
The 10 Pillars of Veterans Court

#1: Veterans Treatment Court integrates alcohol, drug treatment, and mental health services with justice system case processing.

#2: Using a collaborative approach, the district attorney and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting the participants' due process rights.

#3: Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in Veterans Treatment Court.

#4: Veterans Treatment Court provides access to a variety of alcohol, drug, mental health and other related treatment and rehabilitation services.

#5: Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing.

#6: A coordinated strategy governs Veterans Treatment Court responses to participants' compliance.

#7: Ongoing judicial interaction with each veteran is essential.

#8: Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.

#9: Veterans Treatment Court staff is involved in ongoing education and training to help promote effective planning, implementation, and operations.

#10: Collaboration among Veterans Treatment Court, Veterans Administration, public agencies, and community based organizations creates local support and enhances Veteran Treatment Court effectiveness.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Veterans Justice Outreach

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VJO Specialist

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VA Homepage:

<HTTPS://WWW.FRESNO.VA.GOV>

VJO Initiative Website:

<https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/VJO.asp>

Fresno Vet Center

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Fresno, CA 93710
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Fresno VA Medical Center

2615 East Clinton Avenue
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Fresno County Veterans Treatment Court

Honorable
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Mission Statement

The mission of Fresno County Veterans Court is to assist justice-involved veterans with accountability and a well-rounded approach to recovery by providing individualized, intensive treatment-based alternatives to incarceration, thereby enhancing public safety while restoring participants to their families and communities.

Eligibility Requirements

- Legal resident of Fresno County are preferred.
- Must be eligible for V.A. Health care benefits.
- Only felony cases may be referred to Veterans Treatment Court.
- Participant must have a nexus stemming from military service that resulted in the commission of the current offense such as sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury, post traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, or other mental health conditions.
- Participant must be placed on probation.
- Participant must voluntarily and willingly agree to participate in the Veterans Treatment Court program.

Participant Expectations

- Attend all court appearances on time and dress appropriately.
- Comply with all judicial orders.
- Comply with treatment recommendations.
- Attend all meetings, appointments, and sessions required by your treatment plan.
- Attend scheduled meetings with your probation officer.
- Keep the Veterans Treatment Court team apprised of your contact information.
- Follow all the terms of your probation and participant contract.
- Be open and honest with veteran treatment court team.
- Participate in the mentor Veterans Treatment Court Program.



Veteran's Mentors

Veteran mentors are an integral part of Veterans Treatment Court. All mentors are veterans themselves. Mentors support veterans through the entire process which includes advocating for them in court.

To ensure compatibility, we assign mentors to veterans who have similar backgrounds, and other things in common.

If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a mentor, please contact the Mentor Coordinator, John Navarro, at johnjnava649@gmail.com.