

## Program Mission

To provide job training and employment opportunities to homeless female Veterans and homeless Veterans with custodial children.

It is geared to help those Veterans who do not have a fixed, regular nighttime residence and includes Veterans who live in supervised public or private shelters. Tampa Crossroads, Inc. will help Veterans find safe permanent housing.

We are committed to helping individuals set goals, develop positive attitudes, and learn good work habits necessary to maintain successful employment re-entry into the workforce.

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*Providing Positive Alternatives*

## About Tampa Crossroads, Inc.

Tampa Crossroads, Inc. is a licensed community based provider, serving those in need for over 35 years. We operate licensed residential treatment facilities, transitional housing programs, and outpatient treatment programs in Hillsborough & Pinellas Counties.

## Our Passion for Serving Veterans

Over the past 4 years we assessed and provided services to over 400 homeless & at-risk Veterans and their families in Hillsborough County. We operate the [Athena House](#), a 16-bed transitional housing program for homeless female Veterans located near Ybor City in Tampa.

*Tampa Crossroads, Inc. is a member of the Hillsborough County Continuum of Care.*

## For More Information Contact:

### Veterans Assistance Center

4203 N. Nebraska Ave.

Tampa, FL 33603

(813) 238-8557 x300 Office

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### HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL?

If you are a provider seeking to refer a Veteran to our Center, please fax a completed [Veteran Referral Form](#) to (813) 232-2009. This form is available for download on our website at:

[www.tampacrossroads.com](http://www.tampacrossroads.com)

### JUST THE FACTS

Female Veterans are now **2-4 times** more likely to end up homeless than civilian women. A major reason for this is the fact that the support network for homeless Veterans has traditionally been geared towards men. Women Veterans and Veterans with children need specialized services that have not been available to them until now.

The VEN program is the first step in helping our female Veterans and Veterans with children get the specialized employment help they need and deserve.



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# VETERANS EMPLOYMENT NETWORK PROGRAM (VEN)

## A Tampa Crossroads, Inc. Veterans' Employment Training & Placement Program

*According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the unemployment rate for recently discharged Veterans is nearly 3 times the national average.*



## Funded by the U.S. Department of Labor Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (FF-HVRP)



# HELPING VETERANS RECEIVE PAYCHECKS – DETERMINE YOUR GOALS & DEVELOP A PLAN

## How We Can Help

The Veterans Employment Network (VEN) program is here to help you to start on a new path and optimize your ability to live independently, with pride and dignity. Let us help you to develop your strategy for success!



### Services Offered:

Our team first conducts several assessments to identify barriers to employment, prior work history, existing skills, and training needs. Next, we work with you to create a customized plan to meet your employment goals.

The following services are provided according to the individual needs of each Veteran:

- Life Skills & Vocational Counseling
- Resume Writing
- Mock Interviewing
- Connections to Community Resources
- Job Search Support
- Job Skills Development Workshops
- Money Management Training
- Job Training & Education
- Follow-up & Employment Retention
- Child Care & Transportation Assistance

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## Eligibility Requirements

Veterans must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the VEN program:

- Must be one of the following:
  1. \*Homeless Veteran Female **with or without** Children
  2. Homeless Veteran Male **with** Children

\*The term "homeless" includes "at-risk" of losing housing within 14 days.

- Must be a Veteran who served in the active U.S. military with a discharge status above dishonorable.
- Must be motivated, willing to search for work, & connect to necessary benefits.
- Must be willing to provide VA status documentation & complete several assessments.
- Must be willing to disclose personal information affecting employability, including criminal history, substance abuse, & disabilities. (These are NOT disqualifying factors.)

### DON'T MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS?

If you are a Veteran but do not meet the above requirements, please do not hesitate to contact our center. We are honored to assist you in finding other resources!



## Frequently Asked Questions

### HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Contact our center at (813) 238-8557 x300 to schedule an appointment with a case manager for an intake assessment. We also accept referrals from other providers, such as the VA.

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE ASSESSMENT?

The case manager will focus on your housing stability and basic needs first. You will then be referred to our life skills counselor for a job readiness assessment. The next step is to meet with our career counselor, review expectations, and enroll in the VEN program.

### WHAT HAPPENS ONCE I'M ENROLLED?

Our program staff will work with you to create an Individualized Employment Plan (IEP), which is customized according to your needs. The plan includes goal setting, job skills trainings, and a timeline for completion of all activities necessary to meet your employment goals. Our job developer will assist with employer contacts and job search support as appropriate.

### WHAT WILL IT COST?

There is no cost to you. The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded Tampa Crossroads, Inc. funding (FF-HVRP grant) to provide this service free of charge to qualified Veterans. Direct financial assistance for short-term trainings, certifications, and work-related items may be provided based on need and availability of funding.

[Call for more details.](#)