Transitional Housing Program for Veterans is a transitional housing model designed to provide safe and stable housing for both male and female veterans who are committed to returning to employment and/or independent living.

The program provides structure in a respectful, clean and sober environment with individual and group chemical dependency counseling, mental health counseling, employment services, and life skills groups.

Transitional Housing Program for Veterans staff and partners provide veterans with assistance, encouragement, and needed support services to foster lasting stability. They assist veterans in reaching personal goals and breaking the cycle of homelessness.

GOALS
Transitional Housing Program for Veterans focuses on three goals:

- Increased residential stability of participants
- Greater self-determination of participants
- Increased skill level and income potential of participants

Street Addresses:
Transitional Housing Program
1141 Beach Drive
Port Orchard, WA 98366
or
1301 Orting Kapowsin Hwy.
Orting, WA 98360

Mailing Address:
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PO BOX 8175
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SERVICES

Case Management: Veterans in the program work in a collaborative partnership with case managers to form an individualized plan. Accountability, progress in achieving goals, and abiding by program rules are cornerstones to continuation in the program.

On-Site Chemical Dependency Services: Veterans in the program have access to individual and group chemical dependency services, including AA and NA groups. The program is a zero tolerance environment, with random drug and alcohol testing.

On-Site Mental Health Services: Veterans in the program have access to mental health services to identify issues that need to be addressed and to develop a course of treatment. The treatment plan may include individual and/or group mental health services. Part of the treatment may include life skills training and community volunteer work.

On-Site Community Service Center: Veterans and family members have access to assistance with veterans’ benefits. Staff members, accredited by the Federal VA in benefits assistance, are available to assist veterans applying for VA Healthcare, VA disability compensation/pension, and other county, state, and federal veterans’ benefits for Veterans and Military Retirees.

ELIGIBILITY

- Served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Received an Honorable or General Under Honorable Discharge
- Homeless for one or more nights
- Desire to lead a clean and sober lifestyle
- Desire to make meaningful life changes leading to independent living
- Willing to undergo criminal background check

Women Veterans Wing:
The Women Veterans Wing provides more privacy and security for Women Veterans participating in the Transitional Housing Program by offering a separate housing wing dedicated to serving the needs of Women Veterans.

Bridge Housing:
Bridge Housing is intended to be a short term stay in transitional housing for veterans with pre-identified permanent housing destinations. Permanent housing intervention has been offered and accepted by the homeless veteran, but housing is not immediately available.

ADMISSION

Most veterans are referred by the Federal VA Medical Center Homeless Coordinators. Veterans should work through these coordinators to be considered for admission. Please call 253-582-8440 for more information. Veterans may also be referred to the program by community service providers. Veterans may contact the Transitional Housing Program for Veterans staff member at 800-562-2308 or 360-895-4371 email thp@dva.wa.gov for more information.

ON-SITE JOB CENTER

An on-site job center is available to veterans in the program, providing access to computers, internet, e-mail, voicemail, and fax services. Employment and training services are provided collaboratively by program staff, WorkSource, volunteers, community providers, and the local business community. Employment services include vocational guidance, job readiness skills, computer familiarity, computer-assisted job search, internet and e-mail guidance, resume development, and job referrals.

TRANSPORTATION

Transitional Housing Program for Veterans has a van to transport veterans in the program to case management related appointments. The Port Orchard location is also located near bus lines and is accessible from the Seattle area.

Transitional Housing Program for Veterans is located at the Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard, WA and the Washington Soldiers Home in Orting, WA. The 100-bed transitional housing program is available to assist men and women veterans in need of stable housing, vocational rehabilitation, and increased income potential. Veterans are surrounded with supportive staff and wraparound services designed to lead to their successful completion of the program and a successful return to the community.

800-562-2308 WWW.DVA.WA.GOV/BENEFITS