

**AN OHIO RESOURCE GUIDE
FOR INCARCERATED
VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES**

FORWARD

This resource guide was developed for you and your families to use while you are incarcerated, the transition period to society and thereafter. It is an important tool, but not exhaustive by any means! Please review all of the contents thoroughly. These resource opportunities will bring about some challenges, but *please* do not allow this to hinder you, but only strengthen your resolve to succeed, because in the end you will yield benefits. Also, please share this with other incarcerated veterans. This guide is specific to veterans incarcerated within the State of Ohio. So, if you are returning to another state, then write the address below for assistance.

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. You may now dial 211 in every county in Ohio. The person who answers will provide you with resources within the county. To perpetuate the value of this document, we respectfully request that if you discover any incorrect, conflicting, or out-of-date information in this Guidebook please send the discrepancies, and updated information if you have it, to:

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“Look to this day for it is life, the very life of life.

In its brief course lie all the realities and verities of existence

The bliss of growth, the splendor of action and the glory of power.

For yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision,

But today well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every

tomorrow

a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore to this day!”

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GOALS

Health Care for Reentry Veterans (HCRV) complements the mission of the VA Healthcare Systems, principally through the VA's Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program, which focuses on excellence in health care to veterans, the pursuit of new knowledge through research and the provision of education to practitioners. Enhanced and sustained outreach efforts would embrace and extend this mission in collaboration with community partners and Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs). Treatment of the incarcerated veteran and evaluation is significant to the mission in the following ways: 1) Demographic and statistical data are collected to determine incidence and prevalence of incarcerated veterans as well as formation of a profile of male incarcerated veteran, 2) Enhance partnership and collaboration efforts between VA, VSOs, community, county jails, halfway houses and State Departments of Rehabilitation and Corrections (DRC) and other federal agencies, 3) Interface with the mission of federal and community partners, 4) Enhanced-lease and sharing opportunities and 5) Services for veteran reentry have only recently been developed and outcome data has only been analyzed at a few sites and therefore program effectiveness for incarcerated veterans has not been established.

OBJECTIVES

1. Interagency coordination of services: VA/Department of Corrections (DOC), county jail and community staff collaborate to identify veterans, participate in release planning and transitioning follow-up.
2. Improved access to VA health care: VA staff members provide outreach, education and case management (just prior to release) to ensure veterans are linked to VHA health care upon their release. Veterans are given appointments to VHA health care providers prior to their release.
3. Provide ongoing reentry, group and case services during incarceration to provide a seamless transition to VA/community and parole/probation.
4. Enhance quality of life for incarcerated veterans and the veteran ex-offender population: Veterans receive access to VA programs that assist with their period of incarceration, transition to semi/independent living to establish positive social support structures and reducing recidivism rates.
5. Increased outreach, services and research would inform clinicians of appropriate treatment services and best practices for veterans, which will facilitate individualized, group, family, cost effective quality care and supplement the existing body of incarcerated veteran knowledge.
6. Coordinate services to the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Vet Center, Ohio Local Veterans Employment Reps (LVER's) and other relevant services.

ENROLLMENT, the 1st STEP

For most veterans, entry into the VA health care system begins with applying for enrollment. Veterans do not have to be enrolled if they:

- (1) have a service-connected disability of 50% or more;
- (2) want care for a disability that the military determined was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, but which VA has not yet rated, during the 12-month period following discharge; or
- (3) want care for a service-connected disability only. To permit better planning of health resources, however, these three categories of veterans also are urged to enroll.

To apply, veterans must complete [VA Form 10-10EZ, Application for Health Benefits](#). This form will be provided to you for enrollment by the IVOP clinician. Also, it may be obtained from any VA health care facility or regional benefits office, or by calling the VA Health Benefits Service Center toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387). It is also available through the World Wide Web (<http://www.va.gov/1010ez.htm>). Veterans may complete the form in person at a VA health care facility, or at home and mail it to a local VA health care facility for processing. Once enrolled, a veteran is eligible to receive services at VA facilities anywhere in the country. The veteran's DD214 must supplement the 1010EZ application. Additional information can be found on the VA Web site (<http://www.va.gov/elig/>). Veterans will be enrolled to the extent Congressional appropriations allow. If appropriations are limited, enrollment will occur based on the following priorities:

Priority Group 1: Veterans with service-connected disabilities who are rated 50 percent or more.

Priority Group 2: Veterans with service-connected disabilities who are rated 30 or 40 percent.

Priority Group 3: Veterans who are former POWs or were awarded a Purple Heart, veterans with disabilities rated 10 and 20 percent, and veterans awarded special eligibility for disabilities incurred in treatment.

Priority Group 4: Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits and veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled, although some may be responsible for co-payments.

Priority Group 5: Veterans who are determined to be unable to defray the expenses of needed care.

Priority Group 6: All other eligible veterans not required to make co-payments. This includes veterans of the Mexican border period or World War I; veterans seeking care solely for certain conditions associated with exposure to radiation, for any illness associated with combat service in a war after the Gulf War or during a period of hostility after Nov. 11, 1998, for any illness associated with participation in tests conducted by the Defense Department as part of Project 112/Project SHAD; and veterans with zero percent service-connected disabilities who are nevertheless compensated, including veterans receiving compensation for inactive tuberculosis.

Priority Group 7: Nonservice-connected veterans and non-compensable, zero percent service-connected veterans with income above VA's national means test threshold and below VA's geographic means test threshold for the fiscal year ending on September 30 of the previous calendar year, or with income below both the VA national threshold and the VA geographically based threshold, but whose net worth exceeds VA's ceiling (currently \$80,000) who agree to pay co-payments.

Priority Group 8: All other nonservice-connected veterans and zero percent non-compensable service-connected veterans who agree to pay co-payments. (Note: Effective Jan. 17, 2003, VA no longer enrolls new veterans in priority group 8).

These groups are enrollment priorities only. VA services and treatment available to enrolled veterans generally are not based on priority groups. Enrollment will be reviewed each year and veterans will be notified in writing of any change in their enrollment status. Call your nearest VA health care facility or the Health Benefits Service Center, 1-877-222-8387, to obtain the latest information.

Special Access to Care

Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50% or greater based on one or more disabilities or un-employability and veterans receiving care for a service-connected disability receive priority in the scheduling of appointments for outpatient medical services and admissions for inpatient hospital care.

MEDICAL CARE - BASIC

1. Outpatient medical, surgical, and mental health care, including care for substance abuse.
2. Inpatient hospital, medical, surgical, and mental health care, including care for substance abuse.
3. Prescription drugs, including over-the-counter drugs and medical and surgical supplies available under the VA national formulary system.
4. Emergency care in VA facilities.
5. Emergency care in non-VA facilities in certain conditions: This benefit is a safety net for veterans requiring emergency care for a service connected disability or enrolled veterans who have no other means of paying a private facility emergency bill. If another health insurance provider pays all or part of a bill, VA cannot provide any reimbursement. To qualify for payment or reimbursement for non-VA emergency care service for a service-connected disability, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- a) It must be for a Medical Emergency.
- b) Department of Veterans Affairs or other Federal facilities are not feasibly available at time of emergency event.
- c) The emergency was for a service-connected disability.

To qualify for payment or reimbursement for non-VA emergency care services for a nonservice-connected condition, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- d) You are enrolled in the VA Health Care System.
 - e) You have been provided care by a VA clinician or provider within the last 24 months.
 - f) You were provided care in a hospital emergency department or similar facility providing emergency care.
 - g) You have no other form of health insurance.
 - h) You do not have coverage under Medicare, Medicaid, or a state program.
 - i) You do not have coverage under any other VA programs.
 - j) Department of Veterans Affairs or other Federal facilities are not feasibly available at time of emergency event.
 - k) A reasonable layperson would judge that any delay in medical attention would endanger your health or life.
 - l) You are financially liable to the provider of the emergency treatment for that treatment.
 - m) You have no other contractual or legal recourse against a third party that will pay all or part of the bill.
6. Bereavement counseling.
 7. Comprehensive rehabilitative services other than vocational services.
 8. Consultation, professional counseling, training, and mental health services for the members of the immediate family or legal guardian of the veteran.
 9. Durable medical equipment and prosthetic and orthotic devices, including eyeglasses and hearing aids.
 10. Home health services.
 11. Reconstructive (plastic) surgery required as a result of a disease or trauma but not including cosmetic surgery that is not medically necessary.
 12. Respite, hospice, and palliative care.
 13. Payment of travel and travel expenses for eligible veterans.
 - a) A veteran or other person traveling in connection with treatment for a service-connected disability (irrespective of percent of disability).
 - b) A veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more, for treatment of any condition.
 - c) A veteran receiving VA pension benefits.
 - d) A veteran whose annual income does not exceed the maximum annual rate of pension, which would be payable if the veteran were eligible for pension, or who is unable to defray the expenses of travel.
 14. Pregnancy and delivery service, to the extent authorized by law.

15. Completion of forms.

- a) This coverage includes completion of forms such as Family Medical Leave forms, life insurance applications, Department of Education forms for loan repayment exemptions based on disability, and non-VA disability program forms by health care professionals based on an examination or knowledge of the veteran's condition. This does not include the completion of forms for examinations if a third party customarily will pay health care practitioners for the examination but will not pay VA.

Preventive care

1. Periodic medical exams.
2. Health education, including nutrition education.
3. Maintenance of drug-use profiles, drug monitoring, and drug use education.
4. Mental health and substance abuse preventive services.

The "medical benefits package" does not include the following:

1. Abortions and abortion counseling.
2. In vitro fertilization.
3. Drugs, biological, and medical devices not approved by the Food and Drug Administration unless the treating medical facility is conducting formal clinical trials under an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) or an Investigational New Drug (IND) application, or the drugs, biological, or medical devices are prescribed under a compassionate use exemption.
4. Gender alterations.
5. Hospital and outpatient care for a veteran who is either a patient or inmate in an institution of another government agency if that agency has a duty to give the care or services. Unless an agreement or special program has been arranged, such as the IVOP
6. Membership in spas and health clubs.

Limited Coverage, includes:

1. Commonwealth Army veterans and new Philippine Scouts may receive hospital and outpatient care provided for in the Medical Benefits Package.
2. A veteran may receive certain types of VA hospital and outpatient care not included in the Medical Benefits Package such as humanitarian emergency care for which the individual will be billed, compensation and pension examinations, dental care, readjustment counseling, care as part of a VA-approved research project, seeing-eye or guide dogs, sexual trauma counseling and treatment, special registry examinations.
3. A veteran may receive an examination to determine whether the veteran is catastrophically disabled; therefore eligible for inclusion in priority Category 4.
4. Non-enrolled veterans

- a) A veteran rated for service-connected disabilities at 50 percent or greater will receive VA hospital and outpatient care.
- b) A veteran who has a service-connected disability will receive VA hospital care for that service-connected disability.
- c) A veteran who was discharged or released from active military service for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty will receive VA hospital and outpatient care for that disability for the 12-month period following discharge or release.
- d) When there is a compelling medical need to complete a course of VA treatment started when the veteran was enrolled in the VA health care system, a veteran will receive that treatment.
- e) A veteran participating in VA's vocational rehabilitation will receive VA hospital and outpatient care.
- f) A veteran may receive VA hospital and outpatient care based on factors other than veteran status e.g., a veteran who is a private-hospital patient and is referred to VA for a diagnostic test by that hospital under a sharing contract; a veteran who is a VA employee and is examined to determine physical or mental fitness to perform official duties; A Department of Defense retiree under a sharing agreement.
- g) A veteran may receive VA hospital and outpatient care outside the United States, without regard to the veteran's citizenship, if necessary for treatment of a service-connected disability, or any disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected disability or if the care is furnished to a veteran participating in a VA rehabilitation program.

Outpatient Visits Not Requiring Co-payments

Nonservice-connected veterans and non-compensable 0% service-connected veterans whose income is above the national "means test" threshold must agree to pay appropriate co-payments for care. VA is authorized to recover reasonable charges for medical care and services provided to nonservice-connected veterans and to service connected veterans for nonservice-connected medical conditions. Money collected in this way is used to maintain and improve VA's health care system for veterans. During your incarceration, you should not receive co-pay bills. In the event you do, please confer with the IVOP clinician and refer to supplement on "Understanding Your Billing Statement".

Other than Honorable Discharges (OTHs)

1. If you have an OTH discharge, you can complete DD form 293, application for the review of discharge or dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States, and request a review to upgrade.
2. If you have an OTH, but are a SC for a condition, you may be treated for that SC condition or adjunct conditions.
3. If you have an OTH, you may also qualify for certain Grant & Per Diem (G&PD) Programs nation-wide.

Note: An OTH is less than an Honorable (HON) or Under Honorable Conditions (UHC), but higher than Bad Conduct or Undesirable discharges.

WOMEN VETERANS

Women veterans are eligible for the same VA benefits as male veterans. However, additional gender-specific services and benefits are available for women veterans, including breast and pelvic examinations and other general reproductive health-care services. VA provides preventive health care counseling, contraceptive services, menopause management, Pap smears and mammography. Referrals are made for services that VA is unable to provide. Women Veterans' Coordinators are available in a private setting at all VA facilities to assist women veterans seeking treatment and benefits. VA health care professionals provide counseling and treatment to help veterans overcome psychological trauma resulting from sexual trauma during active military service. Appropriate care and services are provided for any injury, illness or psychological condition resulting from such trauma. Each VA Medical Center has a Women's Program Coordinator and some sites have a Homeless Women's Program.

VA FACILITIES IN OHIO

The Veterans Administration has hospitals, outpatient clinics located throughout Ohio. A listing of these facilities can be found in **Appendix D** at the end of this guidebook.

Non-Healthcare Benefits

Benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that are not health care related are administered by the VA Regional Offices. The Regional Office for Ohio is in Cleveland and it has two branch offices in Columbus and Cincinnati. All three locations do walk in interviews to answer questions and assist in filing claims from 8:30 to 4:15 weekdays. The toll free 1 800 827 1000 line is available nationwide to provide information and assistance.

Regional Office:

Cleveland 44199 (Anthony J. Celebrezze Bldg., 1240 E. 9th St.)

Benefits Offices:

Cincinnati 45202 (36 E. Seventh St., Suite 210)

Columbus 43215 (Federal Bldg., Rm. 309, 200 N. High St.)

Assistance and information about VA benefits can also be obtained at the County Veterans Service Commissions that are listed elsewhere in the guide. These are offices operated by each county in Ohio, not part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The benefits include compensation for service-connected conditions, pensions for totally disabled wartime veterans, rehabilitation training, home loan guaranty* and education benefits.

*** Covered in the housing section in the guide**

Disability Compensation

Disability compensation is a monetary benefit paid to veterans who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service. The service of the veteran must have been terminated through separation or discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. Disability compensation varies with the degree of disability and the number of dependents, and is paid monthly. The benefits are not subject to federal or state income tax.

Receiving Benefit Payments

VA offers three methods for receiving benefit payments. Most veterans and beneficiaries receive their payments by direct deposit through an electronic funds transfer to their bank, savings and loan or credit union accounts. In some areas, benefit recipients who do not have an account at a financial institution may open a federally insured Electronic Transfer Account, which costs about \$3 a month, provides a monthly statement and allows cash withdrawals. Recipients may also choose to receive benefits by check. To choose a payment method, call VA's toll-free helpline at 1-877-838-2778, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Central Standard Time.

Pension

Veterans with low incomes who are permanently and totally disabled, or are age 65 and older, may be eligible for monetary support if they have 90 days or more of active military service, at least one day of which was during a period of war. Generally, veterans who entered active duty on or after Sept. 8, 1980, or officers who entered active duty on or after Oct. 16, 1981, may have to meet a longer minimum period of active duty. The discharge from active duty must have been under conditions other than dishonorable. The permanent and total disability must be for reasons other than the veteran's own willful misconduct. Payments are made to qualified veterans to bring their total income, including other retirement or Social Security income, to a level set by Congress. Unreimbursed medical expenses may reduce countable income. Veterans of a period of war who are age 65 or older and meet service and income requirements are also eligible to receive a pension, regardless of current physical condition.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment is an employment-oriented program that helps veterans with service-connected disabilities prepare for, find and keep suitable employment. Suitable employment is work that is within a veteran's physical, mental and emotional capabilities and matches their patterns of skills, talents and interests. For veterans whose disabilities are so severe they cannot currently consider employment, VA helps them attain as much independence in daily living as possible. Additional information is available on the Internet: www.vba.va.gov.

Eligibility

A veteran must have a VA established service-connected disability rated 10 percent disabling with a serious employment handicap or at least 20 percent with an employment handicap and be discharged or released from military service under

other than dishonorable conditions. A service member pending medical separation from active duty may apply, but the disability rating must be at least 20 percent.

Services

Depending on an individual's needs, services provided by VA may include:

1. An evaluation of the individual's talents, skills and interests.
2. Employment services such as job-seeking skills, resume development and other work readiness assistance.
3. Assistance getting and keeping suitable employment.
4. Vocational counseling and planning.
5. Training, such as on-the-job and work experience programs.
6. Training, such as certificate, two, or four-year college or technical programs.
7. Supportive rehabilitation services and additional counseling.

VA pays the cost of these services and pays a living allowance to veterans who participate in training.

Entitlement

Eligible veterans are evaluated to determine if they need vocational rehabilitation services to help overcome barriers to employment.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

There are a number of VA education programs. Generally the veteran must be within ten years of separation from active duty to use these benefits. Most of the programs require a contribution while on active duty, Because of the complexity of the programs the VA has a special toll free number for education questions 1-888-442-4551.

VA DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND PENSION BENEFITS

Incarcerated Veterans

VA disability compensation and pension benefits are restricted if a veteran, surviving spouse, child or dependent parent is convicted of a felony and imprisoned for more than 60 days. The disability compensation paid to an incarcerated veteran is limited to the 10 percent disability rate. For a surviving spouse, child, dependent parent or veteran whose disability rating is 10 percent, the payment is reduced by one half. Any amounts not paid may be apportioned to eligible dependents. Payments are not reduced for recipients participating in work-release programs, residing in halfway houses or under community control. Overpayments for failure to notify VA of a veteran's incarceration result in the loss of all financial benefits until the overpayment is recovered.

Fugitive Felons

VA disability compensation and pension benefits may not be paid to any veteran named on an outstanding felony warrant, or their dependents, until the veteran has surrendered to authorities or the warrant is cleared.

COMMUNITY HOUSING

It is important to know that 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 you should ask about applying as soon as possible. If you are released and find yourself homeless, emergency assistance is available.

Emergency and Transitional Housing

Emergency and Transitional Housing are those services and activities designed to help make the transition from incarceration to mainstream society to prevent homelessness to semi/stable housing. Services may include: mental, medical, social, employment, housing assistance, budgeting, and foster care services for homeless persons in order to bring about a positive resolution of the problem or improved individual or family functioning or circumstances via a combination of supportive and therapeutic approaches to address multiple problems.

A list of emergency and transitional housing resources can be found in **Appendix A** the back of the guidebook. We have also listed some local “homeless coalitions.” These coalitions may have information about local shelter or transitional resources.

VA HOUSING PROGRAMS

Housing and Urban Development/VA Supportive Housing (HUD/VASH)

This joint Supported Housing Program with the Department of Housing and Urban Development provides permanent housing and ongoing treatment services to the harder-to-serve homeless mentally ill veterans and those suffering from substance abuse disorders. HUD's Section 8 Voucher Program has designated 1,780 vouchers worth \$44.5 million for homeless chronically mentally ill veterans. VA staff at 35 sites provides outreach, clinical care and ongoing case management services. Rigorous evaluation of this program indicates that this approach significantly reduces days of homelessness for veterans plagued by serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders. The Cincinnati and Cleveland VAs have these programs.

Supported Housing (SH)

Like the HUD-VASH program identified above, staff in VA's Supported Housing Program provides ongoing case management services to homeless veterans. Emphasis is placed on helping veterans find permanent housing and providing clinical support needed to keep veterans in permanent housing. Staff in these programs operate without benefit of the specially dedicated Section 8 housing vouchers available in the HUD-VASH program but are often successful in locating transitional or permanent housing through local means, especially by collaborating with Veterans Service Organizations. Check with your local VA Medical Center's Homeless Program about the Supported Housing program.

Comprehensive Homeless Centers (CHC)

VA's Comprehensive Homeless Centers (CHCs) place the full range of VA homeless efforts in a single medical center's catchments area and coordinate administration within a centralized framework. With extensive collaboration among non-VA service

providers, VA's CHCs in Anchorage, AK; Brooklyn, NY; Cleveland, OH; Dallas, TX; Little Rock, AR; Pittsburgh, PA; San Francisco, CA; and West Los Angeles, CA, provide a comprehensive continuum of care that reaches out to homeless veterans and helps them escape homelessness.

Grant & Per Diem (G&PD) Program

The Grant and Per Diem program is offered annually (as funding permits) by the VA to fund community-based agencies providing transitional housing or service centers for homeless veterans. Under the Capital Grant Component VA may fund up to 65% of the project for the construction, acquisition, or renovation of facilities or to purchase van(s) to provide outreach and services to homeless veterans. Per Diem is available to grantees to help offset operational expenses.

Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans (DCHV)

The Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans (DCHV) Program provides biopsychosocial treatment and rehabilitation to homeless veterans. The program provides residential treatment to approximately 5,000 homeless veterans with health problems each year and the average length of stay in the program is 4 months. The domiciliaries conduct outreach and referral; vocational counseling and rehabilitation; and post-discharge community support. The Cincinnati, Cleveland and Dayton VAs have these programs.

VA Guaranteed Home Loans

The main purpose of the VA home loan program is to help veterans finance the purchase of homes with favorable loan terms and at a rate of interest, which is usually lower than the rate charged on other types of mortgage loans. Further information for the home buying veteran is available at 1-800-827-1000.

Long-term/Permanent Housing

Public Housing

Criteria:

1. Privately Owned, Federally Subsidized Housing Apartments. The tenant pays 30% of income for rent and utilities.
2. People with Disabilities or Medical Conditions. All the landlords on this list must make accommodations for people with disabilities. If a tenant or household member has a need for an accommodation (such as a ramp, grab bars, easier opening doors) because of a handicap or medical condition, ask the landlord about it. If the landlord says no to the request, the tenant can call Legal Aid at (513) 241-9400.
3. CMHA will complete a background check, which goes back 3 years from the date of arrest, not conviction.
4. Certain crimes may hinder your application, such as arson, drugs trafficking or sexual predator, but the outcome is on a case-by-case basis.
5. A current resident can also request a person be added to their lease.

The Ohio Housing Authorities Conference (OHAC) provides a listing of the 75 Public Housing Authorities in Ohio. We have provided a listing of these public housing authorities in **Appendix C** of this guidebook.

EMPLOYMENT

Finding a job be hard and seem overwhelming, however its possible and a very important part of your transition. It is important to begin planning now for employment when you are released. Seek out any counseling or training that is available to you while incarcerated. This section will cover information that will assist you in your preparation.

Frequently Asked Questions about Employment

1. Can employers ask job applicants about arrests not leading to conviction?

No, private and public employers and occupational licensing authorities may not ask about sealed arrests. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2953.55(A).

2. Can employers consider arrests not leading to conviction?

No, private and public employers and occupational licensing authorities may not consider sealed arrests. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2953.55(A).

3. Does the state have standards prohibiting employment discrimination by public employers and occupational licensing agencies based on a conviction record?

No, there are no standards unless the conviction is sealed. Employers and occupational licensing agencies, with the exception of boards of education and joint vocational school districts, may not inquire about a sealed conviction unless it bears a direct relationship to the job. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2953.2(C) and (G).

4. Does the state have standards prohibiting employment discrimination by private employers based on a conviction record?

No, there are no standards unless the conviction is sealed. Yes, for convictions that are sealed. Employers and occupational licensing agencies, with the exception of boards of education and joint vocational school districts, may not inquire about a sealed conviction unless it bears a direct relationship to the job. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2953.2(C) and (G).

5. Does the state restrict people with criminal records from employment in the field of home health care?

Individuals will be barred from home health care employment by guilty pleas and convictions for certain violent, sexual, theft, weapons, and drug-related offenses, including food adulteration (in Ohio, or substantially equivalent offenses in other state or federal jurisdictions). Applicants will not be barred if granted an unconditional pardon for the offense, if the conviction or guilty plea has been set aside, or if granted a conditional pardon and the conditions have been satisfied. Ohio Admin. Code § 3701-60-06. Home health care agencies may also employ individuals who would otherwise be barred if the individual can demonstrate sufficient evidence of personal character or rehabilitation by meeting all of the following standards: (1) for positions involving

care of older adults, the applicant is not a repeat theft offender; (2) the applicant is not a repeat violent offender; (3) the offense is not a sexually-oriented offense; (4) the offense is not aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, patient abuse or neglect, or food adulteration; (5) if the offense was violent, the victim was not an older adult or a child and five years have elapsed since the applicant was fully discharged from imprisonment, probation, and/or parole; (6) the offense was not violent and the applicant is either: (a) discharged; or (b) on probation or parole and is complying with all conditions and provides proof of compliance; and (7) the applicant's character is such that it is unlikely that s/he will harm an older adult (this last standard is applied by considering factors such as the applicant's age at the time of the offense; the victim's age and mental capacity, the nature and seriousness of the offense; the number of previous offenses or time elapsed since the most recent conviction or guilty plea; the degree to which the applicant participated in the offense and the degree to which the victim provoked the offense; the likelihood of recidivism; the extent to which the position provides an opportunity to re-offend; the applicant's employment record; rehabilitative efforts; any pending criminal proceedings; and any other factors the chief administrator considers relevant). Ohio Admin. Code § 3701-60-07.

6. After an individual has been convicted, does the state offer any mechanism to demonstrate that an individual has been rehabilitated?

Having one's criminal record sealed serves as limited evidence of rehabilitation because the court considers whether the individual is rehabilitated before granting sealing relief. In addition, an individual may obtain a pardon under certain circumstances. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2967.03. Generally 3-5% of pardon requests are granted. However, a pardon does not lift occupational bars. Telephone Interview with Heather Smith, Clemency Desk, Ohio Parole Board (August 15, 2002).

Employment Resources

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)

Director

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

30 E. Broad St., 32nd Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

614-466-6282

614-466-2815 fax

Web Site: www.state.oh.us/odjfs/index.stm

Information about State Department of Labor resources may be of interest to:

- potential employers looking for incentives to hire individuals with criminal histories;
- service providers and individuals with criminal histories who are looking for assistance in finding employment; and
- researchers and policy makers looking at current programs to ascertain what programs are effective and serve their intended purpose.

One-Stop Career Centers

One-Stop Career Centers are free job search and employment centers, open to the general public, located in communities across the United States. They provide information and assistance for people who are looking for a job, or who need education and training in order to get a job.

What Services Do One-Stop Career Centers Offer?

One-Stop Career Centers offer a variety of services including:

1. Free access to telephones, computers, Internet, printers and fax machines
2. Job-search, job-placement assistance and job-counseling services for job searching
3. Educational and training services to those who are eligible
4. Referrals to supportive services such as transportation, childcare and housing, when available

Are You Eligible to Use One-Stop Career Center Services?

Yes, everyone is eligible to use the basic services offered by One-Stop Career Centers, but there are special services and eligibility requirements. Staff will work with you to determine what services you need and are eligible to receive.

Note: A listing of One-Stop Career Centers by county can be found in this Guidebook in **Appendix B**.

Federal Bonding Program

The Federal Bonding Program provides fidelity bonding insurance coverage to individuals with criminal histories and other high-risk job applicants who are qualified, but fail to get jobs because regular commercial bonding is denied due to their backgrounds. Some employers may require their employees to be bonded as protection against money or property loss due to employee dishonesty. However, many private bonding agencies will not bond job applicants with criminal histories or other questionable past behaviors because they are often categorized as "at-risk" or "not bondable." Being ineligible for private bonding insurance can be an additional employment barrier for many qualified job applicants with past criminal records. The Federal Bonding Program exists to help alleviate employers' concerns about hiring qualified, but "at-risk," job applicants.

What Is the Federal Bonding Program? The Federal Bonding Program serves as a job placement tool by guaranteeing to an employer the job honesty of "at-risk," hard-to-place job applicants.

1. The Federal Bonding Program issues fidelity bonds, which are business insurance policies that protect employers in case of theft, forgery, larceny, or embezzlement of money or property by an employee who is covered by the bond. The bond coverage is usually \$5000 with no deductible amount of liability for the employer. Higher amounts of coverage, up to \$25,000, may be allowed if justified. The bond does not cover liability due to poor workmanship, job injuries, or work accidents.
2. Bond packages are issued by the Department of Labor to a purchasing organization such as a job placement agency or employer. The purchasing organization can be public or private, nonprofit or for profit. Then, the job placement organization or employer is able to bond individuals who other bonding agencies usually will not, such as individuals with criminal records.

The bond is put into effect instantly on the first day of employment. The employer simply makes the applicant a job offer and sets a date for the individual to start working. There are no forms or other papers for the employer to sign, and no processing to delay matters.

Who Is Eligible for the Federal Bonding Program?

1. Bond coverage is provided for any at-risk job applicant whose background usually leads employers to question their honesty and deny them a job. This includes people with criminal records, people in treatment or recovery for alcohol and/or other drug addictions, and people with little or no work history, including people transitioning from welfare to work.
2. All jobs are bondable in private and public sectors, full and part-time positions, as well as jobs secured through temporary agencies. The bond insurance is **free** to the employer. It goes into effect the first day of the job applicant's employment and will terminate after six months. After the six months, continued coverage can be purchased under the program's bond.

Program Requirements:

1. The worker must meet the state's legal age for working.
2. Workers must be paid wages with federal taxes automatically deducted from the pay.
3. The employer must make the applicant a job offer and set a date for the individual to start work.

Bonds also can be issued to cover an already employed worker who needs bonding in order to (a) prevent being laid off, or (b) secure a promotion to a new job at the company.

Bureau of Quality and Community Partnerships
Ohio Department of Rehab. & Correction
770 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43222
614-752-1159

Tax Credits

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a federal tax credit to reduce the federal tax liability of private for profit employers to be used as an incentive for employers to hire individuals from eight different targeted groups: TANF recipients, veterans, ex-felons, high risk youth, summer youth, Food Stamp recipients, SSI recipients, and vocational rehabilitation referrals.

Bureau Chief of Tax Credits
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Bureau of Tax Credits - WOTC/WtW Unit
145 South Front St., 2nd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
614-644-7206
614-644-7102 fax
E-Mail: wotc_resource@odjfs.state.oh.us
Web Site: www.state.oh.us/odjfs/wotc/contact.stm

Unemployment Insurance Office

Unemployment compensation is a social insurance program designed to provide benefits to most individuals out of work, generally through no fault of their own, for periods between jobs. In order to be eligible for benefits, jobless workers must demonstrate that they have worked, usually measured by amount of wages and/or weeks of work, and must be able and available for work. The unemployment compensation program is based upon federal law, but administered by states under state law. Applicants can register by phone at 877-644-6562 (1-877-OHIO JOB). Information about local offices can be found at: www.state.oh.us/odjfs/onestop.

Bureau of Unemployment Compensation
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
P.O. Box 923
Columbus, OH 43216
800-251-6237
614-466-6873 fax
Web Site: www.state.oh.us/odjfs/ouc

Criminal Record Repository

This is the agency individuals may contact to obtain a copy of their state rap sheet and learn about the process of sealing, expunging or cleaning it up. The criminal record repository can also tell the individual who else is legally entitled to have access to his or her record. A civilian fingerprint card must be requested from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. This form/fingerprint card also contains a waiver that must be signed by the person whose criminal record is being requested. A certified check or money order for \$15 payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" must accompany the request card.

Identification Division
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
1560 State Route 56 SW
P.O. Box 365
London, OH 43140
740-845-2000
Fax: 740-845-2633 fax
Web Site: <http://www.ag.state.oh.us/bci/bcii.htm>

State Attorney General

Employers and service providers may obtain information from the state attorney general regarding occupational bars, the licensing of individuals with criminal records in certain jobs, and whether the state has laws that limit what employers may ask job applicants or protections against employment discrimination based on a criminal record.

Attorney General
State Office Tower
30 E. Broad St., 17th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
614-466-4320
Web Site: www.ag.state.oh.us

VETERANS' WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

The Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (WIP) provides employment and training programs to increase employment, job retention, earnings, and occupational skills of recently separated veterans and veterans who have service-connected disabilities, significant barriers to employment or who served on active duty in the armed forces during a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized. These programs may be conducted through state or local public agencies, community-based organizations or private, nonprofit organizations. Job counseling, resume preparation, job development and placement services are also available to help homeless veterans re-enter the workforce. Veterans should contact their nearest state employment service office for more information.

STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

In addition to providing unemployment compensation information, Workforce Career or One-Stop Centers provide a variety of services for veterans seeking employment, including current employment information, education and training opportunities, job counseling and job search workshops and resume preparation assistance. Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists at these offices and at VA regional offices and readjustment counseling centers (Vet Centers) work closely with employers, veterans service organizations, community-based organizations and other government agencies to promote job development and improve employment and training opportunities for disabled veterans. Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVER) are also available to provide specialized services for veterans in each state, visit the Internet for additional information on DVOP and LVER programs at (http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/fact/employment_services_fs01.htm).

FEDERAL JOBS FOR VETERANS

Certain veterans, principally those who are disabled or who served in a hostile area, are entitled to preference in competing for civil service jobs being filled by open competitive exams. This preference includes five or 10 points added to passing scores in examinations and preference in job retention. Preference also is provided for certain un-remarried widows and widowers of deceased veterans and for mothers of military personnel who died in service; spouses of service-connected disabled veterans who are no longer able to work in their usual occupations; and mothers of veterans who have permanent and total service-connected disabilities.

Veterans enjoy many advantages in applying for federal jobs, but they are not guaranteed a position. Federal agencies are required by law to adhere to Merit System Principles in making appointments. Agencies have broad authority under law to select from a number of different sources of candidates. An agency can, for example, hire from an open competitive list of eligible in which case veterans' preference applies.

Alternatively, the agency can reinstate a former federal employee, transfer someone from another agency, reassign someone from within the agency, make a selection under merit promotion procedures, or appoint someone noncompetitively who is eligible under a special appointing authority such as a Veterans Readjustment Appointment or the special authority for 30 percent or more disabled veterans. Veterans' preference is not a factor here, and the decision of which authority to use rests solely with the agency.

Finally, veterans who are eligible under the more recent Veterans' Employment Opportunities Act enjoy the right to apply for jobs under agency merit promotion procedures that are closed to others outside the federal service. However, veterans receive no preference under this authority.

VETERANS READJUSTMENT APPOINTMENT

The Veterans Readjustment Appointment (VRA) authority allows federal agencies to appoint eligible veterans to jobs without competition. Such appointments may lead to conversion to career or career-conditional employment upon satisfactory work for two years. Veterans seeking VRA appointment should apply directly to the agency where they wish to work. OPM administers the Disabled Veterans Affirmative Action Program, which requires that all federal departments and agencies establish plans to facilitate the recruitment and advancement of disabled veterans. OPM provides information on veterans' federal service employment rights and privileges on the Internet (<http://www.opm.gov/veterans>).

REHABILITATION/TRAINING SERVICES

VA Psychosocial Rehabilitation Programs

VA's Mental Health Psychosocial Rehabilitation Programs provide therapeutic work opportunities for eligible veterans through Incentive Therapy (IT), Vocational Assistance, Transitional Residence, and Compensated Work Therapy programs. Each program offers rehabilitative treatment to help veterans live and work in their communities. Incentive Therapy is a token base payment program frequently used as a precursor to Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) or as a mainstay for veterans with serious mental illness. Veterans referred to CWT receive an individualized vocational assessment, rehabilitation planning and work experience. Vocational assistance services are designed to help veterans achieve a maximum degree of self-sufficiency based on their needs, preferences and abilities. The CWT program works closely with community-based organizations, employers and state and federal agencies for direct job placement and supportive follow-up services. The CWT/Transitional Residence program provides work-based, residential treatment in a stable living environment. This program differs from other VA residential bed programs in that participants contribute (using their CWT earnings) to the cost of operating and maintaining their residences and are responsible for planning, purchasing and preparing their own meals. The program offers a comprehensive array of rehabilitation services including home, financial and life skills management in a therapeutic community model.

Ohio Rehabilitation Service Commission (RSC)

Because of my disability, I can't get or keep a job. What can I do?

The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission may be able to help! RSC is the state agency that provides vocational rehabilitation leading to employment and independence for people with disabilities.

How do I know if I'm eligible for RSC services?

Eligibility is based on three factors.

1. You have a physical, mental or emotional impairment that creates or results in a substantial barrier to employment.
2. You can benefit from vocational rehabilitation services in terms of employment outcome.

3. Our vocational rehabilitation services must help you get and keep a job.
What services does RSC offer?

If you're eligible, you and your RSC counselor will develop an Individualized Plan for Employment, which contains all the services you need to reach your job goal.

Services may include:

- a) Continuing education or specialized job training, including supplies and books;
- b) Work adjustment training;
- c) Tools and equipment, including assistive technology or adaptive devices/low vision aids that enable you to work;
- d) On-the-job training; and
- e) Job placement and follow-up. Counseling is provided throughout your rehabilitation plan.

Is there a time limit on my vocational rehabilitation services?

No. A successful rehabilitation may take anywhere from several months to several years. When you're ready to work, your counselor and other RSC staff will help you prepare for the job search and success.

Do I have to pay for RSC's services?

Because people are expected to contribute to the cost of their vocational rehabilitation program to the extent possible, you may be responsible for some costs of your rehabilitation plan. However, no one is ever turned away because of an inability to pay.

Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Area Office
Area Manager
617 Vine St., Suite 925
Cincinnati, OH 45202-2815
1-800-686-3323

Small and Disadvantaged Businesses

VA's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization helps small businesses obtain information on acquisition opportunities with VA. Like other Federal offices, VA is required to place a portion of its contracts and purchases with small and disadvantaged businesses. For more information, write the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (OOSB), 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420-0001, call 1-800-949-8387 toll-free, or visit the Web site at: <http://www.va.gov/osdbu>.

The Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE) helps veterans interested in forming or expanding small businesses. The CVE helps VA contracting offices identify veteran-owned small businesses and works with the Small Business Administration's Veterans Business Development (<http://www.sba.gov/VETS/>) Officers and Small Business Development Centers nationwide regarding veterans' business financing, management and technical assistance needs. For more information, write the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (OOVE), 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington,

D.C. 20420-0001, call 1-866-584-2344 toll-free, or visit the web site (<http://www.vetbiz.gov>).

SBA Services to Help Veterans Succeed in Business

The following reps can help you prepare and plan for your entrepreneurial adventure:

Cleveland District Office
1111 Superior Avenue, Room 630
Cleveland, OH 44114-2507

Columbus District Office
2 Nationwide Plaza, Suite 1400
Columbus, OH 43215-2542

Cincinnati District Office
550 Main Street, Room 2-522
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Small Business Administration (SBA) –Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Provides management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. SBDCs offer one-stop assistance to individuals and small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations. Call toll-free SBDC of Ohio at (614) 466-2711 or (800) 848-1300.

AMVETS -- Department of Ohio

AMVETS is a national veterans service organization, with membership open to anyone who is currently serving or has honorably served in the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard and Reserves. AMVETS, Department of Ohio has nearly 35,000 members and over 140 posts located throughout Ohio. In addition to the AMVETS Career Center, AMVETS, Department of Ohio participates in and sponsors scholarship programs, the Special Olympics, veterans welfare programs, patriotism programs and voluntary community service programs. For more information about AMVETS and AMVETS, Department of Ohio, contact them:

AMVETS, Department of Ohio
1395 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Ste. 222
Columbus, Ohio 43229-3314
(614) 431-6990 Or 1 (800) 642-6838
www.ohamvets.org

The AMVETS Career Center, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Printing Industry Association of Northern Kentucky and Ohio (PIANKO) has announced a new program to train military veterans for careers in the printing industry. The Veterans in Print (V.I.P.) project will improve the career prospects for veterans by helping them obtain training and certification for entry-level jobs as printing technology workers. Printing technology jobs are among the 10 fastest growing occupations in Ohio, with the number of available jobs growing by nearly seven percent per year. Ohio ranks sixth in the nation with more than 2,400 printing companies. The industry employs over 54,000 people in Ohio and has

printing-related sales of more \$7 billion per year. Veterans are trained at the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation near Pittsburgh. The veterans participate in an intensive four-day workshop designed specifically to prepare them for an entry-level positions in the printing industry. The workshop includes instruction and hands-on practice on a wide range of commercial printing equipment. Funding for the project is provided from a grant that ODJFS received from the U. S. Department of Labor. The grant provides assistance for training, resume preparation, pre-employment testing, tools and safety equipment, and temporary lodging and transportation while attending training. Upon completion of the training, PIANKO assists veterans with the job search, interviewing and placement in printing companies throughout Ohio. Average starting wages will be between \$9 and \$10 per hour, but potentially can double within three years.

OHIO APPRENTICESHIPS

Boilermakers

Sponsor: Great Lakes Area Apprenticeship Program, Local Lodge #744, Cleveland, Ohio.

Description: Every applicant must supply a copy of his or her birth certificate and high school diploma/GED that the committee can keep at the time of filing application for apprenticeship.

Welding Qualification: Applicants that have a welding certification or welding training qualifications will have priority selection over applicants with no welding qualifications. Applicants must provide a copy and proof of welding certification or welding training qualification at the time of their application.

Contact Information:

Secretary

Great Lakes Area Apprenticeship Program, For Local Lodge #744

5666 West 95th Street

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(708) 636-6656, fax: (708) 636-6696

Bricklayers, Plasterers, Laborers, Tile, Marble and Terrazzo, Composition Roofers, and Reinforced Concrete Iron Workers

Sponsor: Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, Cincinnati, Ohio

Description: All applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Possess a high school diploma or GED. Roofers must have at least a 10th grade education.
2. Have a valid driver's license
3. Be 18 years of age
4. Be physically able to perform the tasks of the trade
5. Reinforced concrete ironworkers, laborers and tile, marble and terrazzo applicants will be drug tested.
6. NO application will be accepted without your original high school diploma or GED and valid driver's license in your possession when applying.
7. Contact Information: (513) 221-8020
Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee
1010 Yale Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
(513) 221-8020, Fax: (513) 221-8023

Carpenters

Sponsor: South Central Ohio District Council of Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee local #200 (Columbus), Local #976 (Marion), Local #356 (Marietta), Local #437 (Portsmouth), Local #650 (Pomeroy).

Description: Applicants may apply the first Monday of April and the first Monday of each month thereafter through October 2002. Applicants should not be less than 17 years of age and must provide a birth certificate, high school diploma or GED or 1,500 documented work hours at the trade. Applicants must take and pass the qualifying math test, a drug test and a climbing test. A \$15.00 non-refundable application fee is required payable to the South Central Ohio District Council Joint Apprenticeship Committee. Only money orders, cash or certified checks will be accepted. Applications may be picked up at the South Central Ohio District Council of Carpenters, JATC office at 1394 Courtright Road, Columbus, OH 43227 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Contact Information: Apprentice Coordinator
1394 Courtright Road
Columbus, Ohio 43227
(614) 236-4205, toll free: (877) 726-5282

Construction Trades (Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, etc.)

Sponsor: Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.

Description: There is a definite shortage of skilled construction workers. ABC offers training programs to help unskilled people enter this job market. These are available to everyone through night classes and at the high school level. Training is not required to be eligible for apprenticeship placement, but does give the applicant more opportunities for employment.

Contact Information: Applications accepted 2:00 – 4:00p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at our Broadview Heights office or by appointment at our Findlay office. Call (440) 717-0389 or (419) 423-4151.

Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
9255 Market Place West
Broadview Heights, Ohio
1995 Tiffin Avenue, Suite 303
Findlay, Ohio

Electrical Installer-Tech

Sponsor: The Electrical Trades Center, Columbus, Ohio

Description: The starting salary for the Installer-Tech Apprenticeship program is approximately \$20,051.00. The pay scale is a graduated scale and maximizes at journeyman level. Currently the journey level pay rate is \$18.17 per hour plus fringes. With this pay rate in mind, it isn't uncommon to see journeymen making in excess of \$37,793.00 per year. We also offer an excellent benefit package.

The related training is taught at our training center located at 947 Goodale Blvd. Apprentices attend school on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, depending on what level of the training they have currently achieved. School is from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm beginning in October and ending in May. All courses receive credit from Columbus State Community College. There is no tuition however; there will be a charge for text materials.

Contact Information: For additional information and a copy of the requirements to apply for the program, please contact (614) 463-5282, fax, (614) 463-5252, 947 Goodale Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43212-3824; office@electricaltrades.org

Inside Wireman (Electrician)

The Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) will accept applications for Apprenticeship from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, except August. Applications will be accepted at 9333 Sweet Valley Drive, Valley View (Off Canal Road near Rockside Road). You must apply in person.

To meet qualifications for apprenticeship, applicants must:

1. Be a minimum of 17 years of age
2. Be at least a high school graduate, or have a G.E.D., or have a two year Associate Degree, or higher;
3. Show evidence of successful completion of: one full year of high school algebra with a passing grade, or one post high school algebra course with a passing grade;
4. Provide an official transcript for high school and post high school education and training. All GED records must be submitted if applicable;
5. Submit a DD-214 to verify military training and/or experience if a veteran and wish to receive consideration for such training and/or experience;
6. Qualify for interview using the electrical trade's aptitude test developed and validated by the American institutes for Research;
7. Present evidence of possession of a valid driver's license;
8. Prior to being indentured, applicants selected from the pool of interviewed applicants must be at least 18 years of age; and

9. Prior to being indentured, applicants selected from the pool of interviewed

applicants will be required to provide results of a drug test as decided by the JATC.

For Additional information, contact the Cleveland Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and training Committee, (216) 573-0400, Eugene Stepanik, Training Director.

Roofers, Waterproofers, and Allied Workers

Sponsor: United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers, Roofers Union Local #86

Description: Roofers local #86 will now be accepting applications for apprentices Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. Qualified applicants must:

- a. Be at least 18 years old
- b. High School Diploma or willing to obtain a GED.
- c. Physically capable for the duties of an apprentice
- d. Have transportation to and from work

Contact Information: Roofers Local #86
37 ½ West 2nd Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43201
(614) 299-6404

Sheet Metal Workers

The Columbus Sheet Metal Workers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee is now accepting applications for Apprenticeship Training in the Sheet Metal Industry at the office of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, 3031 Lamb Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

In order to meet minimum qualifications at the time of application, the requirements are:

Age: Minimum 18 years. Birth Certificate must be furnished.

Education: High School Graduate or Equivalent in education by possession of GED Certificate of Equivalency.

Physical: Physically capable of performing the work of the trade.

Must pass a test.

You will be interviewed.

Qualifying apprentices will be required to take and pass a pre-employment drug screen. The selection of apprentices is made from applicants on the basis of qualifications alone and without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, or occupationally irrelevant physical requirements Applications must be completed personally in the office of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee Mondays - Thursdays of each week, between the hours of 1:30pm - 4:00pm except for the month of June. May 30, 2002 is the deadline for applicants to be considered and tested for the year 2002. Applicants after that date will be held for the 2003 class testing and placement.

High School Seniors are eligible to apply who have potential of a June diploma, but must furnish a copy of that diploma before July 1, 2002 or be removed from consideration.

For further information, please contact Local 24 J.A.T.C., 3031 Lamb Ave., Columbus, OH 43219. Telephone: (614) 471-3107. Fax: (614) 471-2868.

Sprinkler Fitters

Sponsor: Local 669 JATC Compliance Division

Description: The Local 669 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee conducts a five year apprenticeship program in all or part of 46 states for Sprinkler Fitters who are piping mechanics specializing in Fire Protection. Minimum qualifications are: Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or G.E.D., must be physically fit to perform the work of the trade, and, have military discharge other than dishonorable, *if applicable*. Copies of diplomas or G.E.D, birth certificate and military discharge must be provided.

Applications will be accepted five (5) days per week, except holidays, 52 weeks per year, between the hours of 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at the contractor/employers address. All completed applications will be held on file until the need to interview applicants for expected opportunities. Applications must be completed 45 days prior to interview date.

Contact Information: Local 669 JATC Compliance Division
7050 Oakland Mills Road, Suite 100
Columbia, MD. 21046
(410) 309-6580 or toll free: (877) 211-0014
For a faxed copy of Ohio contacts, fax your request to:
Ohio State Apprenticeship Council (614) 728-9094

VOTING

1. Does the state grant people with criminal records the right to vote?

Yes, individuals who have completed the sentence or those on probation or parole may vote. Individuals incarcerated following a felony conviction may not vote. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §§ 2961.01 and 5120:1-1-14(A), (B).

EDUCATION

Defaulted Loans:

If you default, it means you failed to make payments on your student loan according to the terms of your promissory note, the binding legal document you signed at the time you took out your loan. Your school, the financial institution that made or owns your loan, your loan guarantor, and the federal government all can take action to recover the money you owe. Here are some consequences of default:

1. National credit bureaus can be notified of your default, which will harm your credit rating, making it hard to buy a car or a house.
2. You would be ineligible for additional federal student aid if you decided to return to school.
3. Loan payments can be deducted from your paycheck.
4. State and federal income tax refunds can be withheld and applied toward the amount you owe.

5. You will have to pay late fees and collection costs on top of what you already owe.
6. You can be sued.

Obviously, you don't want to let your loan go into default. However, should this happen, find out what options are available. Student loan borrowers in default now have more options than ever before to repay their student loans. The U.S. Department of Education's Collections Department is committed to assisting those in default by making repayment of their debts a simple process. Borrowers who are incarcerated should request an "Incarceration Verification" form from the agency servicing your loan. The Warden or other appropriate official of the institution should complete this form where the borrower is incarcerated. This form should be returned to the servicing agency. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-433-3243.

General Educational Development (GED)

GED Records and Tests

GED Administrator

State Department of Education (<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/curriculum-assessment/assessment/>)

25 South Front Street

First Floor

Columbus, OH 43215-4183

(614) 466-1577

GED Testing Service (<http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GEDTS>)

One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 250

Washington DC, 20036

telephone: (202) 939-9490

fax: (202) 659-8875

Note: Complete, sign and be sure to include your \$12.00 payment per transcript. No waivers of fees are permitted, and no personal checks are accepted. Rush delivery is available at an extra charge.

VA Vocational Rehabilitation

What is the Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program?

This program's primary function is to help veterans who have service-connected disabilities to become employed and to maintain suitable employment. Services that can be provided through the VR&E program include:

1. Vocational counseling and planning
2. Assistance finding and keeping a job, including special employer incentives
3. If needed, training such as on-the-job training, non-paid work experiences
4. If needed, educational training such as 2- or 4- year degree programs
5. Supportive rehabilitation services and additional counseling

Who is Eligible for VR&E Services?

To receive an evaluation for vocational rehabilitation services, a veteran must:

1. Have received, or will receive, an honorable or other than dishonorable discharge;
2. Have a service-connected disability rating of 10% or more;
3. Apply for vocational rehabilitation services
4. The law provides for a 12 year basic period of eligibility in which services may be used
5. The 12 year period begins on the latter of these dates: Date of separation from active military duty or the date the veteran was first notified of a service connected disability rating
6. If entitled to Vocational Rehabilitation, the law provides for a maximum of 48 months of services

What happens after Eligibility is established?

A Comprehensive Evaluation is completed with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor that includes:

1. A full assessment of the veteran's interests, aptitudes, and abilities to establish whether the veteran is "entitled" to VR&E services.
2. An assessment of whether service connected disabilities impair the veteran's ability to find and/or hold a job using the occupational skills already attained
3. A needs assessment to develop a plan to help the veteran ready to get and hold a job

Veterans Upward Bound

Veterans Upward Bound is a federally funded educational assistance program based at the University of Cincinnati. We provide friendly academic support and enrichment services to Greater Cincinnati veterans. Our staff is committed to our veterans and fully believes in their ability to achieve and excel. We assist you in building self-confidence, self-esteem, and promote academic excellence. We celebrate the achievement of individual academic goals.

Services

1. To prepare you for entry or return to college or other post secondary training
2. To provide academic support while enrolled
3. To recognize your academic efforts and achievements Counseling Services

Career exploration

1. Help you with financial aid and admission using the GI Bill to attend college
2. Make you eligible for admission after successfully completing one or more terms in Instructional Component
3. Tutoring: additional academic assistance while in college
4. Trial college course: take full credit college course free of charge
5. GED preparation

Participating in VUB is often an important first step toward realizing that goal. Thousands of area veterans have already taken advantage of VUB' s services and gone on to higher levels of education, better jobs, and new fields of endeavor.

You will also need to provide:

1. DD214 form
2. Proof of Income
3. All transcripts (high school/ college(s))

Mail all of the above information to:

Veterans Upward Bound
PO Box 0119
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221
Call us at (513) 556-8387

Note: Please check with the college and/or university of choice to see if they have a VUB Program.

AmeriCorps Who Is Eligible?

The VA work-study allowance is available to persons training under the following programs:

- Montgomery GI Bill - Active and Reserve Programs
- Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program
- Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (limited)
- Vocational Rehabilitation

VA selects students for the work-study program based on different factors. Such factors include:

- Disability of the student
- Ability of the student to complete the work-study contract before the end of his/her eligibility to education benefits.
- Job availability within normal commuting to the student.

- VA will give the highest priority to a veteran who has service-related disability or disabilities rated by VA at 30% or more.
- The number of applicants selected will depend on the availability of VA-related work at your school or at VA facilities in your area.

To qualify for the AmeriCorps Education Awards Program, you must be at least 18 years old, have the equivalent of a high school diploma and be a US citizen, a national, or a legal permanent resident alien. No experience is required nor do you have to be in school.

NOTE: An AmeriCorps Education Award does not make you eligible for VA work-study allowance nor does being a VA work-study automatically make you eligible for AmeriCorps.

How Much May I Earn?

From VA, you'll earn an hourly wage equal to the Federal minimum wage or your State minimum wage, whichever is greater. You may elect to be paid in advance for 40% of the number of hours in your work-study agreement, or for 50 hours, whichever is less.

You can arrange with VA to work a number of hours you want during your enrollment. But, the total number of hours you work cannot be more than 25 times the number of weeks in your enrollment period.

From AmeriCorps, if you provide a minimum of 1700 hours of service, you may be eligible for an education award of **\$4725**. If you provide 900 hours of service, your education award could be **\$2362.50**. For **450** hours of service, your education award could be **\$1181.25**.

What Type of Work May I Do?

Services you perform under the VA work-study program must be related to VA work. Examples of acceptable work are:

- Performing outreach services for homeless veterans under the supervision of a VA employee.
- Performing services at VA medical facilities that assist homeless veterans.
- Performing services under the sponsorship of state and local governments and non-profit organizations who provide direct services to homeless veterans.

How Do I Apply for VA Work-Study?

Any VA, Regional Office, Vet Center and/or local representatives of veteran's organizations Reserve Education & Incentive Officers. 1-888-442-4551) for assistance.

How Do I Apply for AmeriCorps Education Award?

Talk to VA staff and community based service providers who provide direct assistance to homeless veterans. You and that service provider should contact:

Director, AmeriCorps Education Awards Program
United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.
P.O. Box 890
Jamestown, KY 42629
(270) 343-6737

FINANCIAL

1. Are people with drug-felony convictions dated after 1996 eligible to receive TANF benefits and food stamps?

Yes, Ohio opted out of the federal drug felon ban. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §§ 5101.821 and 84.

Unemployment Compensation

Weekly unemployment compensation may be paid to discharged service members for a limited period of time. The amount and duration of payments are determined by individual states. To apply, veterans who do not begin civilian employment immediately after leaving military service should contact their nearest state employment office and present a copy of their military discharge, form DD-214.

LEGAL

Free or low-cost legal resources, both in civil and criminal law, are helpful to individuals with criminal histories in learning about relevant state laws governing the expunging or sealing of criminal histories or addressing other legal issues resulting from having a criminal history.

Ohio State Legal Services Association
555 Buttles Ave.
Columbus, OH 43215
614-221-7201 or 800-589-5888
614-221-7625 fax
Web Site: www.oslsa.org

Christian Legal Services (CLS) provides a wide variety of civil legal services to the poor and homeless. Clients must meet similar financial requirements as Legal Aid. Because it is an independent provider, the organization is also able to help those whom Legal Aid is unable to serve, including illegal immigrants and those currently incarcerated. CLS has recently begun a partnership with Community Reentry, a local service provider, to help clients examine their criminal records. This service is available to anyone, not only Community Reentry clients.

State Bar Association
Ohio State Bar Association
1700 Lake Shore Drive
Columbus, OH 43204
800-282-6556, 614-487-2050 Franklin County
614-487-1008 fax

E-Mail: osba@ohiobar.org
Web Site: <http://www.ohiobar.org>

State Public Defender
Office of the Ohio Public Defender
8 East Long St., 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
614-466-5394 or 800-686-1573
Web Site: www.state.oh.us/opd

Expungement (OR SEALING) OF A RECORD

Expungement is the sealing of a criminal record so it is not publicly available. The statutes authorizing expungement are Ohio Revised Code sections [2953.32](#) & [2953.52](#). While it is believed the following information is accurate, you should consider consulting an Ohio attorney to help you with the expungement process. If you cannot afford a lawyer, **The Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati, (513) 241-9400, may be able to help.**

Who Qualifies for Expungement? It depends on whether there was a criminal conviction, or the criminal charge was dismissed or there was a finding of not guilty. In any case, a person does not qualify for expungement if criminal proceedings are pending against the person.

If you have been convicted of an offense and are a first offender, you may qualify for expungement. By statute, application for expungement is made to the sentencing judge. Certain waiting periods, as described below, apply before a first offender may apply for expungement. The final decision to grant or deny expungement is in the discretion of the sentencing judge. Please note that even though a criminal conviction has been expunged, it may still be used as specified in Ohio Revised Code section [2953.32](#)(D), (E), (F) & (G), and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2950 [Sexual Predators, etc.].

A first offender means anyone who has been convicted of an offense in this state or any other jurisdiction and who previously or subsequently has not been convicted of the same or a different offense in this state or any other jurisdiction, Ohio Revised Code [2953.31](#)(A).

When two or more convictions result from or are connected with the same act or result from offenses committed at the same time, they shall be counted as one conviction. When two or three convictions result from the same indictment, information, or complaint, from the same plea of guilty, or from the same official proceeding, and result from related criminal acts that were committed within a three-month period but do not result from the same act or from offenses committed at the same time, they shall be counted as one conviction, provided that a court may decide as provided in division (C)(1)(a) of section 2953.32 of the Revised Code that it is not in the public interest for the two or three convictions to be counted as one conviction.

What are the laws in Ohio?

Access to Criminal Records

1. Is there a time limit after which criminal history information is not reported to non-law enforcement entities for employment purposes?

No. (Per central repository.)

2. Other than the subject and criminal justice agencies, who can obtain records?

The public with the subject's authorization. Ohio Admin. Code § 109:5-1-01(A).

3. What types of records can be disclosed to non-criminal justice agencies?

With the subject's authorization, information pertaining to adult misdemeanor and felony convictions and juvenile delinquency adjudications for violent offenses or acts that if committed by an adult would have been felonious. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 109.57(A)(1).

4. Are there penalties for violating limitations on dissemination?

Yes, criminal penalties. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2953.54(B).

5. Are state criminal records available on the Internet?

Yes, records of currently incarcerated, paroled, and released individuals are available on the Department of Corrections' website at <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/search2.htm>.

6. Can state criminal records of arrests not leading to conviction be sealed (including expunged, erased, or purged)?

Arrests that did not lead to conviction may be sealed. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2953.52(A)(1).

7. If so, what is the effect of having an arrest sealed?

Private and public employers and occupational licensing authorities may not ask about or consider sealed arrests. If sealed, the individual may deny the existence of the arrest. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2953.55(A).

8. Can criminal conviction records be sealed (including expunged, erased, or purged)?

First offenders may apply for expungement 3 years after discharge following a felony conviction, or 1 year after discharge following a misdemeanor conviction. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2953.36.

Except for murder and certain sexual offenses, juvenile adjudications of unruliness and delinquency may be sealed after 2 years have elapsed since discharge. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2151.358(C)(1).

9. If so, what is the effect of having a conviction sealed?

Private and public employers, including occupational licensing authorities, may not ask about or discriminate based upon sealed adult convictions, unless directly-related to the position sought. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §§ 2953.55(A) and 2953.33(B). If the adult record is sealed, the individual may deny the existence of the conviction. The record may be used for purposes of subsequent prosecution. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2953.32(C)(2). If sealed, the juvenile may deny existence of the record. Ohio Rev.

Code Ann. § 2151.358(E)(1).

Drivers License Privileges

1. Does the state revoke or suspend the drivers' licenses of people convicted of drug-related offenses?

Drivers' licenses will be suspended for drug-related offenses. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4507.169(A).

2. If so, what crime(s) result in suspension or revocation?

A range of drug-related offenses can result in suspension or revocation, including possession and trafficking. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4507.169(A).

3. If so, what is the length of the suspension or revocation?

Generally six months and twenty-one days. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4507.169(A).

4. Does the state offer restricted drivers' licenses for purposes of employment, education, and/or medical care?

Yes, individuals may petition for occupational licensing privileges if s/he can demonstrate the suspension will seriously affect the ability to continue employment. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4507.16(F)(2).

ELIGIBILITY

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.

Cleveland Regional Office
The A.J. Celebrezze Federal Building, 1240 East 9th Street Cleveland, OH. 44199

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 re-enlisting. 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 can not 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://vabenefits.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.

Appendix A Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Resources*

<p>North East Ohio Coalition for the Homeless 3631 Perkins Avenue, Suite 3A3 Cleveland, OH 44114 216-432-0540</p>	<p>Seneca County Homeless Coalition 109 S. Front St. Fremont, OH 43420 419/448-5425 419/334-8919</p>
<p>Dots Outreach Mission 612 Edgehill Avenue Ashland, Ohio 44805</p>	<p>Clark Co. Housing Coalition 101 West High St. Springfield, OH 45502 937-325-0245</p>
<p>Emergency Housing Coalition P.O. Box 84 Mid City Station Dayton, OH 45402</p>	<p>Sandusky County Homeless Coalition 109 S. Front Street P.O. Box 590 Fremont, OH 43402 419-334-8911</p>
<p>Catholic Action Comm. Of Lorain Co.. 2500 Elyria Ave. Lorain, OH 44055</p>	<p>Ottawa County Housing Coalition 119 Madison St Port Clinton, OH 43452 419-732-7007</p>
<p>Licking County Coalition for Housing P.O. Box 613 23 S. Park Place Newark, OH 43058-0613</p>	<p>Summit County Housing Network 777 West Market St., Ste-C-2 Akron, OH 44303/330-253-3376</p>
<p>WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. 109 S. Front St. PO Box 590 Fremont, OH 43420</p>	<p>Ottawa Residential Services Inc. 400 W. 3rd St. Port Clinton, OH 43452 419-734-7622</p>
<p>Cleveland Tenants Organization 2530 Superior Ave; 2nd Flr. Cleveland, OH 44114</p>	<p>Family and Community Services 143 Gougler Ave Kent, OH 44240-2515 330-677-4124</p>
<p>Community Shelter Board 115 W. Main St., LL Columbus, OH 43215</p>	<p>Home-Aide of Wood County 109 S. Front St. Fremont, OH 43420 419-353-7407</p>

* CALL 211 FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SHELTER INFORMATION.

<p>Community Action Harmony House 124 W. Third Street Mansfield, OH 44902 419-522-2283</p>	<p>Adams County: Adams County Shelter for the Homeless 8990 Blue Creek Rd. Blue Creek, OH 45616 Phone: 937-544-8164</p>
<p>Columbus Coalition f/t Hmls c/o Open Shelter, Inc. P.O. Box 16156 Columbus, OH 43216 614-461-0407</p>	<p>Ashland Co. Hmls Coal/DV Shltr P.O. Box 1524 Mansfield, OH 44901 419-774-5840</p>
<p>Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition P.O. Box 461 Defiance, OH 419 784 1075</p>	<p>Toledo Area Alliance to End Homelessness PO Box 684 Toledo, OH 43601 419-242-5505</p>
<p>Gtr Cincinnati Coal f/t Homeless Executive Director 1508 Elm St Cincinnati, OH 45210 513-421-7803</p>	<p>Athens County: Good Works, Inc. Timothy House 91 Central Ave. Ex. Director Phone: 740-594-3333 or 1-800-736-3602</p>
<p>Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio 85 E. Gray St. Columbus, OH 43215 614-280-1984</p>	<p>Housing Coalition of Greene Co. 538 N. Detroit St. Xenia, OH 45385 937-376-2908</p>
<p>New Housing Opportunities Inc. 107 Oregonia Rd., 2nd Flr. Lebanon, OH 45036</p>	<p>Catholic Action Comm. Of Lorain Co.. 2500 Elyria Ave. Lorain, OH 44055</p>
<p>Fairfield County Emergency Shelter 1582 E. Main St. Lancaster, OH 43154 740-653-2265</p>	<p>Highland County: Extended Arms Shelter 145 Homestead Ave. PO Box 1768 Hillsboro, OH 45133 937-393-0634</p>
<p>The Foundation Shelter 800W. 6th St. Lancaster, Oh 43154 (S) 740-653-1960 (9pm to 8am only) (Foundation Soup Kitchen 1000 W 5th) 740-653-3233 Dinners served at 4:30pm</p>	<p>Pickaway County Emergency shelter/TR 370 Fay Ave Circleville, OH 43113 Emergency Services Director (O) 740-477-1655 (S) 740-420-3179</p>

<p>Community Action 324 E. Court Street 740-335-7282 Washington Courthouse, OH 43160 Family and Women but no Men's Shelter Assistance when funds available</p>	<p>The Other Place (Day Shelter) 840 S. Patterson Dayton, OH 45402 937-461-6078</p>
<p>St. Vincent's Hotel 120 W. Apple St. Dayton, OH 45402 937-461-7837 Call between 2 & 3pm for reservations</p>	

Appendix B One- Stop Career Centers

Adams County ADAMS/BROWN EMPLOY. & TRNG. SYSTEM
19211 MAIN STREET
WINCHESTER OH 45697
937-695-0316 OR 800 233-7891

Allen County ALLEN CO. CENTER FOR
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (ACCENT)
1501 SOUTH DIXIE
LIMA OH 45804
419-999-0360

Ashland County ASHLAND CO EMPLOY & TRNG CONNECTION
15 WEST 4TH STREET
ASHLAND, OH 44805
419-282-5055

Ashtabula County ASHTABULA CO JOB SOURCE
2247 LAKE AVE
ASHTABULA, OH 44044
440-994-1234

Athens County THE WORK STATION
70 N. PLAINS RD
THE PLAINS OH 45780
740-797-1405

Auglaize County AUGLAIZE COUNTY ONE STOP
801 MIDDLE STREET
WAPAKONETA OH 45895
419-739-7225

Belmont County BELMONT COUNTY CONNECTIONS
302 WALNUT STREET
MARTINS FERRY, OH 43935
740-633-5627

Brown County	BROWN CO. VSO 303 E. CHERRY ST. SUITE 104 GEORGETOWN OH 45121 937-378-3155
Butler County	BUTLER COUNTY JOB CENTER 2270 DIXIE HIGHWAY HAMILTON OH 45011 513-785-6702
Carroll County	CARROLL COUNTY CONNECTIONS 55 E. MAIN STREET CARROLLTON, OH 44615 330-627-3804
Champaign County	CHAMPAIGN CO TECH & EMP CENTER 1512 S.US RT 68 SUITE N100 URBANA, OH 43078 937-484-1581
Clark County	SPRINGFIELD - CLARK CO. WORKPLUS CENTER 1345 LAGONDA AVE. PO Box 967 A SPRINGFIELD, OH 45503-0967
Clermont County	CLERMONT COUNTY ONE STOP 756 OLD STATE ROUTE 74 CINCINNATI OH 45245 513-943-3000
Clinton County	CLINTON CO. VSO 43 S. WALNUT ST. WILMINGTON, OH 45177 937-382-3233

Columbiana County LISBON - COLUMBIANA CO. ONE STOP
7860 LINCOLN PLAZA
LISBON, OH 44432
330-424-7006

Coshocton County COSHOCTON ONE STOP
725 PINE STREET
COSHOCTON OH 43812
740-622-1020

Crawford County CRAWFORD COUNTY JOBS PLUS
225 EAST MARY STREET
BUCYRUS OH 44820
419-562-8066

Cuyahoga County CUYAHOGA RE-EMPLOYMENT
SERVICE CENTER
11699 BROOKPARK RD
PARMA, OH 44130

EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION CENTER
1701 EAST 13TH STREET
CLEVELAND, OH 44114
216-664-4673

Darke County DARKE CO ONE STOP
603 WAGNER AVE
GREENVILLE, OH 45331
937-548-4132 EXT 329

Defiance County NORTHWEST OHIO JOB CENTER
1935 E. SECOND STREET, SUITE D
DEFIANCE OH 43512
419-782-3881

Delaware County DELAWARE CO. ONE STOP
DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER
4565 COLUMBUS PIKE
DELAWARE, OH 43015
740-548-6665

Erie County SANDUSKY ODJFS OFFICE
2511 COUNTRYSIDE DRIVE
ROOM 426
FREMONT, OH 43420
419-355-5393

Fairfield County FAIRFIELD CO ONE STOP
239 W. MAIN ST
LANCASTER, OH 43130
740-653-1844

Fayette County SSCC - FAYETTE CO
1270 US RT 62 SW
WASHINGTON CH., OH 43160
740-333-5115 EXT 5720

Franklin County COMMUNITY OPP CTR NE
3443 AGLER RD
COLUMBUS, OH 43219
614-308-1233

COMMUNITY OPP CTR EAST
1055 MT. VERNON AVE
COLUMBUS, OH 43203
614-251-6385

COMMUNITY OPP CTR NORTH
345 E. 5TH AVE
COLUMBUS, OH 43201
614-719-8547

Franklin County

COMMUNITY OPP CTR SOUTH
3723 S. HIGH ST.
COLUMBUS, OH 43207
614-491-2455

COMMUNITY OPP CTR WEST
314 N. WILSON RD
COLUMBUS, OH 43204
614-308-1233

FRANKLIN CO. AMVETS
1395 DUBLIN-GRANVILLE RD
COLUMBUS, OH 43229
614-431-6990

FRANKLIN CO. VVA
35 CHESTNUT ST. 4TH FL
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
614-228-0188

FRANKLIN CO VSC
250 WEST BROAD ST
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
614-462-2500

FRANKLIN CO VA
200 N. HIGH ST.
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
614-469-2240

Fulton County

FULTON CO CTR FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
604 S. SHOOP AVENUE, SUITE 110
WAUSEON OH 43567
419-337-9215

Gallia County

GALLIA CO. ODJFS
848 THIRD AVE
GALLIPOLIS, OH 45631
740-446-3222 EXT 261

Geauga County

GEAUGA COUNTY ONE STOP
12480 RAVENWOOD DR
CHARDON, OH 44024
440-285-1120

Greene County

GREEN WORKS E& T CENTER
581 LEDBETTER RD
XENIA, OH 45385

Guernsey County

GUERNSEY COUNTY OPPORTUNITY CENTER
9900 BRICK CHURCH ROAD
CAMBRIDGE OH 43725
740-432-9317

Hamilton County

SOUTHWEST CAREER RESOURCE CENTER
1811 LOSANTIVILLE AVE.
CINCINNATI, OH 45237
513-731-9800

DOMICILIARY
1000 S. FT. THOMAS
FT. THOMAS, KY 41075
859-572-6213

HAMILTON CO. VETERANS SERVICE
COMMISSION
230 E. 9TH ST., RM. 1100
CINCINNATI, OH 45202
513-946-3306

Hancock County

HANCOCK CO. ONE STOP
JOB CENTER (FINDLAY)
7746 CR 140, SUITE B
FINDLAY, OH 45840
419-422-3679

Hardin County

HARDIN CO. ONE STOP EMPLOYMENT CTR.
1021 West Lima Street
KENTON OH 43326
419-674-2312

Harrison County

CADIZ ODJFS
501 NORTH MAIN STREET
P.O. BOX 239
CADIZ, OH 43907
740-942-2171

Henry County

Highland County

HIGHLAND CO. ONE STOP E & T CENTER
1575 N. HIGH ST. SUITE 200
HILLSBORO, OH 45133
937-393-1933, ext. 153

Hocking County

HOCKING CO JOB SERVICE CENTER
389 W. FRONT ST
LOGAN, OH 43138
740-380-1545

Holmes County

HOLMES CO. EMPLOYMENT CONNECTIONS
85 NORTH GRANT ST
MILLERSBURG, OH 44654
330-674-1111

Huron County	HURON CO JFS 185 SHADY LANE NORWALK, OH 44857 419-668-1631
Jackson County	JACKSON ONE STOP 25 E. SOUTH STREET JACKSON, OH 45640 740-286-4181
Jefferson County	JEFFERSON CO. COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL 114 NORTH FOURTH ST. P.O. BOX 130 STEUBENVILLE, OH 43952 740-282-0971 EXT 195
Knox County	OPPORTUNITY KNOX EMPLOYMENT CENTER 17604 COSHOCTON AVENUE MT VERNON OH 43050 740-397-7717 EXT. 1322
Lake County	LAKE JOB SIGHT 177 MAIN STREET PAINESVILLE, OH 44077 440-350-4000
Lawrence County	IRONTON WDRC 120 N. THIRD ST. SUITE B IRONTON, OH 45638 740-532-3140 EXT 266
Licking County	LICKING CO. OPPORTUNITY LINKS ONE STOP 998 E. MAIN ST NEWARK, OH 43055 740-349-3660

Logan County	LOGAN CDJFS 211 E. COLUMBUS AVE BELLEFONTAINE, OH 43311 937-599-5165
Lorain County	EMPLOYMENT NETWORK 42495 N. RIDGE ROAD ELYRIA OH 44035 440-324-5244
Lucas County	THE SOURCE 1301 MONROE STREET TOLEDO, OH 43624 419-213-6630
Madison County	MADISON WORKS 200 MIDWAY ST LONDON, OH 43140 740-852-4770
Mahoning County	MAHONING CO ONE STOP 149 BOARDMAN - CANFIELD RD BOARDMAN, OH 44512 330-965-1787 EXT 128
Marion County	MARION COUNTY ONE STOP 622 LEADER STREET MARION OH 43302 740-387-8560 EXT 253
Medina County	MEDINA WORKS 3721 PEARL RD MEDINA, OH 44256 330-764-8615

Meigs County MEIGS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
117 MEMORIAL DR
POMEROY, OH 45769
740-992-2820 OR 877-992-2895

Mercer County MERCER CO. ONE STOP
220 W. LIVINGSTON Street , RM. B272
CELINA OH. 45822
419-586-6409

Miami County MIAMI CO. JFS
2040 N. COUNTY RD. 25A
TROY, OH 45373
937-335-7142

Monroe County MONROE CO. ONE-STOP
118 HOME AVE
WOODSFIELD, OH 43793
740-472-5711

Montgomery County DAYTON ONE STOP
1111 EDWIN C. MOSES BLVD.
DAYTON OH 45408
937-224-1419

Montgomery County VET CENTER
627 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd
DAYTON, OH 45408
937-461-9150

Montgomery County	DAYTON VA MEDICAL CENTER 4800 WEST THIRD ST BLDG. 410 ROOM 323 DAYTON OH 45428 937-268-6511 EXT 4244
Morgan County	MORGAN CO. ONE-STOP 155 E. MAIN ST MCCONNELSVILLE OH 43756 740-962-4616
Morrow County	JOB TRAINING OFFICE 619 W. MARION ROAD MT GILEAD OH 43338 419-946-8480
Muskingum County	ONE STOP CAREER CENTER 503 MAIN STREET ZANESVILLE OH 43701 740-454-6211
Noble County	NOBLE CO. ONE-STOP 18065 ST. RT. 78 CALDWELL, OH 43724 740-732-2392
Ottawa County	OTTAWA COUNTY JOB STORE 8043 WEST S.R. 163 OAK HARBOR OH 43449 419-898-3688
Paulding County	PAULDING COUNTY JOB CENTER 250 Dooley Dr, Suite B, PAULDING OH 45879 419-399-3345

Perry County	PERRY CO. ONE STOP 212 MAIN ST. N. LEXINGTON, OH 43764 740-342-5200
Pickaway County	CIRCLEVILLE WIN OFFICE 24200 US RT 23 S. CIRCLEVILLE, OH 43113 740-420-7339
Pike County	PIKETON E & T CENTER 941 MARKET ST PIKETON, OH 45661 866-820-1185
Portage County	PORTAGE WORKFORCE CONNECTION 1081 W. MAIN ST RAVENNA, OH 44266 330-296-2841
Preble County	PREBLE CO. WORKFORCE CONNECTION 1500 PARK AVE EATON OH 45320 937-456-6205
Putnam County	PUTNAM CDJFS 1225 EAST THIRD STREET OTTAWA OH 45875 419-523-4580
Richland County	RICHLAND COUNTY ONE STOP E & T CENTER 183 PARK AVE. P.O. BOX 0188 MANSFIELD, OH 44901-0188

Ross County

CHILLICOTHE ONE STOP
150 E. SECOND ST
CHILLICOTHE, OH 45601
866-779-2946

CHILLICOTHE VA MEDICAL CENTER
17273 SR 104 BLDG. 3
CHILLICOTHE, OH 45601
740-773-1141 EXT 7472

Sandusky County

THE JOB STORE
2511 COUNTYSIDE DR.
FREMONT, OH 43420
419-332-2169

Scioto County

SCIOTO CO. COMMUNITY ACTION/E & T SYSTEM
433 3RD STREET
PORTSMOUTH, OH 45662
740-354-4531

Seneca County

TIFFIN PROCESSING CENTER
P.O. BOX 370
TIFFIN, OH 44883
866-472-0003

Shelby County

SHELBY CO DJFS JOB STORE 9375
227 SOUTH OHIO STREET
SIDNEY, OH 45365
937-498-4981 EXT 310

Stark County

CANTON EMPLOYMENT SOURCE
822 30TH St. N.W.
CANTON, OH 44702
330-491-2639

Summit County	EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER 570 E. WATERLOO ROAD AKRON OH 44319-1223 330-786-2501
Trumbull County	TRUMBULL CO ONE STOP 147 MARKET STREET WARREN OH 44481 330-675-2197
Tuscarawas County	THE EMPLOYMENT SOURCE 1260 MONROE ST NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH 44663 330-602-2863
Union County	EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES CENTER 940 LONDON AVE, SUITE 1500 MARYSVILLE, OH 43040 937-645-2072
Van Wert County	VAN WERT CDJFS 114 E. MAIN STREET VAN WERT OH 45891 419-238-5430
Vinton County	VINTON CO ONE STOP EMPLOY. & TRNG. CENTER 39975 INDUSTRIAL PARK RD MCARTHUR, OH 45651 740-596-2584
Warren County	WARREN CO. ONE STOP BUS. & EMPLOY. CENTER 300 SILVER ST LEBANON, OH 45036 513-695-2316

Washington County	EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION 218 PUTNAM ST MARIETTA, OH 45750 740-373-3745
Wayne County	EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING CONNECTION 358 W. NORTH ST WOOSTER, OH 44691 330-264-5060
Williams County	WILLIAMS CO. E & T CENTER - BRYAN 228 S. MAIN ST BRYAN, OH 43506 419-636-0617
Wood County	WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CTR. 1928 GYPSY LANE BOWLING GREEN OH 43402 419-352-7566
Wyandot County	WYANDOT CO. JOB & FAMILY SERVICE 120 E. JOHNSON STREET UPPER SANDUSKY OH 43351 419-294-4977

Appendix C Housing Authorities

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<p>Deputy Director AKRON MHA 100 West Cedar Street Akron, OH 44307 (330) 762-9631</p>	<p>Director ALLEN MHA 600 South Main Street Lima, OH 45804 (419) 228-6065</p>
<p>Director ASHTABULA MHA 3526 Lake Avenue Ashtabula, OH 44004 (440) 992-3156</p>	<p>Director ATHENS MHA 10 Hope Drive Athens, OH 45701 (740) 592-4481</p>
<p>OHAC Secretary BELMONT MHA P.O. Box 398 Martins Ferry, OH 43935 (740) 633-5085</p>	<p>OHAC 1st V. President BOWLING GREEN MHA 1044 Chelsea Napoleon, OH 43545 (419) 592-5788</p>
<p>Director BROWN MHA 200 South Greet Street Georgetown, OH 45121 (937) 378-6041</p>	<p>Director BUTLER MHA 4110 Hamilton-Middletown Rd. Hamilton, OH 45011-6218 (513) 896-4411</p>

<p>Director CAMBRIDGE MHA P.O. Box 1388 Cambridge, OH 43725 (740) 439-6651</p>	<p>Director CHILLICOTHE MHA 178 West Fourth Street Chillicothe, OH 45601 (740) 775-7881</p>
<p>Director CINCINNATI MHA 16 West Central Parkway Cincinnati, OH 45202 (513) 977-5661</p>	<p>Director CLERMONT MHA 65 South Market Street Batavia, OH 45103 (513) 732-6010</p>
<p>Director CLINTON MHA 478 Thorne Avenue Wilmington, OH 45177 (937) 382-5749</p>	<p>Director ext 13 COLUMBIANA MHA 325 Moore Street East Liverpool, OH 43920 (330) 386-5970</p>
<p>Director COLUMBUS MHA 880 East 11th Avenue Columbus, OH 43211 (614) 421-6000 S8 (614) 421-6307 PH (614) 421-6308</p>	<p>Director COSHOCTON MHA P.O. 758 Coshocton, OH 43812 (740) 622-6300</p>

<p>Director ext 32 CRAWFORD MHA P.O. Box 1029/ 645 Harden Way Mansfield, OH 44837 (419) 462-5521 Directors' #: (419) 524-0029</p>	<p>Director CUYAHOGA MHA 1441 West 25th Street Cleveland, OH 44113 (216) 348-5000</p>
<p>Director DARKE MHA 1469 Sweitzer Street Greenville, OH 45331 (937) 548-8143</p>	<p>Director DAYTON MHA 400 Wayne Avenue Dayton, OH 45410 (937) 910-7500</p>
<p>Director DELAWARE MHA P.O. Box 1292 Delaware, OH 43015 (740) 369-1881 FAX: (740) 369-2029</p>	<p>Director ERIE MHA 322 Warren Street Sandusky, OH 44870 (419) 625-0262</p>
<p>Director FAIRFIELD MHA 315 North Columbus Street, Suite 200 Lancaster, OH 43130 (740) 653-6618</p>	<p>Director FAYETTE MHA 121 E. East Street Washington C.H., OH 43160 (740) 335-7525</p>
<p>Director GALLIA MHA 381 Buck Ridge Road, #14 Bidwell, OH 45614 (740) 446-0251</p>	<p>Director GEAUGA MHA 385 Center Street Chardon, OH 44024 (440) 286-7413</p>

<p>Director ext 12 GREENE MHA 538 North Detroit Street Xenia, OH 45385 (937) 376-2908</p>	<p>Section 8 Coordinator HAMILTON CNTY 1635 Western Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45214 (513) 421-8190</p>
<p>Director HANCOCK MHA 604 Lima Avenue Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 424-7848</p>	<p>Director HARDIN MHA 943 Adams St Marion, OH 43302 (740) 383-5680</p>
<p>Director HARRISON MHA 82450 Cadiz-Jewett Rd. Cadiz, OH 43907 (740) 942-8060</p>	<p>OHAC 1st V. President HENRY MHA 1044 Chelsea Napoleon, OH 43545 (419) 592-1735</p>
<p>Director HOCKING MHA 50 South High Street Logan, OH 43138 (740) 385-3883</p>	<p>Director ext 32 HURON MHA P.O. Box 1029 Mansfield, OH 44901 (419) 668-3956</p>
<p>Director IRONTON MHA 720 Washington Street Ironton, OH 45638 (740) 532-8658</p>	<p>OHAC President ext 22 JACKSON MHA P.O. Box 619 Wellston, OH 45692 (740) 384-5628</p>

<p>Director</p> <p>JEFFERSON MHA</p> <p>815 North Sixth Street Steubenville, OH 43952 (740) 282-0994</p>	<p>Director</p> <p>KNOX MHA</p> <p>236 S. Main St., Suite 201 Mt. Vernon, OH 43050 (740) 397-8787</p>
<p>Director ext 13</p> <p>LAKE MHA</p> <p>189 First Street Painesville, OH 44077 (440) 354-3347</p>	<p>Director</p> <p>LICKING MHA</p> <p>85 West Church Street Newark, OH 43055 (740) 349-8069</p>
<p>Director</p> <p>LOGAN MHA</p> <p>116 North Everett Street Bellefontaine, OH 43311 (937) 599-1845</p>	<p>LONDON MHA</p> <p>179 South Main Street London, OH 43140 (740) 852-1888</p>
<p>Director</p> <p>LORAIN MHA</p> <p>1600 Kansas Avenue Lorain, OH 44052 (440) 288-1600</p>	<p>LUCAS MHA</p> <p>P.O. Box 477 Toledo, OH 43697 (419) 259-9437</p>
<p>Director ext 32</p> <p>MANSFIELD MHA</p> <p>P.O. Box 1029 Mansfield, OH 44901 (419) 524-0029</p>	<p>Director ext 32</p> <p>MARION MHA</p> <p>P.O. Box 1029 Mansfield, OH 44901 (740) 383-5680 Directors' #: (419) 524-0029</p>

<p>Director ext 227 MEDINA MHA 850 Walter Road Medina, OH 44256 (330) 725-7531</p>	<p>Director MEIGS MHA 117 East Memorial Dr. Pomeroy, OH 45769 (740) 992-2733</p>
<p>Director MIAMI MHA 1695 Troy-Sidney Road Troy, OH 45373 (937) 339-2111</p>	<p>Director MIDDLETOWN MHA 1040 Central Avenue Middletown, OH 45044 (513) 422-3600</p>
<p>Director MONROE MHA P.O. Box 1388 Cambridge, OH 43725 (740) 439-6651</p>	<p>Director MORGAN MHA 4512 North St. Rt. 376 NW McConnelsville, OH 43756 (740) 962-4930</p>
<p>Director MORROW MHA 81 N. Rich Street Mt. Gilead. OH 43338 (419) 946-5789</p>	<p>Director NOBLE MHA P.O. Box 1388 Cambridge, OH 43725 (740) 439-6651</p>
<p>Director PARMA PHA 5983 W 54th St., Room 124 Parma, OH 44129 (440) 885-8157</p>	<p>Director PERRY MHA 26 Brown Circle Drive Crooksville, OH 43731 (740) 982-5991</p>

<p>Director ext 314 PICKAWAY MHA 176 Rustic Drive Circleville, OH 43113 (740) 477-2514</p>	<p>Director PIKE MHA 2626 Shyville Road Piketon, OH 45661 (740) 289-4534</p>
<p>Director ext 215 PORTAGE MHA 2832 State Route 59 Ravenna, OH 44266 (330) 297-1489</p>	<p>Interim Director PORTSMOUTH MHA 410 Court Street Portsmouth, OH 45662-3946 (740) 354-4547</p>
<p>Director PREBLE MHA 2080 St. Rt. 127 North Eaton, OH 45320 (937) 456-2800</p>	<p>Director SANDUSKY MHA 1358 Mosser Drive Fremont, OH 43420-3274 (419) 334-4426</p>
<p>Director ext 32 SENECA MHA P.O. Box 1029 Mansfield, OH 44901 (419) 447-7744 Directors' #: (419) 524-0029</p>	<p>Director SHELBY MHA 706 North Wagner Avenue Sidney, OH 45365 (937) 498-9898</p>
<p>Director SPRINGFIELD MHA 437 East John Street Springfield, OH 45505 (937) 325-7331</p>	<p>Director ext 303 STARK MHA 400 East Tuscarawas St. Canton, OH 44702-1131 (330) 454-8051</p>

<p>Director TRUMBULL MHA 4076 Youngstown Rd SE Warren, OH 44484 (330) 369-1533</p>	<p>OHAC 2nd V. President TUSCARAWAS MHA 134 Second St., SW New Philadelphia, OH 44663 (330) 308-8099</p>
<p>Director VINTON MHA P.O. Box 487 McArthur, OH 45651 (740) 596-5963</p>	<p>Director WARREN MHA 990 E. Ridge Drive Lebanon, OH 45036 (513) 695-1226</p>
<p>WASHINGTON-MORGAN CAP 218 Putnam St Marietta, OH 45750 (740) 373-3745</p>	<p>Director WAYNE MHA 345 North Market Street Wooster, OH 44691 (330) 264-2727</p>
<p>OHAC 1st V. President WILLIAMS MHA 1044 Chelsea Napoleon, OH 43545 (419) 592-1735</p>	<p>Director YOUNGSTOWN MHA 131 West Boardman Street Youngstown, OH 44503 (330) 744-2161</p>
<p>Director ZANESVILLE MHA 407 Pershing Zanesville, OH 43701 (740) 454-8566</p>	<p>OHAC Corporate Office P.O. Box 1029 Mansfield, OH 44901-1029 (419) 524-9116</p>

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<p align="center">NLHA</p> <p>Nat'l Leased Housing Association 1300 19th St., NW, Suite 410 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 785-8888 hudnlha@worldweb.net www.worldweb.net/~hudnlha</p>	<p align="center">PHADA</p> <p>Public Hsg Authorities Directors Assoc 511 Capital Court, NE Washington, DC 20002-4937 (202) 546-5445 www.phada.org</p>
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Appendix D Veterans Health Administration Facilities in Ohio

VA Medical Centers

<p>Chillicothe VAMC 17273 State Route 104 Chillicothe, OH 45601 Phone: (740) 773-1141 Fax: (740) 772-7084</p>	<p>Cincinnati VAMC 3200 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH 45220 Phone: (513) 861-3100 Fax: (513) 475-6500</p>	<p>Cleveland VAMC (Wade Park) 10701 East Boulevard Cleveland, OH 44106 Phone: (216) 791-3800 Fax: (216) 421-3217</p>
<p>Cleveland VAMC (Brecksville Division) 10000 Brecksville Rd. Brecksville, Ohio 44141 Phone: (440) 526-3030</p>	<p>Dayton VAMC 4100 W. 3rd Street Dayton, OH 45428 Phone: (937) 268-6511 Fax: (937) 262-2179</p>	

Independent Outpatient Clinic

<p>Columbus Outpatient Clinic 420 North James Road Columbus, OH 43219 Phone: (614) 257-5200 Fax: (614) 257-5460</p>
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Community Based Outpatient Clinics

<p>Akron 55 W. Waterloo Akron, OH 44319-116 Phone: (330) 724-7715 Fax: (330) 724-1029</p>	<p>Ashtabula (Erie VA) 1230 Lake Avenue Ashtabula, OH 44004 Phone: (440) 964-6454 Fax: (440) 964-8067</p>	<p>Athens 510 West Union Street Athens, OH 45701 Phone: (740) 593-7314 Fax: (740) 594-2804</p>
<p>Clermont County 4355 Ferguson Drive, Suite 270 Cincinnati, OH 45245 Phone: (513) 943-3680 Fax: (513) 943-3699</p>	<p>Cleveland (McCafferty) 4242 Lorain Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113 Phone: 216-939-0699</p>	<p>East Liverpool 15655 ST. RT. 170 Calcutta, OH 43920 Phone: (330) 386-4303 Fax: (330) 386-4485</p>

Grove City 1955 Ohio Dr. Grove City, OH 43123 Phone: (614) 257-5800 Fax: (614) 257-5801	Lancaster Colonnade Medical Building 1550 Sheridan Drive Ste. 100 Lancaster, OH 43130 Phone: (740) 653-6145 Fax: (740) 653-6250	Lima 1303 Bellefontaine Ave. Lima , OH 45804 Phone: 419-222-5788
Lorain 205 West 20th Street Lorain, OH 44052 Phone: (440) 244-3833 Fax: (440) 244-3834	Mansfield 1456 Park Avenue West Mansfield, OH 44906 Phone: 419-529-4602	Marietta 418 Colegate Drive Marietta, OH 45750 Phone: (740) 568-0412 Fax: (740) 568-0413
Marion 1203 Delaware Avenue, Corporate Center #2 Marion, OH 43302-6419 Phone: 740-223-8089	Middletown 675 North University Boulevard Middletown, OH 45042 Phone: (513) 423-8387 Fax: (513) 423-3309	Painesville 7 West Jackson Street Painesville, OH 44077 Phone: 440-357-6740
Portsmouth 621 Broadway Street Portsmouth, OH 45662 Phone: (740) 353-3236 Fax: (740) 353-4803	Sandusky 3416 Columbus Avenue Sandusky, OH 44870 Phone: (419) 625-7350 Fax: (419) 625-6660	Springfield 512 South Burnett Road Springfield, OH 45505 Phone: (937) 328-3385 Fax: (937) 328-3387
St. Clairsville 107 Plaza Dr. St. Clairsville, OH 43950 Phone: (740) 695-9321	Toledo 3333 Glendale Avenue Toledo, OH 43614 Phone: (419) 259-2000 Fax: (419) 259-2008	Warren 1400 Tod Ave (NW) Warren, OH 44485 Phone: (330) 392-0311 Fax: (330) 392-0323
Zanesville 840 Bethesda Dr., Bldg. 3A Zanesville, OH 43701- 1898 Phone: (740) 453-7725		

Vet Centers

Cincinnati 801 B. West 8th Street, Suite 126 Cincinnati, OH 45203 Phone: 513-763-3500 Fax: 513-763-3505	Cleveland 5700 Pearl Road, Suite 102 Cleveland, OH 44129 Phone: (440) 845-5023 Fax: (440) 845-5024	Cleveland Heights 2022 Lee Road Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 Phone: (216) 932-8471 Fax: (216) 932-1781
Columbus 30 Spruce St. Columbus, OH 43215 Phone: (614) 257-5550 Fax: (614) 257-5551	Dayton 627 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd., 6 th Floor, Dayton, OH 45408 Phone: (937) 461-9150 Fax: (937) 461-4574	

Appendix E County Veterans Service Commission

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<p>Astabula County 1212 Lake Avenue Astabula, OH 44004 Phone: (440) 964-8324</p>	<p>Athens County 70 N. Plains Rd., Suite A Athens, OH 45780 Phone: (740) 592-3216</p>	<p>Auglaize County 209 S. Blackhoof St. Room 202 Wapakoneta, OH 45895 Phone: (419) 739-6750</p>
<p>Belmont County 100 W. Main St. Suite104 St. Clairsville, OH 43950 Phone: (740) 695-2121 Ext. 125</p>	<p>Brown County 303 E. Cherry St. Suite 104 Georgetown, OH 45121-1345 Phone: (937) 378-3155</p>	<p>Butler County Butler Cty. Gov. Service Center First Fl., 315 High St. Hamilton, OH 45011 Phone: (513) 887-3600</p>
<p>Carroll County 160 Second St., SW P.O. Box 303 Carrollton, OH 44615 Phone: (330) 627-2590</p>	<p>Champaign County 308-B Miami Street Urbana, OH 43078 Phone: (937) 653-4554</p>	<p>Clark County 120 South Center Street Springfield, OH 45502 Phone: (937) 328-2482</p>
<p>Clermont County 76 South Riverside Dr. Heritage Bldg., 3rd Fl. Batavia, OH 45103 Phone: (513) 732-7363</p>	<p>Clinton County 43 S. Walnut St., Box # 2 Wilmington, OH 45177 Phone: (937) 382-3233</p>	<p>Columbiana County 966 North Market Street Lisbon, OH 44432 Phone: (330) 424-7214</p>
<p>Coshocton County Court House 318 Main Street Coshocton, OH 43812 Phone: (740) 622-2313</p>	<p>Crawford County 112 E. Mansfield St., Suite 95 CH Lower Level, Admin. Bldg. Bucyrus, OH 44820 Phone: (419) 562-7761</p>	<p>Cuyahoga County 1849 Prospect Avenue 2nd Floor Cleveland, OH 44115 Phone: (216) 698-2600</p>
<p>Darke County 611 Wagner Avenue Greenville, OH 45331 Phone: (937) 547-7398</p>	<p>Defiance County 1300 E. Second St., Ste. 102 Defiance, OH 43512 Phone: (419) 782-6861</p>	<p>Delaware County R.B. Hayes Cty. Svcs. Bldg. 140 N. Sandusky St. Delaware, OH 43015 Phone: (740) 833-2010</p>
<p>Erie County 247 Columbus Avenue Sandusky, OH 44870 Phone: (419) 627-7650/51 Or (419) 627-7579</p>	<p>Fairfield County 227 E. Main Street Lancaster, OH 43130 Phone: (740) 689-6202</p>	<p>Fayette County 133 S. Main Street, Ste. L11 Washington C.H., OH 43160 Phone: (740) 335-1610</p>

Franklin County 250 West Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215 Phone: (614) 462-2500	Fulton County 604 S. Shoop Ave., Ste. 270 Wauseon, OH 43567-1732 Phone: (419) 337-9266	Gallia County 1102 Jackson Pike Spring Valley Plaza Gallipolis, OH 45631 Phone: (740) 446-2005
Geauga County 470 Center Street, Bldg. 8 Chardon, OH 44024 Phone: (440) 279-1860 Ext. 6406	Greene County 541 Ledbetter Road Xenia, OH 45385 Phone: (937) 562-6020	Guernsey County 627 Wheeling Ave., Ste. 102 Cambridge, OH 43725 Phone: (740) 432-9295/94
Hamilton County 230 E. Ninth Street Room 1100 Cincinnati, OH 45202 Phone: (513) 946-3300	Hancock County Midtown Center 209 W. Main Cross St., Ste. 102 Findlay, OH 45840 Phone: (419) 424-7036	Hardin County One Court House Square Suite 120 Kenton, OH 43326 Phone: (419) 674-2219
Harrison County 100 W. Market St., Courthouse Cadiz, OH 43907-1118 Phone: (740) 942-8441	Henry County 1855 Oakwood Avenue Napoleon, OH 43545 Phone: (419) 592-0956	Highland County 135 N. High St., Rm. 116 Hillsboro, OH 45133 Phone: (937) 393-8686
Hocking County Court House, First Floor 1 East Main Street Logan, OH 43138-1207 Phone: (740) 385-7507	Holmes County 10 S. Clay Street, Suite 104 Millersburg, OH 44654-2001 Phone: (330) 674-4806	Huron County 130 Shady Lane Drive Norwalk, OH 44857 Phone: (419) 668-4150
Jackson County 157 Broadway Street Jackson, OH 45640 Phone: (740) 286-3004	Jefferson County 423 North Street Steubenville, OH 43952 Phone: (740) 283-8571	Knox County 117 E. High Street Suite 257 Mt. Vernon, OH 43050 Phone: (740) 393-6742
Lake County Lake County Admin. Bldg. 105 Main Street, Box 490 Painesville, OH 44077 Phone: (440) 350-2567 1-800-899-LAKE Exts. 2568, 2569, & 2570	Lawrence County Court House Ironton, OH 45638 Phone: (740) 533-4327/4328	Licking County 935 Buckeye Avenue Newark, OH 43055 Phone: (740) 670-5430
Logan County 121 S. Opera Street Memorial Hall Bellefontaine, OH 43311 Phone: (937) 599-4221	Lorain County 42495 N. Ridge Road Elyria, OH 44035 Phone: (440) 284-4623/24/25	Lucas County 1301 Monroe Street Suite 200 Toledo, OH 43624 Phone: (419) 213-6090/92

<p>Madison County Court House Room 011 London, OH 43140 Phone: (740) 852-0676</p>	<p>Mahoning County County Annex, Room 213 2801 Market Street Youngstown, OH 44507 Phone: (330) 740-2450/51/52</p>	<p>Marion County Vets. Memorial Coliseum 220 E. Fairground Street Suite 101 Marion, OH 43302 Phone: (740) 387-0100</p>
<p>Medina County 210 Northland Drive Medina, OH 44256 Phone: (330) 722-9368</p>	<p>Meigs County 117 Memorial Drive Pomeroy, OH 45769-9582 Phone: (740) 992-2820</p>	<p>Mercer County 220 West Livingston 2nd Floor Celina, OH 45822 Phone: (419) 586-3542</p>
<p>Miami County 510 W. Water Street Suite 140 Troy, OH 45373-2986 Phone: (937) 440-8126</p>	<p>Monroe County 118 Home Avenue Box 542 Woodsfield, OH 43793 Phone: (740) 472-0743</p>	<p>Montgomery County 627 Edwin C. Moses Blvd. 4th Floor, E. Medical Plaza Dayton, OH 45408 Phone: (937) 225-4801</p>
<p>Morgan County 55 S. Kennebec St. McConnelsville, OH 43756 Phone: (740) 962-4181</p>	<p>Morrow County 619 West Marion Road Suite 107 Mt. Gilead, OH 43338 Phone: (419) 946-1914</p>	<p>Muskingum County 145 Sunrise Center Road Zanesville, OH 43701 Phone: (740) 455-7149</p>
<p>Noble County 140 Courthouse Caldwell, OH 43724 Phone: (740) 732-5567</p>	<p>Ottawa County 8444 W. State Rt. 163 Suite 102 Oak Harbor, OH 43449 Phone: 1-800-610-8872</p>	<p>Paulding County 810 E. Perry Street P.O. Box 215 Paulding, OH 45879 Phone: (419) 399-5571</p>
<p>Perry County 120 West Brown Street New Lexington, OH 43764 Phone: (740) 342-2536</p>	<p>Pickaway County 141 W. Main Street Suite 300 Circleville, OH 43113 Phone: (740) 474-3650 or 1-888-330-3522</p>	<p>Pike County 116 S. Market Street Suite 100 Waverly, OH 45690 Phone: (740) 947-2766</p>
<p>Portage County Portage Co. Admin. Bldg. 449 South Meridian Ravenna, OH 44266 Phone: (330) 297-3545</p>	<p>Preble County 108 North Barron Street Eaton, OH 45320 Phone: (937) 456-6111</p>	<p>Putnam County 245 E. Main Street Suite 105 Ottawa, OH 45875 Phone: (419) 523-4478</p>
<p>Richland County 597 Park Ave. East Mansfield, OH 44905 Phone: (419) 774-5822</p>	<p>Ross County The Ross County Service Center 475 Western Ave., Suite # C Chillicothe, OH 45601-2291 Phone: (740) 772-1600</p>	<p>Sandusky County 2511 Countryside Dr. Suite B Fremont, OH 43420 Phone: (419) 334-4421</p>

<p>Scioto County 612 6th Street, Suite E Portsmouth, OH 45662-3962 Phone: (740) 353-1477</p>	<p>Seneca County 920 East County Road 20 Tiffin, OH 44883 Phone: (419) 447-2885 1-800-820-0189</p>	<p>Shelby County 133 S. Ohio Avenue Sidney, OH 45365-2716 Phone: (937) 498-7282</p>
<p>Stark County 110 Central Plaza South Suite 424 Canton, OH 44702-1413 Phone: (330) 451-7457</p>	<p>Summit County 148 Park Street Akron, OH 44308-1990 Phone: (330) 643-2830</p>	<p>Trumbull County 280 N. Park Avenue, NE Suite 201 Warren, OH 44481 Phone: (330) 675-2585</p>
<p>Tuscarawas County 393 16th St., S.W. P.O. Box 807 New Philadelphia, OH 44663 Phone: (330) 339-1163</p>	<p>Union County 238 West 6th Street Marysville, OH 43040-1531 Phone: (937) 642-7956 1-800-686-2308</p>	<p>Van Wert County 121 E. Main St., Rm. 101 Van Wert, OH 45891 Phone: (419) 238-9592</p>
<p>Vinton County Court House P.O. Box 63 McArthur, OH 45651 Phone: (740) 596-4571 Ext. 224</p>	<p>Warren County 312 E. Silver Street Lebanon, OH 45036 Phone: (513) 695-1363</p>	<p>Washington County 706 Pike Street, Suite 1 Marietta, OH 45750 Phone: (740) 568-9009</p>
<p>Wayne County 356 W. North Street Lower Level Wooster, OH 44691 Phone: (330) 345-6638 1-800-335-6638</p>	<p>Williams County 228 S. Main Street Bryan, OH 43506 Phone: (419) 636-8812</p>	<p>Wood County 1616 East Wooster Street Unit R – Suite 2A-2 Bowling Green, OH 43402 Phone: (419) 354-9147</p>
<p>Wyandot County 129 S. Sandusky Avenue Upper Sandusky, OH 43351 Phone: (419) 294-2045</p>		

Appendix F Important Phone Numbers

- If you have tattoos or body piercings:
- If you have ever snorted cocaine:
- If you have liver disease:
- If you have a history of drinking a lot of alcohol:
- If you have had an abnormal liver function test:

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Treatment

If eligible for veterans' benefits:

Contact the Homeless Veteran Services Coordinator at the local **VA Medical Center**. Call **1-877-222-8387** to find the medical center nearest you.

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 Service** can refer you to local programs. Call **1-800-662-4357**.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill lists community mental health services providers at: www.nami.org or call **1-800-950-6264**.

Mental Health America offers support groups, rehabilitation, socialization and housing services through 340 community organizations located across the country. Call **1-800-273-TALK**, or find a local office online at: www.nmha.org.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

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.

For Veterans and Non-Veterans

If you are unemployed with little or no income, you may be able to get **food stamps**. A person may normally qualify for \$85 to \$100 worth of food stamps per month. Call the toll-free information (866) 244-0071.