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WESTCARE FOUNDATION, INC.

and

THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

(WDVA)



Washington Soldiers Home, Orting, Washington
~ Betsy Ross Hall ~

Mission

Betsy Ross Hall for women Veterans is transitional housing designed to provide safe and stable housing for women veterans who are committed to returning to employment and/or independent living. Betsy Ross is modeled after the WDVA Building 9 Transitional Housing Program. This means that WestCare's policies regarding admission, background checks, case management, reporting requirements, security, and all policies and procedures, will meet all federal and state requirements.

Eligibility

- Served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Received an Honorable or General Under Honorable Discharge (*case by case basis*)
- Homeless for one or more nights
- Clean and sober for at least the last 30 days
- Desire to lead a clean and sober lifestyle
- Desire to make meaningful life changes leading to independent living
- Willing to undergo criminal background

Admission

Veterans are 100% referred through **Pierce County Coordinated Entry** at (253)682-3401. Veterans can call Pierce County Coordinated Entry on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Veterans should work through these coordinators to be considered for admission.

Services

- **Case Management** – Veterans in the program work in a collaborative partnership with case managers to form an individualized case plan.
- **Chemical Dependency Services** – Veterans in the program have access to individual and group chemical dependency services. The program is a zero tolerance environment, with random drug and alcohol testing.
- **Mental Health Services** – Veterans in the program have access to mental health services to identify issues that need to be addressed and to develop a course of treatment.
- **Community Services Center** (*future goal*)

Program Goals and Outcomes

- Improving members' outcomes related to participation in regional VA and Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs rehabilitation, counseling and housing programs.
- Increasing awareness and use of practices demonstrated to improve health, wellness and independence.
- Reducing barriers to individual stability, health and independence.
- Increasing awareness and promoting entrepreneurial and career opportunities available to Veterans.
- Establishing sustainable community connections, mentors and coaches.
- Reducing dependency on pharmaceuticals and other substances and the development of complementary and alternative methods to manage stress, pain and anxiety.
- Empowering Veterans to be effective advocates for themselves and other Veterans.
- Giving back to the community through service.

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