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"making a difference ... one life at a time."
If America is the 'Home of the Brave,' why are so many of the brave homeless?
Literature Review

• Wayne County Resource Guide (2011-2012)

• U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
  • "In January 2010 four states—California, Florida, New York, and Texas—accounted for 50 percent of all homeless veterans across the country."
  • Housing definitions: homeless, transitional, and permanent

• The New York Times (2011)
  • "The unemployment rate for veterans aged 20 to 24 has averaged 30 percent this year, more than double that of others the same age."

• Food Bank for New York City (2011)
Over **67,000** veterans are homeless on any given night

**1.5 Million** other veterans are considered at risk of homelessness

This past year the number of HUD VA Supported Housing vouchers increased by **80%** in upstate NY
### Potential Causes for Veteran Homelessness

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Many vets are living with the effects of:

| • PTSD                                    | Substance Abuse Care                            |
| • Sustained Health Issues,                | Quality Jobs                                    |

¹ Sources: [1]
Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program

President Obama's goal: ending veteran homelessness by 2015.

Veterans Affairs distributed $100 million in grants.

FLACRA received a grant in partnership with the Veteran Outreach Center of Monroe County to assist 500 families.

FLACRA was assigned 100 families to assist.
Ontario County Veterans Service Agency
2010 Annual Report

Roughly, there are 5,100 veterans in Ontario County as of 2010.

Our client estimates that more than 120,000 veterans will be returning to upstate NY this year.

Breakdown by Period of Military Service as of 2010:

- WWII - 1814
- Korea - 912
- Vietnam - 1780
- Gulf - 480
- Afghan - 129
OBJECTIVES

• On behalf of the Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling and Referral Agency, we aim to assist Veterans in Ontario County, by compiling a resources guide into one database.

• Currently, there is no accessible, existing guide that lists available services. Therefore we hope to assemble a guide that will contain a list of information about agencies and organizations.

• Our database guide will focus on specific institutions that provide housing, food, and employment.

• The database will be published in print and accessible online to help expand FLACRA’s network of resources.
METHODOLOGY

Snowball Sampling Methods

- Linear Snowball Sampling
- Exponential Non-Discriminative Snowball Sampling
- Exponential Discriminative Snowball Sampling
CONCLUSIONS

• More collaboration is needed between Ontario County Veteran assistance agencies

• As more soldiers return home, these providers will become increasingly utilized

• Ask new contacts to help us connect with the contacts they provide us

• There are numerous persons working on resource guides for veterans in Ontario County.

• Our hope is that our guide will be sustainable and will continue to expand


• http://www.fort.usgs.gov/landsatsurvey/SnowballSampling.asp


• (http://www.nchv.org/background.cfm)

