Colorado Incarcerated Veterans Guide

FORWARD

This handbook can be an important tool. Review all of the programs thoroughly to understand the opportunities available. When these programs are used properly, the benefits will help minimize the outside pressures you may be confronted with if released i.e., social acceptance, economics, and re-establishment as a productive member of society.

This booklet is a tool for Veterans incarcerated and their families who wish access to services to support a new and better way of life. Be aware, this guidebook is designed to assist veterans incarcerated in the State of Colorado and their families. Laws do vary from state to state, therefore, check your state laws and regulations against this guide.

Agency staff names and addresses, phone numbers and website addresses change. If you attempt to contact one of the resources in this guidebook and it is not current, do your best to obtain the current information through phone information or a Google web search. To perpetuate the value of this document, we respectfully request that if you discover any incorrect, conflicting, or out-of-date information in this Guidebook please send the discrepancies, and updated information if you have it, to

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USING THIS GUIDE AND SEEKING HELP

This guide has information for you to be aware of when working to develop a community transition plan and to keep as a reference after your release. The guide includes addresses, phone numbers, and websites that you can use after your release. Keep in mind that **this guide does not include all of the services available**. What is available in one area may be different from what is available in another, so be sure to check with local resources to learn about services in your area.

While you are incarcerated, your case manager is the person with whom you should discuss release planning. Classes may be offered so you can work on skills development and prepare for life after release. You don't want to risk homelessness once you are released, so take advantage of the opportunities available to you.

Begin thinking about what specifically you will need upon release. Ask yourself these kinds of questions. Will I need housing? Will I need medical, substance abuse, or mental health care? Do I need to learn a job skill? Do I have any other legal issues, such as child support? How do I restart my VA check or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

Make a list of your needs. Remember that is just a tool to help you get organized. A sample list might look like this:

- . I need a place to live.
- . I need a job.
- . I need clothing to wear to work.
- I need to find out what benefits I can get as a veteran.
- I want to get addictions treatment.
- . I owe child support.

Think about your list as you read through this guide. Who do you think can help you with each of these needs? Is there one organization that may be able to work with you on

many different things, or do you need to contact several agencies? Keep track of the steps you take, including the dates and names of people you contact for information or assistance. Although this guide provides *national and state* addresses for many organizations, we recommend you check your phone book for local, county, and state agencies or call 2-1-1.

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities and helps people navigate the complex and ever-growing maze of human service agencies and programs. 2-1-1 can help you locate health and human services in your community, including counseling, emergency shelter, food, job training, substance abuse counseling, child and elder care and more.

2-1-1 is free, confidential, bilingual (English and Spanish) and a comprehensive information and referral (I&R) service available to anyone who calls 2-1-1 or (303) 561-2111. 2-1-1 Call Center specialists respond to calls during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Monday through Friday. After-hours clients may leave a voice mail message. A call center specialist will return messages by close of business the next day.

Upon release, the Internet can also be helpful to find information about VA benefits and community resources in your area. This guide includes web addresses, when available. Visit the public library after release and use a computer with Internet access to visit the links in this guide. **2-1-1 databases can be searched at** www.unitedwaydenver.org.

The 2-1-1 database is the definitive on-line resource where you can find specific resources by location i.e., you can search for transitional housing or shelter in Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Grand Junction etc.

HELP FOR VETERANS

This section includes resources that can help you get back on your feet. Remember to check the phone book or call 2-1-1 for local, county, and state agencies so that you know what services are available in the area to assist you. Some organizations may have waiting lists, require an interview, or have specific rules about whom they serve. It is best if you **start asking about services and requirements now**, so that you will be prepared when you are released. You may even ask if your name can be out on a waiting list when you get closer to your release date.

TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

Crisis and other toll-free numbers are often listed in the front cover or first few pages of the phone book. You may also want to check under "Social Services" in the blue or yellow pages for hotlines and local numbers.

- US Department of Veterans Affairs www.va.gov
 - Benefits: 1-800-827-1000,
 - Medical Benefits: 1-877-222-8387 or http://www.visn19.va.gov/
 - Combat Call Center: 1-800-749-8387

Homeless Veterans Hotline – A 24 hour national call center for Homeless Veterans staffed by trained counselors: To be connected with a trained VA staff member call **1-877-4AID VET (877-424-3838)**.

- Focus On Recovery Help line A 24-hour national alcohol and drug abuse addiction and treatment hotline: 1-800-888-9383
- National AIDS Hotline Talk to someone who knows about HIV/AIDS and can tell you about AIDS services in your city or state: 1-800-822-7422
- National Coalition for Homeless Veterans www.nchv.org, 1-800-838-4357
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Agent Orange 1-800-749-8387 or email GW/AOHelpline@vba.va.gov

WHERE TO START

Check the local phone book, yellow/blue pages, under "Homeless" or "Social Service Organizations" or call 2-1-1, www.unitedwaydenver.org, for a list of many local organizations that offer different services, i.e., clothing, public transportation tokens, emergency shelter, and more. You may need to contact several agencies to find all the services you need. Services provided by governmental agencies are listed in the yellow/blue pages found near the front of the phone book. Check with your local county department of human services to find out what programs are available and what their guidelines are. We have included some guidance below, but your local organizations are your best resources. **Remember**, it never hurts to ask!

Every VA Medical Center has a Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Coordinator who is responsible for helping homeless Veterans assess VA and community-based care to end homelessness among veterans. The HCHV program provides outreach, clinical assessment and referral for medical and mental health care, long-term transitional residential assistance, case management and employment assistance with linkages to permanent housing. To locate your nearest HCHV coordinator call 1-877-424-3838.

Denver VA Community Resource & Referral Center: (303) 294-5600 3030 Downing Street, Denver, CO

Denver HCHV: (303) 399-8020 Ext. 2056 Colorado Springs HCHV: (719) 667-5586

- Colorado Department of Military & Veterans Affairs provides assistance with Veterans benefits & entitlements information, VA claims process, representation and advocacy, Veterans Homes for those in need of nursing care, and employment referrals through federal funded reintegration projects. Call 303-894-7474 or go to www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DepartmentOfMilitaryAndVeteransAffairs
- National Coalition for the Homeless has a directory of shelters and homeless assistance programs online. This does not list every program in the country, so be sure to check your phone book for local programs. The following are those listed for the State of Colorado.

HOUSING

It is important to know you have a place to go when released. The first step in returning to the community is finding a place to stay. This section includes ways to locate emergency shelter, transitional programs, and permanent housing assistance. Transitional or temporary housing can serve as a step toward full independence upon your release. However, there are often waiting lists for housing assistance programs, so ask about applying as soon as possible. If you are released and find yourself homeless, emergency assistance is available.

Emergency and Transitional Housing

To find out if there are homeless veteran service providers in your area, call 1-800-VETHELP, write NCHV, 3331/2 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Washington, DC 20003-1148, or go to www.nchv.org. Also, do not forget to call (2-1-1) for free information about social services!

Directory of Local Homeless Service Organizations

<u>Colorado:</u> Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF): Please see Attachment B for Colorado SSVF Resources.

COLORADO SPRINGS

Bijou House – Transitional Housing

411 W Bijou Street Colorado Springs, CO 80905 Phone: 719-635-5078

<u>Homeless Shelter – Salvation Army</u>

709 S. Sierra Madre Colorado Springs, CO Phone: 719-578-9190

Hope House - Salvation Army

922 Yuma

Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Phone: 719-635-1287

Springs Rescue Mission - Warming Shelter

Shore House – Transitional Housing

5 W. Las Vegas Street Colorado Spring, CO 80903 Phone: 719-632-1822

321 Mesa Road

Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Phone: 719-635-5078

DENVER & DENVER Area

Action Center - Denver

8755 W. 14th Avenue Lakewood, CO 80215 Phone: 303-237-7704

http://theactioncenterco.org/client-service/

Beacon Place

3636 Colfax Avenue Denver, CO 80204 Phone: 303-629- 1667.

Brandon Center (Women Only)

Volunteers of America PO Box 140809 Denver, CO 80214 Phone: 303-620 9190

Charity's House Ministries

3022 Welton Street Denver, CO 80205 Phone: (303) 291-0275

Crossroads (Salvation Army)

1901 29th Street

Denver, CO 80216 (North End of the Broadway Bridge)

Phone: (303) 298-1028.

Denver Catholic Worker (Women Only)

2420 Welton Street Denver, CO 80205 Phone: 303-296-6390

Email: denvercw@juno.com

Denver Rescue Mission (Men Only)

1130 Park Avenue West Denver, CO 80204 Phone: 303-294-0157

www.DenverRescueMission.org

Guidance Behind The Walls

50 South Havana Denver, CO 80205 Phone: 303-317-2800

Mercy Housing, Inc. (Affordable Housing)

(Affordable Housing)

1999 N. Broadway St, Suite 1000 Denver, CO 80202

Phone: 303-830-3300 Toll Free: 303-338-0557 www.mercyhousing.org

New Genesis (Men Only)

1680 Sherman Street Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 303-831-4910 http://newgenesis.org/

Samaritan House

2301 Lawrence St. Denver, CO 80205 Phone: 303-294-0241 http://www.ccdenver.org

Aurora Warms the Night

1555 Dayton Street Aurora, CO 80010 303-366-6806

Boulder Shelter for the Homeless (Winter Sheltering)

4869 N. Broadway, Boulder, CO 303-442-4646 www.bouldershelter.org/

Cold Weather Care – In Adams County

303-847-9072

Comitis Crisis Center-Cold Weather Shelter

Direct Crisis Line - 303-343-9890

FORT COLLINS

The Mission – Catholic Charities

460 Linden Center Drive Fort Collins, CO 80524 970-484-5010 themission@ccdenver.org

Neighbor to Neighbor, Inc.

1550 Blue Spruce Street, Ste. #203 Fort Collins, CO 80524 Phone: (970) 484-7498

Website: www.n2n.org

Grand Junction

Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley

2853 North Avenue Grand Junction, CO. Phone: (970) 256-9424

Rescue Mission Men's Shelter

538 South Avenue Grand Junction, CO Phone: 970-245-1340

Greeley

Guadalupe Community Center & Shelter – Catholic Charities

1442 North 11th Ave Greeley, CO 80631 Phone: 970-353-6433

Pueblo

Wayside Cross Gospel Rescue Mission

728 West 4th Pueblo, CO

Phone: (719) 545-5744.

SAN LUIS VALLEY

La Puente Home

913 State St.

Alamosa, CO 81101 Phone: 719-589-5909

Email: lanceches@yahoo.com

Directory of Local Homeless & Housing Advocacy Coalitions

The following is a list of Homeless and Housing Advocacy Coalitions for the State of Colorado. Not all of these coalitions provide direct services, but they may be able to tell you about local programs or services.

- **Housing Advocacy Coalition** 2023 E. Bijou, Colorado Springs, CO, 80909, 719-634-0739
- Colorado Coalition for the Homeless 2111 Champa Street, Denver, CO 80205, 303-293-2217
- Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley Inc. 2853 North Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501 (970) 256-9424

- Salvation Army provides services, including shelter and transitional housing, for homeless individuals and families. For local services and information contact: The Salvation Army, Intermountain Division - 1370 Pennsylvania Street, Denver, CO, 80203, 303-861-4833 (phone), www.salvationarmy.org/im
- United Way provides informational and referral information for much of the state of Colorado. 2-1-1 is free, confidential, bilingual (English and Spanish) and a comprehensive information and referral (I&R) service available to anyone who calls 2-1-1 or (303) 561-2111, www.unitedwaydenver.org. 2-1-1 Call Center specialists respond to calls during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Monday through Friday. After-hours clients may leave a voice mail message. Messages will be returned by a call center specialist within the next business day.
- Local churches and faith-based organizations, such as Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, and Volunteers of America, may have a variety of programs to assist you. Find these organizations by calling your county or city Department of Human Services. Check the blue pages of the phone book for the number.

Look in the **yellow/blue pages** under "Social Service Organizations" for local shelters or organizations that may be able to help.

Look in the phone book **yellow/blue pages** under local, city, or county government Department of Social Service or "Human Service" or call the County Commissioner's Office for information about local low-income housing coalitions or homeless advocacy groups who may know what is available.

To find a list of emergency shelters for men, women and families in every state, check the **Department of Housing and Urban Development** online at www.hud.gov/homeless/hmlsagen.cfm.

Long-term or Permanent Housing

Public housing waiting lists can be long, but the length of time can vary from place to place. Even if you are not sure where you want to live yet, apply to get on the waiting list so that you have as many options as possible. To learn how to apply, contact the local housing authority listed in the phone book blue pages under "Local Government, Public Housing Authority".

FINDING & KEEPING A JOB

Finding a job may be difficult and can seem overwhelming, but it is possible and very important! When released, you may find that you are completely starting over. You should ask for job counseling and training while incarcerated so you are prepared to work when released. **Don't wait** until you get out to start thinking about what you will do. **Start planning now!**

Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVER), Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) Representatives and **Disabled Veterans Outreach Program** (DVOP) **specialists** exist to help veterans find and keep jobs. LVERs are located with the local Work Force Centers. http://www.coworkforce.com/vet/lvers.asp

DVOP specialists work to develop job and training opportunities for veterans with service-connected disabilities, linking veterans with employers and making sure follow-up services are provided. To find a LVER or DVOP near you, visit your state employment service office listed in the phone book blue pages under "State Government, Employment Department" or their website.

- The City and County of Denver, Department of Human Services, provides employment and training services to homeless veterans to help them get back into the workforce through DOL-VETS funded Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Projects (HVRP). HVRP assists veterans with job search preparation, vocational counseling, occupational skills training, on-the job training, trade skills certification and licensing, and job placement assistance and referral to supportive services. To find out if you may be eligible and how to access HVRP in Denver, CO contact 720-944-3500.
- The VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services helps veterans with service-connected disabilities by providing job training and counseling to those who have an employment handicap. Services include help finding a job, on-the-job training, job development, and vocational training. If you are not eligible for these services, a VA counselor may help you find other options, goals, or programs. Contact your VA Regional Office (VARO) at 1-800-827-1000, or go to www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/regional offices. htm.
- Through its Veterans Industries and Compensated Work Therapy programs, the VA offers structured work opportunities and supervised therapeutic housing for at-risk and homeless veterans with physical, mental health, and addictions problems. VA contracts with private industry and the public sector for work by these veterans, who learn job skills, relearn successful work habits, and regain a sense of self-esteem. Veterans are paid for their work and given assistance with employment in the

- community. In Colorado, the VA currently has the Veteran Industries Program located at the Colorado Springs CBOC and the Denver VA Medical Center. For further information go to www.va.gov/vetind.
- The state of Colorado has a **Vocational Rehabilitation** program that helps people with disabilities find and keep jobs. Apply for these services immediately after your release. Look in the phone book blue pages under "Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)," then "Vocational Rehabilitation," or search the internet through www.unitedwaydenver.org.

HEALTH

If eligible for veteran's benefits: We encourage you to apply to the VA Health Benefits System as soon as you are released. Every VA Medical Center has a Health Care for Homeless Veterans Coordinator who helps veterans and their families find resources inside and outside the VA Health Care system. Call 1-877-222-8387 to find the medical center or Community Based Outpatient Clinic nearest you.

VA Medical Centers

DENVER

1055 Clermont Street Denver, CO 80220 (888) 336-8262

(303) 399-8020

Has a Health Care for Homeless Veteran Coordinator

GRAND JUNCTION

2121 North Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81501 (970) 242-0731, (970) 244-1303

Has a Health Care for Homeless Veteran Coordinator

VA Outpatient Clinics

AURORA

13001 East 17th Place Bldg. 500, 2nd Floor, West Wing Aurora, CO 80045 (303) 724-0190, (303) 724-0828(fax)

COLORADO SPRINGS

3141 Centennial Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80905 (719) 327-5660 (800) 278-3883 Toll Free

Has a Health Care for Homeless Veteran Coordinator

LA JUNTA

Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center 1100 Carson Avenue, Suite 104 La Junta, CO 81050 (877) 329-2625 (719)383-5195

GOLDEN

1020 Johnson Road Golden, CO 80401 (303) 914-2680

LAMAR

High Plains Community Health Center 201 Kendall Drive Lamar, CO 81052 336-5972 (866) 240-2279

PUEBLO

4776 Eagleridge Circle Pueblo, CO 81008 (719) 553-1000 (800) 369-6748

If ineligible for veteran's benefits, free or low-cost health care may be available from the following sources:

- Department of Human Services (DHS) can tell you where to find health care facilities for the homeless. Check the phone book blue pages under local, city, or county government for the number.
- United Way provides informational and referral information for much of the state of Colorado. 2-1-1 is free, confidential, bilingual (English and Spanish) and a Comprehensive Information and Referral (I&R) service available to anyone who calls 2-1-1 or (303) 561-2111, www.unitedwaydenver.org. 2-1-1 Call Center specialists respond to calls during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Monday through Friday. After-hours clients may leave a voice mail message. Messages will be returned by a call center specialist within the next business day.
- National Health Care for the Homeless Council has a list of health care providers working with homeless people across the nation. For a list of providers in your state, go to www.nhchc.org.
- Free Clinics are run by many local organizations and communities. Look in the phone book blue pages under "Public Health" to contact local government offices for clinics in your area.

Special Health Information for Veterans:

- If you think you may be at risk for AIDS and HIV infection after your release, contact the nearest VA Medical Center to get tested, and seek counseling. Those at highest risk for AIDS and HIV infection are:
 - o people who share needles or syringes to inject drugs or steroids;
 - o men who have sex with other men;
 - o those born to mothers who have HIV:
 - o people who receive blood transfusions before 1985;
 - o anyone who has sex with anyone who is at risk for HIV/AIDS.
- Veterans, homeless, and incarcerated people are at high risk for Hepatitis C
 (HCV), a serious disease that can cause cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) and liver
 cancer. If you think you are or may be at risk after your release, contact the
 nearest VA Medical Center to get tested and seek HCV counseling. You are at
 risk if:
 - you ever used a needle to inject drugs;
 - o you had a blood transfusion or organ transplant before 1992;
 - o you were a health care worker and had a contact with blood;
 - you were on long-term kidney dialysis;
 - o your mother had hepatitis C when she gave birth to you.
- The Veterans Health Administration also recommends testing if:
 - o you are a Vietnam-era veteran;
 - you have had exposure to blood on your skin;
 - o you have had multiple sex partners;
 - you have tattoos or body piercing;
 - o you have ever snorted cocaine;
 - you have liver disease;
 - you have a history of drinking alcohol;
 - o you have had an abnormal liver function test.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

If eligible for veterans' benefits:

Contact the Homeless Veterans Services Coordinator at the local VA Medical Center **or** Vet Center.

Boulder Vet Center

4999 Pearl E. Circle, Suite 103 Boulder, CO 80301

Phone: (303)-440-7306

Colorado Springs Vet Center

602 South Nevada Colorado Springs, CO 80903 *Phone:* (719)-471-9992

Denver Vet Center

7465 East First Avenue, Suite B Denver, CO 80230 Phone: (303)-326-0645

Pueblo Vet Center

1515 Fortino Blvd. Suite 130 Pueblo, CO 81008 Phone: (719) 583-4058

If not eligible for Veterans' benefits, the following sources may be able to tell you where you can go to get help:

- The Department of Health and Human Services **Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Services** can refer you to local programs.
 Call 1-800-662-4357.
- National Alliance for the Mentally III lists community mental health services providers at: <u>www.nami.org</u>, or call 1-800-950-6264.
- National Mental Health Association offers support groups, rehabilitation, socialization, and housing services through 340 community organizations located across the country. Call 1-800-969-6642, or find a local office online at www.nmha.org.

FINANCIAL HELP

- The American Legion provides Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) from its national headquarters to help maintain a stable environment for children of veterans. To obtain an application, look in the phone book to contact a local post, or contact the National Headquarters to find the post nearest you.
- If you are unemployed or have little or no income or savings, you may be eligible for food stamps. Call the toll-free information number at 1-800-221-5689, or find a list of food stamp hotline for each state at http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact info/hotlines.htm. You can also contact the local Department of Human Services many have drop-in shelters, or legal aid services to ask for an application.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits can be applied for before your release, even though you won't receive the benefits until after you are released. Food stamps can be applied for along with SSI. Normally, it takes about three months to review an application, so apply well before your release date. It is best to get help with the application. For detailed assistance, call 1-800-772-1213, or your local Social Security Administration office listed in the phone book blue pages, or go to: http://www.ssa.gov/notices/supplemental-security-income/.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a program called Emergency Food and Shelter Program to help prevent homelessness. Contact the local Office of the Mayor or United Way to ask who awards this money in your area and what the rules are.

LEGAL HELP

Veteran status issues:

 You should talk to a Veterans Service Officer for help with discharge upgrades, seeking benefits, and filing a VA claim (call 1-800-562-2308 for the nearest Service Officer).

Other legal issues:

 Most law is state-specific. Most common legal problems are governed by the law in the state where you live or where the problem occurred. When looking for legal help, make sure the information you find applies to your state, or the lawyer or other service provider is qualified to work in your state.

- The **American Bar Association** has a web site with guidance about free legal services and links to directories of legal aid offices and pro-bono programs. Go to: www.abanet.org.
- Legal Services or Legal Aid Offices have staff lawyers to provide free legal help to the poor clients. The lawyers are usually experts in the types of problems that poor clients often have. Look in the yellow pages for a local Legal Aid Office or check on-line for the program nearest you.
- Pine Tree Legal Assistance has an online list of organizations across the nation that provides free legal help to clients who qualify. Go to www.ptla.org/links/services.htm.
- Lawyers in private practice sometimes volunteer in "pro-bono" programs to take cases for poor clients free of charge. Check the yellow pages to contact your Local Bar Association to learn if there is a pro-bono program in your community, or go to www.abanet.org/barserv/stlobar.html.

WOMEN VETERANS

- Most VA Medical Center and readjustment offices have a designated Women Veterans Coordinators to assist women veterans in accessing VA benefit program and healthcare services. Call 1-877-222-8387, to find the medical center nearest to you.
- In Colorado a woman can contact the Denver VA Medical Center 303-399-8020 ext.2467, Colorado Springs 719-471-9992, Grand Junction 970-242-0731, Boulder 303-440-7306, Fitzsimmons (Aurora) 303-724-0190, Pueblo 719-384-3100.

Colorado County Veterans Service Officers - Please See Attachment A

SECTION III SEEKING FEDERAL BENEFITS

The Department of Veterans Affairs publishes a booklet called "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Their Dependents" that describes the types of benefits available and lists the addresses and phone numbers for VA facilities nationwide. Write the VA Regional Office (VARO) to request a copy.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Regional Office Denver

VA Regional Office 155 Van Gordon St. Lakewood CO 80228 COMM 800-827-1000 FAX 303-914-5879

mail to: VA Regional Office Box 25126 Denver CO 80225

Call 1-800-827-1000 or find information about benefits at www.vba.va.gov.

Eligibility for VA Benefits During Incarceration

Veterans incarcerated and incarcerated dependents may apply for the same compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) – service connected death benefits – and pension benefits as veterans who are not incarcerated. However, Congress restricts the amount of benefits that may be paid to a veteran or dependent while he or she is incarcerated. These benefits are institutionalized as part of law: 38 U.S.C Sec 5313 (a), 38 C.F.R., Sec. 3.665 (a), (d), which reads as follows:

If a veteran is incarcerated as the result of a "felony" conviction as defined by law: "Any offense punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, unless specifically categorized as a misdemeanor under the law of the prosecuting jurisdiction."

Then, the amount paid to a veteran incarcerated for a service-connected disability is generally limited by law to the 10 percent disability rate, or half the amount of the ten percent rate if the veteran's disability rating is 10 percent. (If the veteran is rated before incarceration as 20 percent disabled or higher, he will receive only the amount payable to a 10 percent disabled veteran.) Incarcerated DIC recipients will receive

one-half the amount paid to a veteran receiving compensation payments for a 10 percent-rated disability.

A veteran may not receive non-service connected VA pension benefits, or any portion of these benefits, while incarcerated for a felony or misdemeanor. However, his family may receive an apportionment of such benefits under the procedure described above. (See 38 C.F.R. Sec.3.666)

One important requirement for eligibility for VA benefits is that the veteran has to have been issued either an honorable or general discharge, or would have received one if not for reenlisting. If a veteran had two periods of service, one honorable and the other less than honorable, he may still be eligible for VA benefits based on the honorable period of service.

VA Medical Care cannot be provided to veterans in prison, but VA health facilities may provide care to you after your release. Contact 1-877-222-8387 to find the medical center nearest you.

Benefits Payments While Incarcerated

There is a 60-day "grace period" following a conviction when you may still receive full benefits. To avoid an overpayment, it is important that you notify the VARO immediately when you go to prison if you are receiving payments. If you do not notify the VA and receive overpayment, you and your family will lose all financial payments until the debt is paid.

For example, Joe is a veteran who receives a VA pension. He commits a crime, is convicted, and is incarcerated, but doesn't tell the VA right away and keeps getting paid for 6 months. After serving his sentence of 18 months, he is released and applies to the VA to have his pension restarted. He will have an overpayment which must be recovered from the restarted benefits. Until the overpayment is recovered, Joe will have to go without that income.

Your award for compensation or pension benefits should resume from the date you are released, as long as the VA receives notice of release within one year. Form 21-4193, Notice to Department of Veterans Affairs of Veteran or Beneficiary Incarcerated in Penal Institution, available through your counselors should be completed before release, signed by a prison official and submitted to VA Benefits Administration.

Apportionment

Although legally, the veteran can only receive a portion of the full amount payable for his or her disability rating, the remaining balance may be "apportioned to the individual's dependent family". To apply for apportionment, the veteran must send a letter that identifies the veteran and the apportionment claimant and makes it clear they are requesting an apportionment of his VA benefits to the VA Regional Office (VARO) that has jurisdiction over the veteran's case. VA regulations clearly specify this apportionment amount will only go to family members if they can show financial need for such amount. This applies to the spouse, children, or dependent parents who are involved in the application.

In deciding whether any apportionment is appropriate, the amount of the apportionment, and to whom it will go, the following factors are considered:

- The family member's income and living expenses;
- The amount of compensation available to be apportioned:
- The needs and living expenses of other family members; and
- Special needs of any of the family members.

For example: a veteran incarcerated rated as 80 percent disability can only receive the amount he or she would get if he or she were 10 percent disabled. However, his or her family may be apportioned up to 70 percent, the difference of the 80 percent rating. (DIC may also be apportioned with similar restrictions.)

There is a 60-day "grace period" following conviction where the veteran, or Dependency or Indemnity Compensation (DIC) recipient, may still receive full benefits. If the veteran continues to receive benefits after the 60-day period, it will result in an "overpayment". The VA considers it to be the recipient's responsibility and fault if this occurs because the recipient failed to notify the VA of his or her incarceration. Attempts to obtain a waiver in these situations of overpayment are often unsuccessful. As a rule, the veteran loses most, if not all, financial benefits until the VA recovers the entire overpayment. It has also been a standard procedure that the family will not be entitled to receive an apportionment until the debt is completely recovered.

For more information concerning VA debt collection rules that may affect the veteran incarcerated, telephone: 1-800-827-1000 and request a Veterans Service Organization representative or, write to a Veterans Service Organization.

One other relevant restriction on veteran's incarcerated eligibility for service connected disability compensation is that: "No total disability rating based on un-employability, may be assigned to an incarcerated veteran".

It is important to remember that most VA decisions, including those on apportionment, can be appealed to the Board of Veterans Appeals and, if need be, to the Court of Appeal for Veterans Affairs.

Re-starting Benefits at Release

It is important that each disabled veteran receiving compensation or DIC payments promptly notify the VARO. Regular full benefit payments should begin upon release, providing the VA is notified of the veteran's release, including placement within a community treatment center or halfway house in the community, within one year of release. VARO needs formal notification from the prison of your release in order to re-start benefits: The sooner that document is provided to VARO, the sooner VARO can begin to process your request.

Seeking Help after Release

If you would like to get benefits or think you have a pending claim before the VA, it is best to get professional help to assist you.

Many Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) have trained staff who can help you with your VA claim, and can legally represent your claim before the VA. Some also help homeless and at-risk veterans find the support services they need. You can contact any VSO listed in the Guidebook to learn an office near you.

Seeking Benefits on Your Own

Although we encourage you to seek the aid of a service representative, you may choose to apply for VA benefits on your own. Write your local VA Regional Office or find the forms online at: www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms1.htm. You can also apply for certain benefits online at: http://wabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp.

Below are brief descriptions of forms needed to file for certain VA benefits. Be sure you use a return address where mail will get to you as quickly as possible. Make photocopies of all forms for your records before sending your packet to the VARO nearest you.

- VA Form 21-526 Application for Compensation or Pension- must be filed to apply for compensation or pension. Mail your DD-214 and the following forms to the VARO nearest your release destination 30 to 45 days before your release.
- VA Form 21-4138 Statement in Support of Claim lets you explain why you deserve the benefits you are asking for because of your disability or disorder. It is best to have an experienced service representative help you complete the form.
- VA Form 21-4142 Authorization for Release of Information If you have received medical
 or mental health care, that may be relevant to your claim, from anyone other than a VA
 Medical Facility, you need to fill out a VAF 21-4142 giving permission for release of medical
 records to the VA.
- VA Form 10-10EZ Enrollment for Medical Benefits is used by the VA to determine if you
 can receive medical benefits. Complete the form and bring it with you to the VA medical
 facility where you will seek evaluation for treatment.
- VA Form 28-1900 Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Veterans is needed to apply for the vocational rehabilitation program to help veterans who were disabled during their service reach maximum independence in daily living, to learn the skills needed to get a job, and to find and keep a job. Send Form 28-1900 to the VARO in your area 10 to 15 days before your release.
- VA Form 70-3288 Request for and Consent to Release of Information from Claimant's Records - is used to get records relevant to your claim from VA facilities (regional offices, medical centers, outpatient clinics, and vet centers). Request a fee waiver under section 38 C.F.R. Sec.1.526 (h), which requires the VARO to provide a veteran with one set of his or her records free of charge.

Many Veterans Service Organizations have trained staff who can help you with your VA claim, and legally represent your claim before the VA. Some also help homeless and atrisk veterans find the support services they need. You can contact any VSO listed below to see if there is a service representative near you.

National & Department Service Officers are located at the VARO-Denver unless otherwise noted.

American Legion	155 Van Gordon St.	Denver, CO 80225	P 303–914–5585 F 303–914–5588
American Legion of Colorado	7465 E. First Ave., Suite D	Denver, CO 80230	P 303–366-5201 P 800-477-1655 F 303–366-7618
Blinded Veterans Association	155 Van Gordon St., Rm 215 P.O. Box 25126	Denver, CO 80225	P 303–914-5831 F 303–914-5832
Disabled American Veterans National Service Office	155 Van Gordon St., VARO	Denver, CO 80225	P 303–914–5570 F 303–914–5584
Military Order of the Purple Heart VA Regional Office	155 Van Gordon St.	Lakewood, CO 80228	P 303–914-5410 F 303–914-5409
Non Commissioned Officers Association National Headquarters	10635 IH 35 North	San Antonio, TX 78233	P 800-662-2620
Paralyzed Veterans of America National Service Office	155 Van Gordon St., VARO	Lakewood, CO 80228	P 303–914-5590 P 800-833-9400 F 303-914-5593
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars	155 Van Gordon St., VARO Room 360	•	P 303–914–5595 F 303–914–5598
Vietnam Veterans State Council Presidents Vietnam Veterans of America Colorado State Council	P.O. Box 3622	Grand Junction, CO 81502–3622	P 970–434–0410 F 970–523–5630

Checklist

Г	\lnot Ask about classes or resources to help you plan for your release.
Ļ	Make a list of your needs.
Ļ	H Make a list of who may be able to help you.
Ļ	□ Write letters and/or contact organizations by phone or email.
Ļ	☐ Write down the steps you take so that you do not repeat them.
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F	Contact organizations about what services they have to offer.
F	Think about your housing needs and gather information about what is available
L	□ locally.
Γ	_ Learn about job resources and create a plan to find a job.
F	Learn about health issues, and what services are available.
F	Learn about the resources available for substance abuse and mental health
L	
Γ	_ Learn about your options to get financial help.
ř	Begin to take care of other legal issues.
F	Learn about homeless veterans services.
ř	Learn about resources for women veterans
ř	If you are not currently receiving benefits, find out if you can or should be.
ř	If you are receiving benefits, notify the VA when you go to prison to avoid an
	→ overpayment.
Γ	Contact a veteran service representative to represent you and help you file a claim.
ř	Apply for apportionment so that some of the money withheld may be given to eligible
L	☐ family members.

RESOURCE ADDRESSES/SITES

US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) - www.va.gov/

Veterans Health Administration – VISN 19 - http://www.va.gov/visn19/

Colorado Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs -

www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DepartmentOfMilitaryAndVeteransAffairs

The American Legion – Colorado - <u>www.coloradolegion.org/</u>

Colorado Veteran's Services – https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/veterans

Disabled American Veterans –Colorado Chapters – http://www.dav.org/membership/local-chapters/

Social Security Administration - www.ssa.gov/

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans – http://nchv.org/

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment - https://www.colorado.gov/cdle

United States Department of Labor - http://www.dol.gov/

LVER/DVOP Web site - www.colorado.gov/cdle

Attachment A



Homes for All Veterans

Help for Homeless Veterans and their Families

Veterans struggling to find or keep a roof over their heads have additional resources thanks to a grant awarded to Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS) by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The grant funding allows RMHS to provide outreach, case management and access to community resources to more than 500 homeless or at-risk veterans and their families throughout the state of Colorado.



Support & Services

Homes for All Veterans (HAV) addresses homelessness for veterans throughout Colorado with funding from the Veterans Administration. Since the beginning of the program in November 2011, HAV has transitioned 174 households from homelessness to permanent housing, diverted 122 households from homelessness, and provided supportive services to 340 very low-income veteran families.

Services include assistance with:

- · Finding temporary shelter and permanent housing
- Obtaining VA and other public benefits
- · Rent, utilities, and food needs

- Health care services
- · Legal and financial planning services
- · Employment services

Program Eligibility

To qualify for Homes for All Veterans, an individual must be a U.S. military veteran who:

- · is homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless;
- is considered very low income based on income limits determined by family size and metro area or county of residence; and
- has not been dishonorably discharged



Rocky Mountain Human Services' Expertise

Rocky Mountain Human Services is a nonprofit organization with 20 years of case management experience that serves children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities in Denver County, as well as adults with traumatic brain injury (TBI) in Colorado. In 2008, RMHS began working with soldiers and veterans with TBI in Colorado through the creation of the Operation TBI Freedom program.

The recent VA award allows RMHS to expand its services and reach to additional veterans throughout the state. RMHS and its programs already have offices in Denver, Colorado Springs and Grand Junction. *Homes for All Veterans* will soon have an additional office in Alamosa to better meet the needs of veterans across the state.

Contact Us

For Referrals: (855) VETS-HAV (838-7428) • HAVreferrals@rmhumanservices.org

Homes for All Veterans

Toll Free: 1-855-VETS-HAV Fax: 1-855-VET-FAXX www.HomesForAllVeterans.org **Denver Office** 9900 E. Iliff Ave. Denver, CO 80231 Colorado Springs Office 17 S. Weber St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903



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Support Services for Veterans' Families (SSVF)

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that, on one single night in January of 2011, 67,495
Veterans were homeless and living on the streets of the same nation that they had dedicated their lives to
serving



Funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the SSVF ('Support Services for Veteran Families') Program was founded upon the principle that every Veteran has a right to housing.

By providing support at a community level we can end homelessness among the Veteran population. Through the provision of outreach, case-management services, assistance in obtaining benefits and emergency financial resources, the SSVF Program seeks to prevent Veterans and their families from becoming homeless and to rapidly rehouse those who have lost their homes. It is the intention of Volunteers of America Colorado Branch to break the cycle of homelessness among Colorado's Veteran population.

Program participants must be veterans (defined as having served at least one day on active duty in any service branch), and may not have received a dishonorable discharge. Every client must have documentation of their veteran status, income verification documentation (e.g. paystubs), or be willing to certify themselves as homeless.

Clients must also fall into one of three categories:

Category 1 - Residing in permanent housing but at imminent risk of homelessness

Category 2 - Homeless, but scheduled to be permanently housed within 90 days.

Category 3 - Exited permanent housing in the last 90 days.

Note: Other eligibility criteria may apply depending upon program requirements.

Referrals, Service Areas, and Contact Information:

To refer a client to SSVF, please complete the referral form (below) and fax or email it to the program office in the area in which the veteran resides.

Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Douglas, Gilpin & Jefferson Counties

The Family Tree 3805 Marshali Street Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 Phone: (303) 467-2604(2) Fax: (303) 996-9921(2)

City and County of Denver
Volunteers of America Colorado Branch
Denver Office
2660 Larimer Street
Denver, CO 80205
Phone: (303) 297-0408(2)
Fax: (720) 264-3306(2)
Email: ssvfintake@voacolorado.org

Larimer, Weld, and Boulder Counties Volunteers of America Colorado Branch Fort Collins Office 405 Canyon Ave Fort Collins, CO 80521-2773

http://www.voacolorado.org/Office-Locations/Denver-Area/Veterans-Services/Support-Ser... 1/6/2015

Fax: (970) 472-8393(2) Email: vetservices@frii.com

La Plata, Archuleta, Montezuma, San Juan, Dolores and Hinsdale Counties
Volunteers of America, Colorado Branch
Durango Office
Durango Community Shelter
1055 Avenida del Sol Durango, CO 81301 Phone: (970) 259-1255@ Fax: (970) 247-9561@ Email: veteranadvocate@gobrainstorm.net

Grand Junction
Volunteers of America, Grand Junction Branch
607 281/4 Road #101
Grand Junction, CO 81506
Phone: (970) 248-5999@

Western Slope Field Office (Serving Mesa, Garfield, Montrose, Delta and Pitkin County) 815 North 1st Street, Unit D (Between Mad Margaret's and Quick Temps) Grand Junction, CO 81501 Phone: (970) 644-5220(2) Fax: (970) 644-5224(2)

Resources for This Section

SSVF Referral Form



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Attachment B

ADAMS	Scott Lawson		7190 Colorado Blvd Commerce City CO 80022	303-227-2107 • 303-	Mon-Fri 8:00am- 4:30pm
ALAMOSA	Frank Muniz	slawson@adcogov.org fmuniz@alamosacounty.org	8900 Independence Way PO Box 178 Alamosa, CO 81101	227-2651(fax) 719-589-1109• 719-589-1900 fax	Mon 9am-4pm Tues 10am-2:30pm Wed noon-4:30pm Thurs 9am-1pm
ARAPAHOE	Tim Westphal David Fry	twestphal@arapahoegov.com	Veteran Service Officer – Arapahoe County Plaza 1690 West Littleton Blvd, Ste 110 Littleton, CO 80120	303-738-8045• 303- 738-8031 fax	Mon-Thurs 8:00am-4:30pm Fridays 8:00am to Noon Closed for lunch M-Th 12:00- 1:00pm
ARCHULETA	Raymond Taylor	raytaylor@archuletacounty.org	Archuleta County Veterans Service Office PO Box 1507 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Paragosa Springs, CO 81147	970-264-4013• 970- 264-4014 fax	Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
BACA	Bob Porter	Seniorbob62@gmail.com	25500 Hwy 160 Springfield, CO 81147	719-563-0976• 719- 523-6584 fax	Call for an appointment
BENT	William Lutz	Bent.covso@bentcounty.net	Bent County Court House US Hwy 50 & Colorado 101 PO Box 350 (mail) Las Animas, CO 81054	719-456-1600• 719- 456-0375 fax	Tues-Thurs 8:30am-noon

BOULDER	Michael Holliday	holliday1sg@gmail.com	Boulder County VSO 4999 Pearl East Circle, Suite 106 Boulder, CO 80501	303-441-3890• 303- 449-3907 fax	Mon-Fri 8am- 4:30pm
BOULDER/LONGMONT	Karen Townsend	ktownsend@bouldercounty.org	Kansas Avenue Workforce Boulder County 1500 Kansas Ave, Bldg 4D Longmont, CO 80501	303-776-8502• 303- 651-0288 fax	Mon-Fri 8am- 4:30pm
BROOMFIELD	Frank Tobani	ftobani@ci.broomfield.co.us	6 Garden Center Broomfield, CO 80020	720-887-2263• 720- 887-2224 fax	Mon & Thur 8am- 5pm
CHAFFEE	David Grover	chaffeevso@chaffeecounty.org	Touber Building 448 East 1st Street Ste 134 Salida, CO 81201	719-539-3803• 719- 539-5015 fax	Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am-1pm
CHEYENNE	Zane Meis	zanemeis@hotmail.com	PO Box 824 Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810	719-767-5808• 719- 767-8042 fax	By appointment
CLEAR CREEK	Rick Winfrey	rwinfrey@co.clear-creek.co.us	Clear Creek Resource Center 1531 Colorado Blvd PO BOX 3669 Idaho Springs, CO 80452	303-670-7543• 303- 567-2274 fax	Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm
CONEJOS	Orlando Gallardo	ojg.cva@co.conejos.co.us	Social Services/County Veterans Affairs Bldg. PO BOX 196 12987 CR 6 Conejos, CO 81129-9989	719-376-6725	Mon, Tues 8am- 3:30pm Wed 8am- 12pm
COSTILLA	Dave Marquez	vso@costillacounty-co.gov	County Veterans Service Office PO BOX 97 San Luis, CO 81152	719-580-6126	Tues & Thurs 9am- 5pm and by appointment
CROWLEY	Roxie Smith	roxie.smith@state.co.us	Crowley County Dept. of Human Services 631 Main Street		call for appointment

			Suite 100 Ordway, CO 81063	719-267-5251 • 267-5296 fax	719-		
CUSTER	Lorraine Silva	veterans@custercountygov.com	511 Main Street Westcliffe, CO 81252	719-783-9470• 783-3266 fax	719-	Mon-Thur 8am- 4pm Fri 10am-3pr	n
DELTA	Brian Ayers	bayers@deltacounty.com	Delta County Courthouse 501 Palmer Street Delta, CO 81428	970-874-2082• 974-2114 fax	970-	Mon-Tue 9am- 4:30pm or by appointment	
DENVER	George Cassidy	george.cassidy@denvergov.org	Mail: Castro Bldg., Denver Human Services 1200 Federal Denver, CO 80204 •	720-944-3501• 944-3505 fax	720-	Mon-Fri by appointment	
DOLORES	Richard Brown	vsodolores@gmail.com	VFW Hall PO BOX 668 Dove Creek, CO 81324	970-677-3200		Mon Wed Fri 9 an	n
	Managara	dmaxwell@douglas.co.us					
	Manager• David MaxwellSam Baldridge	sbaldrid@douglas.co.us	Wilcox Building 301 Wilcox Street Castle				
Baldridge Tom Meier Daryl Johnson		TMeier@douglas.co.usdjohnson@douglas.c	Rock, CO 80109	303-663-6200• 663-6257303-4 6257 fax		Mon-Thurs 9am- 4pm appointment encouraged	S
EAGLE	Patricia Hammon, RN Tyson Ivie	pat.hammon@eaglecounty.us tyson.ivie@eaglecounty.us	Health and Human Services Bldg. 551 Broadway PO BOX 660 Eagle, CO 81631	970-390-4686• cell970-471-901 •fax 855-846-07	3	1st & 3rd Wed of the month 1pm- 3pm Tyson available Tues an Thurs 8AM-12PM	
EL PASO	Manager• Jim Tackett Technician Elise Harrison	jimtackett@elpasoco.com	5850 Championship Vie Colorado Springs, CO 8			520-7750• 719- 7751 fax	Mon-Fri 8 & 1pm-5p

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		jenniferclark@elpasoco.com			
		marshallbosworth@elpasoco.com tina.daley@elpasoco.com			
ELBERT	Ric Morgan	morgan@hayday.org	Box 131 Elbert, CO 80106	303-520-6088• 303- 648-8883 fax	By email or phone.
FREMONT	Albert Augustine	fcvso@fremontco.com	Fremont County Admin Bldg. 615 Macon Ave Suite LL-8 Canon City, CO 81212	719-276-7400• 719- 276-7402 fax	Mon &Tues 8am- 4pm Wed 8am- 12pm
GARFIELD	Joe Carpenter Garfield/Pipkin	bowhunt@sopris.net	216 W 3rd Street Rose Plaza Ste 102 Rifle, CO 81650 2425 S Grand Glenwood Springs, CO 81601	970-625-9484• 970- 945-1007 970-625-	
	Scott	elizabeth.reedscott@state.co.us		0842• 970-625-3706 fax	Mon-Fri 9:00am- 4:00pm

GILPIN	Todd Kumro	tkumro@co.gilpin.co.us	Gilpin County Justice Center Department of Human Services 2960 Dory Hill Rd Suite 100 Blackhawk, CO 80422	cell 720-339-1173303- 582-5444 x1103 • 303- 582-5798 fax	By appointments
GRAND	Duane Dailey	gcvso@co.grand.co.us	Grand County Courthouse BOX 264 Hot Sulpher Springs, CO 80451	970-725-3122cell 970- 509-9024 fax 970-725- 0565	Mon-Fri 8:30am- 5pm call for appointment
GUNNISON	Al Falsetto	sfallsetto@yahoo.com	316 West Ohio Gunnison, CO 81230	970-641-6147	Call for an appointment
HINSDALE	Paul Olson	hinsdalevso@centurytel.net	896 Wildflower Road BOX 865 Lake City, CO 81235	970-944-5014• 970-944- 2630fax	Call for an appointment
	Nick Vigil	nvigil@huerfano.us	Huerfano County Department of Social Services 121 W 6th St Walsenburg, CO 81089	719-738-2810 x34 • 719-738-2549 fax	
HUERFANO	Roger Watkins	rwatkins@sprhc.org	Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center		Mon 9am-noon
	Bryan Ortiz	bortiz@sprhc.org			
				719-738-5134 • 719-738-4509 FAX	
JACKSON	Pat Riley	N/A	PO BOX 1019 Walden, CO80480	970-723-4660	Call for an appointment
JEFFERSON	Peter Mortaro	pmortaro@jeffco.us	Jefferson County Laramie Building 3500 Illinois St., Suite 1600 Golden, CO 80401	303-271-4205• 303- 271-8375 fax	Mon-Fri 7AM-4PM
KIOWA	Patricia Roper	plroper@estra.com	Kiowa County Courthouse 13344 HWY 287 Eads, CO 81036		Thurs 9am-11am

				719-438-5421• 719- 438-5327 fax	
KIT CARSON	Charles Litteral	charles.litteral@kitcarsoncounty.org	140 Colorado Ave. Stratton, CO 80836	719-440-4589• 719- 348-5000	Mon-Fri 8-5pm and or by Appt.
LA PLATA	Richard Schleeter	schleeterrs@co.laplata.co.us	Riverside Professional Bldg. 1970 East 3rd Ave., Suite 102 Durango, CO 81301	970-382-6150• 970- 247-3277 fax	Mon-Fri 8am-12pm
LAKE	Harry Beck	hundee1@hotmail.com	New Discovery Bldg 901 S. HWY 24 MAIL: PO BOX 964 Leadville, CO 80461	719-221-3245	Mon 9am-1pm
LARIMER	Debbie Pierson Trisha Reynolds	dpierson@larimer.org reynolpj@co.larimer.co.us	Larimer County Courthouse Larimer County Veterans Services 200 West Oak Street, Suite 5000 PO Box 1190 (mail) Fort Collins, CO 80522-1190	970-498-7390• 970- 498-7395 fax970-439- 4392 Debbie	Mon-Thur 8am- 4:30pm Fri 8am- 12pm
LAS ANIMAS	Nick DeBono Al Trujillo	al.trujillo@lasanimascounty.org	Las Animas County Courthouse 200 E. First St, Room 101 Trinidad, CO 81082	719-846-3940 Nick719- 845-2589Al719-846- 2598 fax	M, Tues, Wed 8am-11:30am Al Mon-Fri 10am-3pm

LINCOLN	Parker Newbanks, Jr.	N/A	513 4th Street BOX 398 (mail) Hugo, CO 80821	719-743-2448 •fax 719- 846-2598	Mon-Sat 9am
LOGAN	Fred Kubitz	fkubitz@logancountyco.gov	Logan County Veteran Service Officer 39125 CR 54 Otis, CO 80743	970-520-5876• 970- 522-7856 fax	Wed 1pm-4pm Walk-ins and by appointment
MESA	Dave Montoya	dave.montoya@mesacounty.us	512 29 1/2 Road Grand Junction, CO 81502-5035	970-248-2733• 970- 257-2219 fax	Mon-Fri 8:00am- 12pm appointments encouraged
					Mon & Wed 10am-
MINERAL	Mike Atwater	mikevso_mc@yahoo.com	PO Box 70 Creede, CO 81130719-658-2416 x404	719-480-3137719-658- 2764 fax	3pm appointments encouraged
MOFFAT	Ed Wilkinson	veterans@moffatcounty.net	480 Barclay Street Craig, CO 81625	970-824-3246 x10 • 970-824-7108 fax	Mon-Thurs 8:30am-12:30pm
MONTEZUMA	Rick Torres	rtorres@co.montezuma.co.us	Montezuma County Veterans Service Office 107 N. Chestnut Suite #3 Cortez, CO 81321	970-564-2779 Rick970- 565-0833 fax	Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri 8:30am- 4:30pm Thurs 8:30am-12pm
MONTROSE	Sheldon Smith Gary Gratton	ssmith@montrosecounty.net cwo4grafton@gmail.com	Department of Health & Human Services Bldg. 1845 S. Townsend Ave. Montrose, CO 81401	970-249-2115• 970- 252-7049 fax	Thurs & Fri 8am- 5pm
			611 Lincoln St Brush, CO 80723		Brush: Mon-Wed- Fri by appointment
MORGAN	Stan Gray	sgray47@hotmail.com	800 E Beaver Ave. Fort Morgan, CO 80701	970-768-2389• 970- 542-3415 fax	Ft Morgan: Tues & Thurs by appointment

OTERO	Christine Gabaldon	christine.gabaldon@state.co.us	Otero County Courthouse PO Box 494 13 W 3rd St, Room 110 La Junta, CO 81050	719-383-3148• 719- 383-4607 fax	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8am-12noon Thurs 8am-3pm
OURAY	Sheldon Smith	ssmith@montrosecounty.net	Department of Health & Human Services Bldg. 1845 S. Townsend Ave. Montrose, CO 81401	970-249-2115• 970- 252-7049 fax	Thurs & Fri 8am- 5pm
	Jim Pickart	jpickart@parkco.us	Park County Human Services 825 Clark Street PO Box 968 Fairplay, CO 80440	719-836-4132• 719- 836-0508 fax	
PARK	Charlotte Wytias	cwytias@parkco.us	Platte Canyon Fire Station #2 153 Delwood Drive PO Box 1193 Bailey, CO 80421	303-816-9498 • 303-816-9498	Call for Appointment
PHILLIPS	Reon Chaney	N/A	3813 County Road 32 Haxtun, CO 80731	fax 970-774-6534• 970-774- 6534 fax	Call for appointment
PITKIN	Contact Garfield County	N/A			Серропинон
PROWERS	Jeremy Miller	jmiller@prowerscounty.net	1001 South Main, Room 246 Box336 mail Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-2606• 719- 336-9763 fax	Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
PUEBLO	Rudy Sabedra	sabedrar@co.pueblo.co.us	Housing and Human Services Bldg. 2361 E 4th Street Pueblo, CO 81001	719-583-6113	
	Paul Montez	montezp@co.pueblo.co.us		Rudy719-583-6307 Paul719-583-6121 fax	Call or email for appointment.
RIO BLANCO	Joseph Dungan	jdungan@co.rio-blanco.co.us	Joseph Dungan PO Box 599 County Administration Bldg. Meeker, CO 81641		Joseph Dungan Wed 1pm-3pm

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			Hoot Gibson PO Box 522 County Annex 17497 State HWY 64 Rangley, CO 81648		
				Hoot Gibson970-878-9695	
	Hoot Gibson	jgibson@co.rio-blanco.co.us		• 970-675-5211 FAX	Hoot Gibson Tues & Thurs 1pm-3pm
RIO GRANDE	Jack Rudder	jrudder@riograndecounty.org	Colorado State Veterans Center BOX 97 Homelake, CO 81135	719-852-5118	8:00am-3:00pm Tuesday and Thursday
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			Woodland Park Department of Social Services 740 HWY 24 Woodland Park, CO 80866		
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