

Veterans Re-Entry Program

- Veterans Justice Outreach/Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (VJO/HCRV) is a VA outreach program designed to identify and assist Veterans who are incarcerated in state or federal prison and within 6 months of release.
- VJO/HCRV Specialist will assist the Veteran with the transition from Department of Corrections (prison) and linkage to VA resources and services.

If you are a Veteran in need of housing assistance, please call the number below:



VJO Central Line

For all Veteran Justice related questions, call the VJO Central Line at 317-988-3856

In addition to assisting with the operation and development of Veterans Treatment Courts, VJO Specialists provide outreach, assessment and advocacy for justice-involved veterans.

Ask about special programs in your jurisdiction for veterans. Make it known that you have served in the military.

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Veterans Justice Outreach

- The Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Program is the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) larger effort to address homelessness among the veteran population.
- As homelessness and involvement with the legal system often go hand in hand, the VA has designated staff and resources specifically for this portion of the Veteran population.
- The VJO Specialists work with local courts, jails, and law enforcement to identify and engage potential participants.
- The VJO program is designed to collaborate with local justice system partners to identify Veterans that enter the criminal justice system and are in need of treatment services rather than incarceration.
- The VJO specialists collaborate with VA treatment providers to provide timely and accurate treatment status updates to the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC).
- The VJO specialist can provide Veterans with legal resources, but they do NOT provide legal counsel or representation.

Veterans Treatment Courts

Veterans Treatment Courts (VTC) were first established in 2008 and continue to grow. The current VTC's affiliated with the Roudebush VAMC include:

- Bartholomew County VTC
- Greenwood City VTC
- Hamilton County VTC
- Indianapolis VTC
- Montgomery County VTC
- Monroe County VTC
- Tippecanoe County VTC
- Vigo County VTC

A unique component of the VTC, is the Mentor Program. Some courts are able to match participants with *trained* mentors. The mentor provides additional support to VTC participants.

VTC's consists of an interdisciplinary team that typically include:

- Judge
- Defense Attorney
- Prosecutor
- VJO Specialist
- Probation/VTC Case Manager
- Community Corrections
- Non-VA community MH/Addictions provider

Referrals to VTC typically come from within criminal justice system.

Veterans Legal Clinic

According to a recent survey, 5 of the top 10 unmet needs for homeless veterans were legal needs including:

- Eviction/foreclosure issues
- Child Support Arrearage
- Restoring driver's licenses
- Discharge upgrades

Additionally, civil legal matters can create barriers to housing and employment.

The Roudebush VA Medical Center Legal Clinic provides pro-bono guidance in addressing these challenges.

Beginning October, 2019 the legal clinic will be held the SECOND Tuesday of each month in room C1202 from 11am-4pm.

