

Our Objective



To provide Veterans with substance abuse, alcoholism and mental health treatment coupled with academic/vocational skills improvement, while actively assisting with residential, outpatient and/or transitional services leading to job placement and job retention and to help them obtain safe housing.

Veterans Court



- A specialized criminal court docket
- Established to address the needs of veteran-defendants with substance dependency and/or mental illness issues
- Primarily non-violent felony or misdemeanor offenses (violent offenses: case by case)
- Substitution of treatment problem solving model for traditional court processing
- How does the court work?

Treatment Team



- Presiding Judge
- Legal defense team & Prosecutor
- Court staff/Probation Department
- V. A. and Civilian health care professionals
- Veteran Mentor Coordinators (Mentors are NOT part of the Treatment Team)
- Veteran Justice Outreach Coord. (VJO)
- VA and Civilian Mental health professional
- LCVSC (Veteran Services)
- Civilian resources (for OTH or DD Veteran)

Veteran Mentors



“Leave no one behind”

- Coach, Guide, Role Model, Advocate
- Current or former member of the Armed Services
- Genuine concern for veterans
- Be in good standing with the law
- Adhere to VTC policies and procedures
- Committed to the VTC program and the Veterans success
- Complete training program

V.A. Health Care Worker



- **Leslie Witherell, Veterans Justice Outreach, Tel # 567-225-3739**
- Liaison
- Obtaining VA Releases of Information
- Facilitating VA linkages for services
- Coordinating and providing VA status report regarding Tx, tox, appointments, etc.
- Case management & crisis management

Toledo VTC Phases



- **Phase 1**
- Introduction, assessment, and orientation
 - Lasts approx. 60 days
 - Veteran Mentor is assigned
 - In court every two weeks
 - Treatment planed and implemented
 - Veteran must make all appointments
 - No positive urinalysis for 21 days

Toledo VTC Phases



- **Phase 2**
- **Stabilization Phase**
 - Lasts approx. 120-150 days
 - Review of progress
 - In court every two weeks
 - No positive urinalysis for 45 days
 - Positive treatment and personal results

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- Phase 3
- Stabilization Phase cont.
 - In court once a month
 - Evaluate progress in treatment, employment and with family
 - Usually 90 days in this phase
 - No positive urinalysis for 45 days

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- **Phase 4 – Maintenance**

- Usually 60-90 days in this phase
- No positive urinalysis for 45 days
- Positive veteran changes are noticed
- In court once a month

- **Graduation**

- Usually in VTC program 1 year
- Very visual ceremony with positive awards

Toledo VTC Eligibility



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- Combat and Non-combat
 - Violent Offenders
 - Active Duty, Reservists, National Guard
 - High Risk, High Need
 - Military Discharge Status
 - Voluntarily participate in a judicially supervised treatment plan
 - NOT a way to avoid jail or punishment for Veterans!

Post-9/11 Veterans: Who are they?

- 2.2 million deployed to Over the Global War on Terror (GWOT)
- 941,743 have deployed more than once in support of GWOT campaigns
- Over 1.4 million currently separated from active duty AND eligible for VA services

Women Veterans

- Over 250,000 served in GWOT
- 14%-19% are single parents

Women Veterans



- **Approximately 12% of homeless Veterans < 45**
- 2 times more likely to become homeless than non-Veteran women

Unemployment

- In 2013, Male Veterans, unemployment rate was 4.2%
- 8.6% for female veterans Poverty levels:
 - Male: 8.1%
 - Female: 10.8%

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