



AMES IN ACTION

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A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING HOUSING INSTABILITY AMONG VETERANS



WHAT DID AMES DO?

Dr. Chris Hess is launching a research project with support from KSU's Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences (RCHSS) that investigates housing instability among veterans. The first part of the project will use quantitative and qualitative data to understand exposure to housing insecurity among veterans. The second part will engage KSU students in community service to conduct interviews and promote awareness of community resources.

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO MILITARY, VETERANS, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES?

Veterans are overrepresented among the homeless population and even short periods of being unhoused can be very detrimental to individuals and families. This situation is increasing in urgency due to growing unaffordability of housing. Researchers and practitioners should pay attention to housing insecurity among veterans to ensure those who serve have shelter and a foundation for a healthy and successful life after service.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY THIS INFORMATION?



IDENTIFY RISK & CONNECT TO RESOURCES



IDENTIFY & REMOVE BARRIERS TO RESOURCES

Be proactive about identifying those who are at risk of being unsheltered so that they can be connected to supportive housing programs and other social services before that happens.

Policies like VA housing vouchers already exist, but sometimes these resources go unused. Identify obstacles to using existing supports and creating new supports when needed.