

HVRP NEWS!

A PUBLICATION OF NEW VISION HOUSE OF HOPE'S
HOMELESS VETERANS' REINTEGRATION PROGRAM



Interviewing Tips for the Digital Age

In today's digital age, job search skills play a crucial role in securing employment opportunities. The internet has revolutionized the job market, offering a plethora of online platforms and resources for job seekers. To navigate this digital landscape effectively, individuals must possess a diverse set of skills. Firstly, proficiency in using online job search engines and career websites is essential. Tailoring resumes and cover letters for digital platforms and understanding keywords are also crucial. Networking through professional social media platforms like LinkedIn and attending virtual career fairs can help candidates expand their professional connections. Additionally, developing strong communication skills for virtual interviews and maintaining a professional online presence are vital in today's job market. By honing these job search skills in the digital age, individuals can increase their chances of finding rewarding employment opportunities and advancing their careers.

What is HVRP?
New Vision House of Hope, a non-profit organization that has provided transitional housing, placements for permanent housing, and supportive services for Baltimore City's homeless citizens for more than 20 years, is in its second year of the a federal grant through the United States Department of Labor. This grant, the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) provides job training, placements, and referrals to housing and other supportive services for eligible Veterans who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of becoming homeless, in addition to those reentering the community after incarceration.

Eligibility

- Must be a homeless veteran or at risk of homelessness
- Must have served at least one day of active duty military
- Must have proof of Veteran status (i.e. DD214)
- Must have received any type of discharge status other than dishonorable.

We value your input!

Please take a moment to consider the services you have received through New Vision House of Hope's Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program. Tell us how we can better serve your needs.



SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY!

In these tough economic times, it is even more important to serve those who have served our nation. Please consider donating either dried or canned good to help establish a food pantry specifically for those who have proudly served our nation and are now in a time of need.

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MEET OUR STAFF

This issue's spotlight is on Ms. Towanda Brown, Case Manager.

My career:

I have served the public for over 23 years combined, with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees under The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). Both tenures allowed me to establish relationships between the customer and the community. Resourcing with outside entities to organize and supervise service programs for the customer. I have been able to assist with rehabilitation and the legal rights of the customer. Creating platforms for the customer and the employer to be able to communicate and establish a working relationship that is progressive for both parties. During this time, I have been intricate in analyzing and assisting with establishing standards of policies and procedures conducive for all parties involved.

Facing Challenges:

Working closely with the customer to assist with diversity of transitions, rendering aid and support towards self-sustaining outcome. While assisting the customer to overcome any barriers that may exist, I have discovered that I have to approach each individual needs to tailor that person. In serving the public in any genre, we have to approach it as if it was our own need. Whether in a leadership position or supportive staff, I am a steward for the customer. My Stewardship derives from my spiritual relationship with the Almighty. Romans 13:17 (Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that a man lay down his life for his friend).

Personal growth:

I enjoy helping others modularize their lives for a productive and healthy state of being. While assisting others, I learn how to modularize and stabilize my own life.

Why I enjoy working with the program:

Being a part of New Vision House of Hope/ Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program is very rewarding. I am able to transition from public sector to private sector, still providing the services and support to an audience that is sometimes forgotten. I am grateful to serve those who have dedicated their lives to protect others. John 15:13 (Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friend).

African American Military History

Colonel Charles Young was a distinguished African American military officer and diplomat who made significant contributions to the United States Army and the nation as a whole. Born in 1864 to enslaved parents in Kentucky, Young overcame significant challenges to become one of the most influential figures of his time.

Young's military career began when he enrolled at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1884, where he faced racism and discrimination. Despite the adversity, Young excelled academically and graduated in 1889, becoming the third African American to do so. His early career included service in the Ninth and Tenth U.S. Cavalry Regiments, known as the "Buffalo Soldiers," where he demonstrated exceptional leadership and strategic acumen.

In 1903, Young became the first African American to achieve the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army, a remarkable accomplishment given the racial prejudices of the time. He served as a military attaché in Haiti and Liberia, where he played a crucial role in shaping U.S. foreign policy and fostering positive relationships with these nations.



Young's legacy extends beyond his military achievements. He was a talented linguist, musician, and author, and his contributions to the fields of military strategy and diplomacy are widely recognized.

His leadership and dedication to duty continue to inspire generations of Americans, regardless of background.