

BY-NAME LISTS: HELPING VA HOUSE EVERY HOMELESS VETERAN FOR GOOD



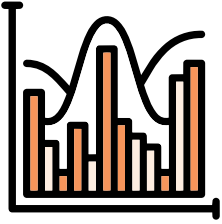
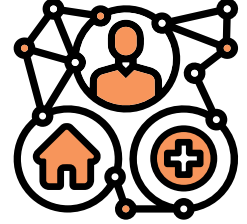
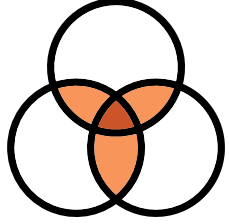

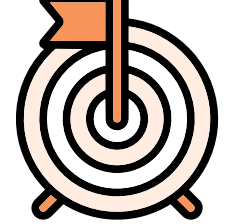
In 2026, every VA medical center (VAMC) in America will build and maintain a high-quality by-name list of homeless Veterans in their area. With granular data, strong partnerships, and consistent support, we can take bold action to end Veteran homelessness for good.

WHAT IS A BY-NAME LIST?




A by-name list, or BNL, is a status-based roster of every Veteran experiencing homelessness in a community. It includes Veteran identifiers such as name and contact details, housing status, and available information related to services needed. It ensures Veterans are identified quickly, connected to support, and never left behind.

WHY BNLs MATTER

A complete, accurate by-name list helps VA and partners:

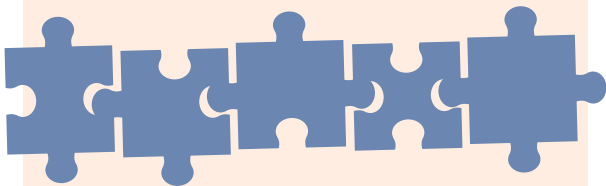
				
UNDERSTAND	ENSURE	REDUCE	IMPROVE	TRACK
how many Veterans experience homelessness	every Veteran is connected to housing, treatment, and health care	unnecessary duplication across programs	follow-up so Veterans don't fall through the cracks	progress toward ending Veteran homelessness

Simply put: Better data = better outcomes for helping homeless Veterans get and stay housed.

<p> BNLs DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help teams connect Veterans to housing and treatment faster • Improve communication among VA and community partners • Ensure no Veteran is left behind 		<p> BNLs DON'T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track Veterans' movements • Add new intrusive data • Share information outside of the approved systems • Monitor personal activities or health/benefits usage
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WHAT GOES INTO A BNL?

A high-quality BNL brings together data from multiple sources to provide a more complete picture. These sources include:



- VA's Homeless Operations Management and Evaluation System
- Local community Homeless Management Information Systems
- Existing Veteran BNLs that are managed by a local community or VA medical center
- New homeless Veterans identified by VA or community outreach

HOW THE BNL HELPS VETERANS



1. Identify - Outreach and VA staff identify Veterans experiencing homelessness.



2. Record - Veterans are included on the BNL from a variety of sources and data systems.



3. Reconcile - Data is checked for accuracy and opportunities for improvement.



4. Coordinate - VA and community partners use the list to match Veterans to housing programs, case management, healthcare, and employment and benefits support.



5. House & Support - Veterans move to stable housing with ongoing resources.

The BNL is the roadmap that guides Veterans from homelessness to housing.