

VENTURA COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 800-799-7233
or text BEGIN to 88788

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, we urge you to call or text the domestic violence hotline to speak with an advocate. Victims can access emergency shelter where they receive support, safety planning, case management, counseling, and assistance with restraining orders. Ventura County has several resources available to support survivors of all ages and their families.

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GRAND OPENINGS

Several Permanent Housing Projects have opened their doors and welcomed residents across the County! Thousand Oaks opens the city's first navigation center with 30 shelter beds!

VETERAN STAND DOWN 2025

The return of the Stand Down in Ventura County was a huge success, connecting over 200 Veterans to healthcare, housing, employment, and social support.

HONORING LEADERSHIP

Tracy McAulay, County of Ventura Housing Solutions Director, received the Carmen Ramirez Housing Advocacy Award for her dedication to expanding housing opportunities for all.

A STORY OF HOPE: FINDING HOME AGAIN

After a year without a home, "N" found safety, belonging, and a fresh start through Turning Point Foundation. Her story is a powerful testament of resilience and the life-changing impact of finding home again.



ENDING HOMELESSNESS
IN VENTURA COUNTY

Get involved with us!

<https://www.venturacoc.org/get-involved/>

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS FOR SUPPORTING SURVIVORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

IN VENTURA COUNTY, SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING SURVIVORS AND PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.



24/7 BILINGUAL
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE
1-800-300-2181

The Coalition for Family Harmony

Prevention • Intervention • Support • Education

For more than 50 years, the Coalition has been a lifeline for victims and families affected by domestic violence. Their 24-hour bilingual crisis hotline provides immediate support and guidance to anyone in need. The organization offers a full range of services including emergency shelter, individual and family counseling, legal advocacy, and housing assistance. All services are free of charge and available in both English and Spanish. Beyond direct support, the Coalition is committed to education, training, and violence prevention, working to break the cycle of violence. True to their vision to “empower victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault to move from crisis to confidence,” the Coalition offers hope, safety, and support to every person they serve.

Interface Children & Family Services (ICFS)

Creating a Safer, Healthier Community for All

Interface has been a critical safety net for children and families affected by domestic violence in Ventura County for over 4 decades. Their comprehensive, trauma-informed services are free of charge and include a 24/7 bilingual hotline, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and community support groups. ICFS provides specialized support for youth in crisis through street outreach services and a six-bed runaway and homeless youth shelter. In partnership with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, ICFS co-leads the Human Trafficking Task Force, providing coordinated prevention and intervention services for victims while also delivering community training and raising awareness about human trafficking.



24/7 YOUTH OUTREACH HOTLINE:
1-805-469-5882

24/7 BILINGUAL
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:
1-800-636-6738



CALL: (805) 652-7655
TEXT: (805) 947-7981

Ventura County Family Justice Center (VCFJC)

Empowerment, Support & Hope

Operating as a collaborative hub, the VCFJC unites over 40 public agencies and community organizations to provide comprehensive, holistic services in one accessible location. From legal advocacy and crisis intervention to counseling, housing assistance, and financial and career guidance, the VCFJC offers a full spectrum of support. By creating a safe and welcoming environment, the center empowers survivors and their families to navigate complex challenges, access the resources they need, and take meaningful steps toward healing, recovery, and breaking the cycle of abuse.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED: VETERAN STAND DOWN 2025

On August 1, 2025, the Ventura County Continuum of Care Veterans One Team proudly hosted the Veteran Stand Down event, a vital community initiative dedicated to supporting Veterans across Ventura County.

This year's Stand Down brought together dedicated service providers, community organizations, and government agencies to deliver comprehensive resources including healthcare, housing assistance, employment support, and legal aid.

The event welcomed over 237 Veterans, who accessed critical services to meet both their immediate and long-term needs. Housing assistance was provided to 100 Veterans, while 109 accessed vital social services and 121 received medical care. In addition to these core services, 200 Veterans received clothing donations, and 71 were provided with hygiene supplies to support their immediate needs.



A key focus of the event was connecting Veterans to essential benefits and programs. Fifty-six Veterans enrolled in VA programs, and thirty-eight benefited from the HUD-VASH initiative, which integrates housing, social services, and VA benefits to foster lasting stability. Employment assistance was also extended to fifteen Veterans through the Employment Development Department (EDD) and U.S.VETS programs, while ten Veterans received legal aid in partnership with the Public Defender's Office.

The Veteran Stand Down was more than just a day of service, it was a powerful demonstration of our community's shared commitment to ending Veteran homelessness and improving quality of life for those who have served our nation.



We extend our deepest gratitude to all Veterans and organizations whose participation made this event a remarkable success. The Veterans One Team remains steadfast in its commitment to support and serve Ventura County's Veterans, today and always.

SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for the
2026 Veteran Stand Down
on **August 1, 2026**

NEW HOUSING PROJECTS OPEN ACROSS THE COUNTY!

DOLORES HUERTA GARDENS



Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation is now providing 58 homes for farmworkers, Veterans, and families. 15 units are dedicated for Veterans experiencing homelessness. The Veteran units were matched through the VC CoC Veterans One Team with ongoing support provided by Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).

GRAND OPENINGS

VENTURA SPRINGS



Our Veterans One Team celebrated the opening of 122 new housing units at Ventura Springs Apartments! 54 homeless Veterans were prioritized and matched to supportive housing units. The VA and US Vets are providing onsite supportive services.

VALENTINE ROAD



The Ventura Housing Authority celebrated the completion of the first phase of the Valentine Road Apartments, on June 29 at the former La Quinta hotel in Ventura. This Homekey conversion will provide 134 new Permanent Supportive Housing units for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. So far, 40 residents have moved into their new homes with supportive services being provided by Ventura County Behavioral Health, Whole Person Care, and other social service providers.

THRIVE GROVE



This is a collaborative project with supports from the City of Thousand Oaks, Many Mansions, Hope the Mission, Dignity Moves, and the County of Ventura. Thrive Grove Navigation Center now offers 30 shelter beds to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

RAISE THE ROOF 2025 COMPASSION CAMPAIGN & SERVICE AWARD!

HOUSING TRUST FUND ANNUAL COMPASSION CAMPAIGN



Housing Trust Fund Ventura County's 6th Annual Compassion Campaign, held September 4th in Moorpark, united over 200 community members in support of affordable housing.

The inspiring evening featured powerful storytelling including a heartfelt testimony from Denia, a local mother whose life was transformed through affordable housing following years of instability and uncertainty. Guest Speakers Dr. John Nunes of Cal Lutheran and filmmaker Giorgio Angelini offered insightful perspectives on the broader housing crisis, emphasizing the real, life-changing impact affordable housing has on families.

Thanks to incredible community support, the event was a huge success, breaking its fundraising record for the fourth year in a row!

TRACY MCAULAY HONORED WITH CARMEN RAMIREZ HOUSING ADVOCACY AWARD

Congratulations to Tracy McAulay! Tracy's passion for building affordable housing and serving the community shines brightly through everything she does.

Tracy has led several State Homekey award efforts, resulting in 226 permanent supportive housing units dedicated to people experiencing homelessness. Her deep commitment and genuine dedication to her work have been crucial in building strong partnerships and securing vital grant funding to expand affordable housing in our community.

Thank you, Tracy, for your advocacy and tireless dedication to creating a safe and accessible community for all!



TRACY MCAULAY
VENTURA COUNTY
HOUSING SOLUTIONS DIRECTOR

N'S JOURNEY HOME WITH TURNING POINT FOUNDATION

A CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

When “N” came to Turning Point Foundation, she was 76 years old and had been surviving for a year sleeping in a business location kind enough to allow her to stay. Each day was a struggle, and she often wondered if she would ever feel safe or at home again. At her age, many people might think it is too late to start over, but N has proven that new beginnings are always possible.

Her journey with Turning Point Foundation began when she walked into its shelter, Our Place Safe Haven, after being referred by members of the community. She met with Safe Haven and Outreach staff and built trust that made change possible. N was welcomed into Our Place Safe Haven, which offers both safety and a sense of community to those experiencing homelessness. For the first time in years, N had a place where she could rest, recover, and feel supported.

With this stability, N was able to take the next step through Turning Point Foundation’s Rapid Rehousing Program. This program provided the resources and support she needed to secure an apartment of her own and keep it. Moving into her new home was an emotional milestone. As she held her keys, she shared that it was the first time in years that she truly felt at home.



Although N no longer works, she has found a meaningful way to give back to the community, helping prepare meals at the shelter, offering encouragement, compassion, and care to others who are still working toward stability. Her presence has become a source of comfort and inspiration to both staff and residents.

N’s story is a reminder of what is possible when people are given the chance to rebuild. With compassion, housing, and community support, lives are transformed. At 77 years old, N shows us all that it is never too late to find home again.



For over 35 years, Turning Point Foundation has provided community-based mental health programs, critical support services, and housing to thousands of adults affected by mental health challenges. Its programs address a range of personal needs, including a homeless shelter to meet necessary physical and safety requirements; supportive housing to provide decent, affordable housing; rehabilitation and socialization centers to provide meaningful, productive activities, companionship, and a sense of purpose; and several other programs.

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

COC DATA COMMITTEE MEETING | 11/5/2025
COC BOARD MEETING | 11/12/2025
COC ALLIANCE ZOOM MEETING | 11/13/2025
COC BOARD MEETING | 12/10/2025
SHARED HOUSING WORKGROUP | 12/11/2025
COC ALLIANCE ZOOM MEETING | 1/15/2026
COC HOUSING & SERVICES MEETING | 1/21/2026
HOMELESS POINT IN TIME COUNT | 1/28/2026

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Thank you to all our partners for your unwavering compassion and commitment to serving those most vulnerable. Your daily efforts strengthen Ventura County's network of care and bring us closer to a future where homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring.



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