VAAAHS JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERANS

The Department of Veterans Affairs is working to engage in partnerships with our local and state criminal justice systems. Please let us know how we can help you:

★ Police and Sheriff’s Departments
★ Local jail administrators
★ Judges
★ Prosecutors
★ Public Defenders
★ Probation Officers
★ Community Mental Health Providers
★ Re-entry Specialists
★ Veterans

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WHAT IS VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH?

- Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) is a VA outreach program 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 Coordinator works with local law enforcement and Crisis Intervention Teams to identify Veterans that may be in crisis as a result of mental illness and assist with connecting them with appropriate treatment services.
- The VJO Coordinator will provide direct outreach, assessment and case management for justice-involved Veterans in local courts and jails.
- The VJO Coordinator will assist with eligibility determination, enrollment and referral to both VA and non-VA services upon release.
- The VJO Coordinator will liaison with local justice system partners, and assists with coordination of staff training on Veteran-specific issues.
- The VJO Coordinator will collaborate with Judges and specialty courts to connect Veterans with VA treatment services and homeless prevention programming.

WHAT IS HEALTHCARE FOR RE-ENTRY VETERANS?

- Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV) is a VA outreach program designed to identify and assist Veterans that are incarcerated in state or federal prison and within 6 months of release.
- The HCRV Coordinator provides educational information to incarcerated Veterans and DOC staff about Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA).
- The HCRV Coordinator can assist Veterans with obtaining their military discharge papers, (DD-214), and enroll eligible Veterans for care at their nearest VA health care facility prior to their release from prison.
- A pre-release assessment will be conducted with each Veteran to assist with proper referral to medical, mental health and substance abuse treatment, as well as establish vocational and housing needs.
- Short term case management will be provided by the HCRV Coordinator to assist the Veteran with the transition from DOC and linkage to VA resources and services.

HOW TO KNOW IF A VETERAN IS ELIGIBLE FOR VA SERVICES

Eligibility will be determined by VA upon review of a Veteran’s discharge paper, (DD-214). VJO and HCRV Coordinators can assist the Veteran with obtaining this document.

Basic requirements include but are not limited to:

- Honorable or General Discharge from service.
- Veterans who enlisted after September, 1980 must have 24 months of continuous service.
- National Guard and Reservists may also qualify for VA benefits if they were called to active duty (other than for training) by Federal order.

Eligibility determination is based on each individual’s service; we encourage all Veterans to apply for VA services.