

### **Program Site**

VETERANS HAVEN-SOUTH IS LOCATED IN RURAL SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY IN CAMDEN COUNTY, WINSLOW TOWNSHIP, NEAR THE BORDER OF ATLANTIC COUNTY. IT SERVES VETERANS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

THE PROGRAM OCCUPIES ONE THREE-STORY BUILDING ON STATE PROPERTY LOCATED HALFWAY BETWEEN ATLANTIC CITY AND CAMDEN ON THE ROUTE 30 CORRIDOR. THE FACILITY IS ALSO ON THE MAIN BUS LINK BETWEEN ATLANTIC CITY AND CAMDEN AS WELL AS THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN LINE.

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AFFAIRS (VA) AND A WIDE VARIETY OF
SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY
AGENCIES, VETERANS GROUPS AND PRIVATE
CITIZENS.

The military teaches us to retrieve our wounded and bring them home - no one gets left behind.

The Veterans Transitional
Housing program aims to
meet this challenge on the
streets, in the shelters,
and on the front lines of
HUMAN EXISTENCE,
where our brothers and sisters
find themselves in their
GREATEST NEED.

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### Veterans Helping Veterans

## VETERANS HAVEN-SOUTH



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VETERANS
TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING PROGRAM

# **Veterans Haven-South**

The Veterans Transitional Housing Program (Veterans Haven South) is a New Jersey State-operated facility for homeless veterans. After being medically evaluated at a VA Medical Center, eligible veterans must agree to a long term program focusing on psychological, social and vocational rehabilitation.

Veterans Haven-South is a program where residents must be willing to maintain their sobriety while enrolled. Random drug and alcohol testing is constantly performed and violators are immediately placed in an Intensive Outpatient Program to assist with maintaining sobriety.

Veterans admitted to Veterans Haven-South come to a 100 bed facility with 3 different programs and staff who are sensitive to the multiple needs they present such as:

Bridge Housing: Individual Service Plan (ISP) designed for short-term with the focus on the rapid move to permanent housing, rather than the completion of treatment goals, Veterans are expected to receive case management and support, which should be coordinated with the HUD-VASH, SSVF, or other available community based programs. Veterans will receive support in accessing services as needed/requested by the Veteran.

Clinical Treatment Center: Treatment programs will incorporate strategies to increase income and housing attainment goals; Individualized assessment, services and treatment plans are tailored to achieve optimal results in a time efficient manner and are consistent with sound clinical practice; Program stays are to be individualized based upon the IPS for the Veteran (not program driven); Staff are licensed and/or credentialed for the substance-use disorder (SUD)/mental health (MH) services provided.

Service Intensive Transitional Housing: The services incorporate tactics to increase the Veteran's income through employment and/or benefits and obtaining permanent housing. Services provided and strategies used by the Veteran will vary based on the individualized needs of the Veteran and resources available in the community. Applicant specifies the staffing levels and range of services to be provided.

New Jersey has among its homeless population numerous Veterans of the United States Armed Forces

### Services

Veterans Haven-South offers a variety of services for veterans enrolled in our program. During the initial orientation period, all residents are required to be processed through the Philadelphia VA Medical Center.

This is so the veteran can be given a complete physical, assigned a primary care physician and if needed given a PPD (TB) test, which is required for admission to Veterans Haven South.

We also surround our Veterans with a host of supporting services such as Federal & State Veterans Service Officers (VSO) in order to process claims in a timely manner. Ventnor Community Base Outpatient Clinic provides weekly PTSD groups for those that wish to attend. Millville Multi-Service Center supports Veterans Haven-South by providing a program that provides credit repair services and debt forgiveness guidance for our Veterans. Thanks to our supporters and sponsors, we conduct morale building field trips such as visits to Gettysburg Battlefield, Statue of Liberty as well as tranguil fishing trips along with several social activities throughout the year such as Voices of Valor and People & Stories.







#### Staff

Veterans Haven-South staff is comprised of diverse professionals specializing in mental health / social services, addictions counseling, vocational rehabilitation counseling, housing and medical case management.

There is also a 24-hour staff with varied duties to meet the needs of the residents ranging from mentorship to transporting residents for vocational and medical appointments, as well as transporting residents to and from required AA, GA, and NA meetings. The concept of veterans helping veterans is woven throughout the fabric of the program.

### Goals

Veterans Haven-South is dedicated to the success of each Veteran. We have three major goals to accomplish.

- Get Healthy
  - o Mind
  - o Body
  - o Soul
- Get Money
  - e Employ
    - EmploymentCompensation
    - o Education
- Get Housing
  - o Safe
  - Affordable

  - o Sustainable
  - o Quality of Life

Our Nation and our State, grateful for its hard won freedom and democracy, owes a special debt to veterans. That there are so many falling through the gaps in our society is a call to action. We must restore dignity and purpose to those who so unselfishly laid their lives on the line for our country.