

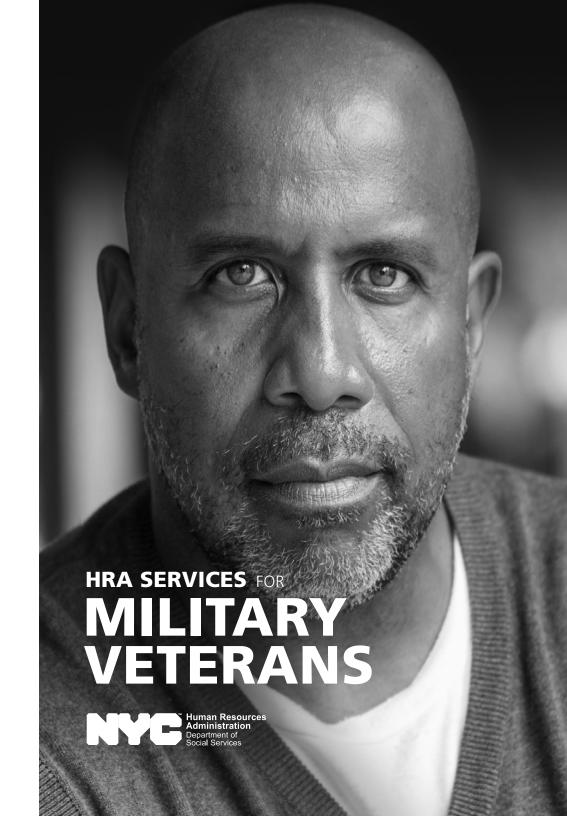
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New York City's Human Resources Administration has many services for veterans; Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve components; and their families. In addition to benefits like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, housing supports, medical assistance, help with child support, and other services, we can also connect you to Federal benefits for which you may qualify thanks to your military service.

THE MICHAEL J. HANDY VETERANS' JOB CENTER

The Michael J. Handy Veterans' Job Center is located in downtown Brooklyn at 25 Chapel Street, 6th floor. The Center helps connect veterans and their families with a range of benefits, including:

- Cash Assistance and referrals to employment and training programs
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps)
- Assistance with applying for Social Security Income (SSI) benefits
- Referrals to Federal Veterans' Benefits and other services
- Housing assistance, including issuance of rent and security deposits for Housing and Urban Development – Veterans' Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) grant vouchers and other vouchers/ subsidy programs
- Referral to the Office of Child Support Enforcement to assist with child support cases

The Michael J. Handy Veterans' Job Center is conveniently located in the same building as the Brooklyn Vet Center, which provides a wide variety of veteran's services, and the Brooklyn VA Multi-Service Center.

Contact the Michael J. Handy Veterans' Job Center at 718-473-8318.

HOUSING FOR VETERANS

HRA participates on the NYC Veterans' Task Force with a number of City agencies and other groups, including the Department of Homeless Services and Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs. The Task Force works to coordinate City, State, Federal and other services to end veteran homelessness and help veterans find permanent housing or safely remain in their homes.

For assistance finding permanent housing, please call 311.

HEALTH BENEFITS

As a veteran, you have options regarding health benefits. If you are not already enrolled in VA healthcare, you can apply online at www.va.gov. VA healthcare gives you low or no cost access to services at a wide variety of veteran's facilities. You can combine your VA coverage with other forms of private or public health insurance.

If you want to apply for public health insurance and are aged 65 or older or need Medicaid because of a disability or blindness, you can apply through HRA. For more information, call 1-888-692-6116 or visit www.nyc.gov/hra. Low-income pregnant women, children and adults under age 65 must apply for coverage through New York State's health plan marketplace, New York

State of Health, where you can obtain Medicaid benefits, Child Health Plus and subsidized private health insurance. For more information or to apply go to www.nystateofhealth. ny.gov or call 1-855-355-5777.

CHILD SUPPORT

HRA's Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) conducts regular outreach to veterans and active military personnel who are either custodial or noncustodial parents to provide information about the child support services available to them. OCSE puts children first by helping parents provide for the economic and social well-being, health, and stability of their children. OCSE also assists noncustodial parents with modifying their child support order, providing assistance in paying off child support arrears, and providing employment assistance and referrals to services like mediation.

For more information, call the Child Support Helpline at 888-208-4485 or visit www.nyc.gov/hra/ocse



OTHER SERVICES

HRA has many other programs which might help veterans in need:

- The HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) offers case management, housing assistance and other services for New Yorkers with HIV.
- The Adult Protective Services (APS)
 program assists at-risk physically and/
 or mentally impaired adults who cannot
 care for themselves and have no one to
 assist them responsibly. APS can provide
 financial management services for clients
 who cannot manage their own finances,
 including benefits like Social Security and
 veterans' benefits.
- The Home Care Services Program (HCSP) authorizes and provides access to a variety of Medicaid-funded long term care programs designed to help eligible older adults or disabled individuals remain safely at home. Home Care programs have different eligibility requirements, but they all require that you be eligible for Medicaid.
- The Office of Domestic Violence can provide emergency shelter and support services for survivors of domestic violence. If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse from a partner or family member, please call New York City's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-621-HOPE.
- The Wellness, Comprehensive
 Assessment, Rehabilitation and
 Employment (WeCARE) program helps
 Cash Assistance clients with medical or
 mental health conditions that affect their
 employability reach their highest level of
 self-sufficiency through employment or by
 obtaining federal disability benefits.
- The Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs
 can help connect you to public and private
 resources, and assist you with a wealth
 or resources designed specifically to
 accommodate the needs of the veteran
 and military community.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HRA PROGRAMS AND GET HELP, GO TO WWW.NYC.GOV/HRA OR CALL 311.