



# Athens Area Stand Down

Friday, Oct. 6, 2023 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Vets

12 p.m. to 2 p.m. for Public

Athens County Fairgrounds | 286 W. Union Street, Athens, OH

## Dear Service Providers,

You are being contacted to let you know we will be once again having a community Stand Down. This will be our 8<sup>th</sup> annual event and hope to make it our best effort.

Due to COVID-19 we do not anticipate having tables for vendors this year. But you may drop off flyers and materials during our drop off days October 4th and 5th to be handed out the day of the event.

## What is a Stand Down?

“Stand Down” is a military term that refers to taking a break from being on the battlefield. Stand Down events refer to community-based programs that help those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness “combat” their problems and rebuild their lives. Specialized services are provided exclusively to veterans. Many social service agencies will be on hand to provide free information and resources to **both veterans and non-veterans.**

## Why should we have one?

We are hosting this event because the need is great. Our local human service agencies and community organizations tell us the need for helping both our homeless population and those at risk of homelessness is immense and only seems to increase yearly.

This event is only possible through the donations, services, and partnerships that we have with agencies and individual community members. The planning goes on for most of the year to make sure that the event is more successful than the year before.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you!

Best regards,

Athens Area Stand Down Planning Committee