

Community Employment Services

Community Employment Coordinators (CEC)

The CEC is a liaison, advocate, technical advisor in the assessment and development of employment services for homeless Veterans at the local VAHCS. They provide ongoing orientation training of the homeless services continuum (i.e., homeless program providers, grantees, VA employment program staff, etc.) to increase the role of employment in permanent housing as well as oversight regarding employment outcomes of Veterans receiving homeless services. CECs also provide direct assistance in connecting Veterans to the appropriate and least restrictive VAHCS and/or community-based employment service leading to competitive employment with appropriate support.

The CEC works with Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and Grant and Per Diem (GPD) grantees that target employment; other Federal agencies and local community, non-profit and faith-based organizations that provide employment services to homeless Veterans.



The CEC collaborates with employers ready to hire Veterans. CECs are a recruiters' connection to potential Veteran candidates for jobs in a wide variety of sectors.

- Pre-screen Veterans with a variety of skill sets and from all educational levels
- Refer job-ready Veteran candidates who are ready to work from day one for open positions
- Help facilitate hiring and onboarding
- Assist Veterans in applying their military experiences to civilian employment
- Help in meeting diversity and inclusion goals

CECs increase Veterans' likelihood of employment success by connecting them to job-resources and career opportunities.

They collaborate with VA and non-VA partners — Compensated Work Therapy, VR&E, American Job Centers, Department of Labor homeless Veteran grantees, faith-based and community organizations—to identify gaps in competitive employment services for Veterans.

CECs engage with community partners and local employers on efforts to end and prevent homelessness among Veterans.

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