><u>Undisclosed Fees</u> If a consumer is being charged fees by their financial institution or financial service provider that were not disclosed initially, we may be of assistance.</p>	<p>We can receive complaints on problems with financial service providers and contact the provider of the product/service.</p>	<p>Washington residents or Washington licensed businesses only.</p>	
<p><u>Unwanted Financial Service Solicitations</u> If you are receiving unwanted email, mail or telephone calls offering you a financial product or service, we may be of assistance.</p>	<p>We can answer questions about a financial product or service, provide information about current fraud alerts and scams, verify whether a company/individual/product is licensed, receive or help file complaints to resolve a problem and/or contact the provider of the product/service.</p>	<p>Washington residents only.</p>	



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<p><u>Dispute Resolution Centers</u> Mediation services for common disputes as an alternative to civil court.</p>	<p>Free or sliding scale mediation services for common disputes. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlord/tenant • Pre-divorce, child custody • Small claims • Youth peer conflict • Workplace issues 	<p>Any person seeking mediation.</p>	
<p><u>Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy</u> Community-based legal advocacy for victims of domestic violence.</p>	<p>Legal advocacy, limited assistance with emergency needs such as transportation, shelter, food and clothing.</p>	<p>Any victim of domestic violence.</p>	
<p><u>Crime Victim Service Centers</u> Support and advocacy services for victims of crime.</p>	<p>Counseling, crisis response, advocacy and support.</p>	<p>Any victim of assault, burglary, trafficking, child abuse, impaired driving, homicide, identity theft, kidnapping and property crimes.</p>	
<p><u>Foreclosure Fairness Program</u> Mediation services between lenders and homeowners to avoid foreclosure whenever possible.</p>	<p>Foreclosure counseling and mediation by trained housing counselors, free legal assistance to low-income homeowners, homeowner education.</p>	<p>Any homeowner who has received a Notice of Default from their lender.</p>	<p>Homeowners must be referred into the program by a housing counselor or attorney.</p>

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<p><u>Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program</u> Energy assistance for low-income households.</p>	<p>Assistance paying energy bills, heat system repairs and improvements, temporary shelter assistance, other emergency assistance such as blankets, space heaters, minor window and roof repair.</p>	<p>At or below 125 percent of Federal Poverty Level.</p>	
<p><u>WorkFirst Community Jobs</u> Building skills to overcome barriers to employment.</p>	<p>Paid job program that prepares participants for employment by combining issue resolution with work-based learning.</p>	<p>Must be enrolled in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).</p>	<p>Participants referred by DSHS.</p>
<p><u>Weatherization Matchmakers Program</u> Matches funds and resources from utilities, local agencies and other providers to weatherize homes of low-income households.</p>	<p>Free energy efficiency improvements such as insulation, heating system improvements, repair and rehabilitation of home safety hazards such as lead, asbestos and mold.</p>	<p>At or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Level.</p>	
<p><u>Mobile Home Relocation Assistance Program</u> Provides financial assistance to households displaced by mobile home park closures.</p>	<p>Financial reimbursement up to \$12,000, local resource referral.</p>	<p>Low-income residents of closing mobile home parks.</p>	
<p><u>Tenant Based Rental Assistance</u> Grants to provide rental assistance services to homeless and low-income households.</p>	<p>Rent assistance, security deposits, utility deposits.</p>	<p>Income less than 50 percent of area median household income as determined by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).</p>	
<p><u>Consolidated Homeless Grant</u> Rent assistance and shelter for families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>Rent assistance, temporary emergency housing.</p>	<p>Homeless or at risk of becoming homeless combined with income less than 50 percent of area median income.</p>	
<p><u>Emergency Solutions Grant</u> Rent assistance for individuals and families at imminent risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>Rent and utility assistance, connection with community resources and employment services, housing search.</p>	<p>Homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.</p>	

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<p>Washington Apple Health Provides free or low-cost health coverage for Washington residents.</p>	<p><u>Benefits include:</u> doctor visits, maternity care, mental health services, treatment for chemical or alcohol dependence, prescriptions, emergency care, dental and vision.</p>	<p><u>Income standards</u> vary by household size and program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single adult – 133 percent FPL (\$1,305 monthly income) • Household of 4 coverage for children – 312 percent FPL (\$6,305 monthly income) 	

The [Washington Healthplanfinder](#) offers an online portal to access Washington Apple Health. Individuals and families with incomes above the eligibility for Apple Health may compare and enroll in quality health insurance plans and access important cost savings through this website.

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<p><u>Pierce County Veterans Bureau</u> Provides emergency assistance with food, rent and utilities to qualified indigent Veterans and family members. Limited assistance with medical and other miscellaneous services is also available on an emergency need basis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Burial •Food •Incarcerated Veterans Services •Medical •Rent •Utilities 		
<p><u>Pierce County Veterans Services</u> Helps Veterans navigate the maze of VA services and programs. Also helps determine eligibility for benefits for Veterans and their spouses and dependents.</p>	<p>VA eligibility determination for Veterans and their dependents.</p>		
<p><u>Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce Programs to Employ Veterans</u> Promotes Veteran hiring in the area and partners with Veteran assistance programs to assist Veterans in transition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate Veteran employment across the business community • Promote the value proposition that Veterans are a key business resource opportunity • Enable military-to-civilian life transition to yield successful employment outcomes 		

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<p>United Way Pierce County Operation Military Families United for Military Families provides training to personnel at both JBLM and Camp Murray on the use and capabilities of South Sound 2-1-1 and provided them with access to the South Sound 2-1-1 system</p>	<p>South Sound 2-1-1 can connect you to the services you may need both on and off base; a Military Specialist can connect you to vital local and national resources, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent and Utility Assistance • Transportation • Counseling and Mental Health • Food and Clothing Resources • Employment and Education Services • Childcare Referrals 		

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Pierce and Thurston County Catholic Community Services Program for homeless Veterans	Provides rapid rehousing and homeless prevention services for Veteran families experiencing homelessness or who are at imminent risk of homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single Veteran or a Veteran family that is homeless in which the head of household or the spouse or significant other of the head of household is a Veteran; • Discharge status of anything other than dishonorable; • Resident of King, Pierce, Snohomish or Thurston Counties; • Currently homeless and seeking housing within 90 days; • At imminent risk of homelessness, based on assessment; • Income below 50% Area Median Income; • Not receiving other re-housing or rent subsidy program assistance 	
Thurston County Veterans Assistance Fund helps eligible Veterans or family members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides eligible Veterans and deceased Veterans and their family’s assistance with services and resources including past due rent or mortgage, utilities, food, bus passes, clothing vouchers, referral services, burial or cremation services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorably discharged Veteran or eligible family member of a Veteran who meets the definition of Veteran as defined by law. • Resident of Washington State for at least six months immediately prior to application. • Resident of Thurston County for at least 31 days 	

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		immediately prior to application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income eligible. • Able to provide documentation proving eligibility including verification of need. 	
2015 Thurston County Veterans Resource Guide	Consolidated information from the Thurston County Veterans Assistance Fund, Thurston County Veterans' Advisory Board, the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs and other local community members. Updated annually.		
WDVA Links to Thurston Co. Veterans Services includes Veteran Service Organizations and Community Partner Links	Housing services Burial or cremation costs Limited utility assistance Limited food assistance Resource referrals		