

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.

How to Apply:

Have defense counsel submit email application packet to the Veterans Treatment Court County Attorney: paul.forney@pottcounty-ia.gov



Interested in Becoming a Volunteer Veteran Mentor?

Contact:



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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.

Without this structure, these veterans are likely to re-offend and remain in the criminal justice system.

The length of traditional VTC track ranges from a minimum of eighteen (18) months to twenty-four (24) months, depending on your progression through the 4 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

Traditional Program

- ◆ 18-24 Months Program
- ◆ Aggravated Misdemeanors and Felonies
- ◆ Monitored through Probation Services
- ◆ Access to rehabilitation services
- ◆ Assignment of Veteran Mentor

Early Intervention Track (Fast Track)

- ◆ First Time Misdemeanors
- ◆ 6-9 Month Track
- ◆ Active-Duty eligible with enrollment in Treatment programs
- ◆ Outpatient Services through VAMC and/or Community

Veteran 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

- ◆ Must be a veteran as defined in Chapter 35 of the Iowa State
- ◆ Must be willing to seek treatment for substance abuse, traumatic brain injury, or other socio-psychological conditions
- ◆ Must complete application with your attorney

Check with your attorney to see if you qualify

