

Mentorship Program Needs

We need your support! We are looking for like minded individuals that believe in the program and would like to help keep this program running. Please consider volunteering as a Veterans Mentor.



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11th Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT



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ABOUT VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

HISTORY: The first veterans treatment court was established in 2008 in Buffalo, New York, and has been used as a model for establishing veterans treatment courts in other parts of the United States.

GOAL: Our goal of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit (Ford, Livingston, Logan, McLean, and Woodford Counties) Veteran Treatment Court is identify Veterans within the criminal justice system and honor their sacrifice and service by providing a collaborative, judicially supervised, mentor orientated, treatment regime with the goal of enhancing public safety, maintaining legal accountability, and reintegrating stable and dependence-free Veterans back into our community by utilizing all available and appropriate resources.

This is a 12-24 month **voluntary** court-supervised program coupled with treatment and supervision and integrates substance abuse and mental health treatment with the justice system.

If you are a veteran involved in the justice system and would like to be in the Veterans Treatment Program, contact your lawyer.

OBJECTIVES & REQUIREMENTS

Objective

Our objective is to have program participants complete this program with the following outcomes: stabilized civilian reintegration; sober and working your recovery; employed; living in stable housing; able to manage your financial responsibilities; connected with Veterans Administration; restitution and other court financial obligations paid or on a repayment plan.

Requirements

The program requires regular appearances before the Veterans Treatment Court Judge, frequent and random drug/alcohol testing for participants, substance use counseling, a system of behavior modification based on incentives and sanctions, and community supervision by the Veterans Treatment Court Team.

- Must be a veteran with a treatable behavioral health issue or substance abuse issue
- Must be eligible to receive VA Benefits
- Resident in one of the five counties : Ford, Livingston, Logan, Mclean, and Woodford.
- Charged with a probation eligible offense
- Participants must be willing to comply with the probation terms and conditions of Veterans Court

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

This program is managed by the Veteran Mentor Coordinator (VMC). The VMC is responsible for recruiting and training the mentors and assigns them a mentee. Before a mentor is assigned a mentee they will be screened and will submit to a background check.

Mentors should meet with the mentee at least once a week either by phone or in person. Mentors should attend the mentee's court dates (when possible).

The VMC is looking for mentors that are veterans or current service duty members who understand the struggles that veterans face like PTSD (and other mental health issues) and substance abuse as a result of their services to this country.



They fought and served for our country now it is our turn to fight for them!