

The Ten Key Components of Veterans Treatment Court

1. Veterans Court integrates alcohol, drug treatment and mental health services with judicial case processing.
2. Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting the participant's due process rights.
3. Eligible participants are quickly identified and promptly placed in the Veterans Court program.
4. Veterans Court provides access to a variety of services, including alcohol, drug, mental health and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.
5. Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and drug testing.
6. Veterans Court utilizes a coordinated strategy to encourage the participant's compliance.
7. Ongoing judicial interaction with each veteran is essential.
8. Close monitoring and evaluation measures how well program goals are achieved.
9. Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes efficient Veterans Court planning, implementation and operation.
10. Forgoing partnerships among Veterans Court, the Veterans Administration, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances Veteran Court's effectiveness.



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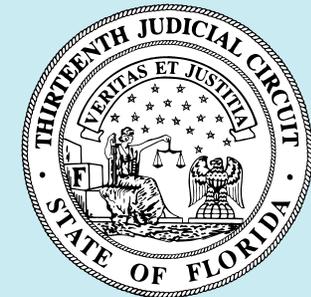
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What is Veterans Treatment Court (VTC)?

The Veterans Treatment Court model requires regular bi-weekly court appearances, as well as mandatory attendance at treatment sessions and frequent and random testing for substance use (drug and/or alcohol). Veterans respond favorably to this structured environment given their past experiences in the Armed Forces.

However, a few will struggle and it is exactly those veterans who need a Veterans Treatment Court program the most. Without this structure, these veterans are likely to re-offend and remain in the criminal justice system.

The length of VTC ranges from a minimum of

twelve (12) months to eighteen (18) months, or otherwise sentencing imposed by the court. The Veterans Treatment Court is able to ensure they meet their obligations to themselves, the court, and their community.

The Veterans Treatment Court is a collaborative effort of the following:

- Administrative Office of the Courts
- State Attorney's Office
- Public Defender's office
- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Volunteer Mentor Program

What are The Program Benefits?

- Alternative sentencing options
- Access to a comprehensive treatment plan through the VA service system and/or community providers Vet-to-Vet peer mentor program
- Team of support and case management to help increase your chances of success

VTC uses a collaborative approach to treatment and rehabilitation including but not limited to regular court appearances, specialized substance abuse and mental health treatment services, compliance with medical and other personal appointments, veteran mentor support, assistance in gaining access to veteran healthcare services and veteran assistance, housing assistance and linkage to vocational training, and educational and/or job placement series.

Veterans Treatment Court Goals

- Improve access to VA benefits & services
- Stabilize mental health and increase compliance with treatment
- Facilitate participant sobriety and total wellness
- Achieve stable housing
- Improve family relationships & social connections
- Increase employment & vocational opportunities
- Advance educational status
- Reduce criminal recidivism

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Help a fellow veteran,
"Leave No Veteran Behind"*

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