

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. Forging partnerships among Veterans Court, the Veterans Administration, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances Veteran Court's effectiveness.

Veterans Treatment Court

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How to Apply:

Have defense counsel submit email application packet and DD-214 (www.fljud13.org/courtprograms/drugcourtprograms/veteranstreatmentcourt/forms.aspx) to the Administrative Office of the Courts/
Veterans Treatment Court: VTCapp@fljud13.org

Interested in Becoming a Volunteer Veteran Mentor?

**Improve Our Community,
Help a Fellow Veteran,
"Leave No Veteran Behind"**

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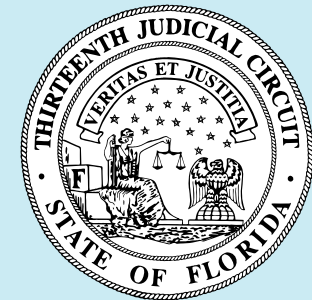
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What is Veterans Treatment Court (VTC)?

The **Veterans Treatment Court** model requires regular frequent 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.

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 nine (9) months to eighteen (18) months, depending on your progression through the 5 phases in the program.

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
- Department of Corrections

What are The Program Benefits?

- 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 sobriety and wellness
- Achieve stable housing
- Improve family relationships & social connections
- Increase employment/educational opportunities
- Reduce criminal recidivism

Eligibility (Excludes Forcible Felonies)

- Must be a veteran as defined in section 1.01 Florida Statute
- Must have a service-related mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorder, or psychological problem
- Must complete application with your attorney

**Check with your attorney to see if you qualify*

