

Be Connected is on a mission to connect every Arizona service member, veteran & their families to support and resources. Call and connect today!

866-4AZ-VETS

Ecosystem of Support: Areas of Focus  
> Housing & Homelessness



## Safe & Affordable Housing

Finding the right housing can be overwhelming because there are many factors (location, cost, comfort, safety, etc.) . Some unscrupulous people take advantage of others who are vulnerable due to an urgent need for safe, affordable housing. Be sure to seek assistance from trusted resources including state, county and local government, and community based agencies that are accountable to laws, rules and policies.

- ✓ If you are seeking affordable housing or want to become a first home buyer, HUD.gov offers housing counselors who can help answer questions about a variety of topics including loans, assistance programs, the home buying process and connection to real estate agents who can work with you on next steps.
- ✓ If you are seeking affordable rental housing, there are many state and federal programs which offer subsidized housing, public housing, and housing choice vouchers. Our team can give you the details on how these programs work and provide connection to resources if you are homeless. Call Be Connected at 866-4AZ-VETS (429-8387).
- ✓ If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness, seek out social service agencies that offer a 'needs assessment'. A needs assessment is designed to determine which areas of a person's life are impacted and what immediate resources are available. If someone is in an unsafe situation please call 911 or the 24 hour domestic violence hotline at 800-799-7233.

## Everyone Has a Story



Everyone struggling with housing has a story that led them to where they are today. Understanding an individual's story is essential to serving them accurately and with compassion and dignity.

## Offer Support

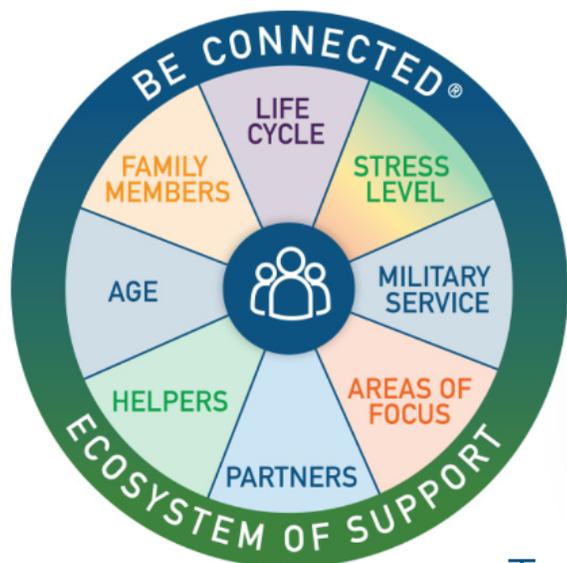


If someone you know is experiencing (or at risk of) homelessness or struggling to find safe, affordable housing, learn more about the problems they are experiencing. Avoid stigmatizing and stereotyping. Ask about the resources they have already tried and if there are any specific practical tasks you could help with. Let them know what help is available and you will work with them to connect to appropriate and available resources. Find immediate shelter for the person, if necessary, then assist in seeking resources for longer-term placement.

## We Can Help



There are a multitude of resources in Arizona that offer help navigating housing and homelessness . The Be Connected support line uses a resource matching tool to identify the right resources to best fit your situation. Call 866-4AZ-VETS (429-8387).



## The Be Connected® Ecosystem of Support

We're on a mission to connect every Arizona service member, veteran & their family members to support and resources for wellness, employment, benefits and more! We achieve this mission through our Be Connected Ecosystem of Support. This unified network of people, organizations and communities is accessed through our support line: 866-4AZ-VETS (866-429-8387).

## Total Support

The Be Connected Ecosystem of Support offers a holistic approach to ensure that service members, veterans and their families receive the care and support they deserve. Everyone in our community has a role to play in to ensure that any door they enter is a gateway to a welcoming, supportive and helpful space.

**Areas of Focus** - Be Connected focuses on all of the social determinants of health, by connecting service members, veterans & family members to support and resources.

**Stress Level** - Our upstream approach means support is available across the stress levels, with a goal of earlier intervention.

**Partners** - We deliver services and support through our unified, statewide, interconnected partner network, enabling us to maximize our collective impact.

**Life Cycle** - Be Connected offers resources throughout the military life cycle, from the start of service to separation and beyond.

**Helpers** - Helpers play a key role in engaging and connecting people and families to the resources and support they need, when they need it.

**Family Members** - Every family member matters to Be Connected and our team is here for you with support and connection to resources.

**Military Service** - We're here for all service members and veterans – regardless of branch, component, length/era of service and discharge status.

**Age** - As your needs change and evolve throughout your life, Be Connected is here for you. Reach out to our team today for personalized support.