

# VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH (VJO) PROGRAM

## SOUTH TEXAS VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



South Texas Veterans Health Care System  
Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)

## What is Veterans Justice Outreach?

South Texas Veterans Health Care System's Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Program provides justice-involved Veterans the opportunity to utilize VA resources and services to confront the issues at the root of their legal troubles in lieu of incarceration.

The program is designed to collaborate with local justice system partners to identify Veterans that enter the criminal justice system, are struggling with behavioral health issues and are in need of treatment services.

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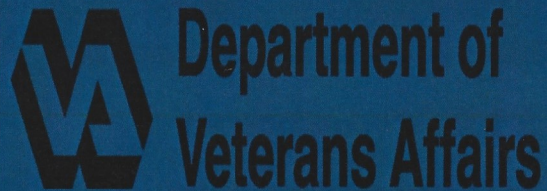


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## What Veterans Justice Outreach Can Do

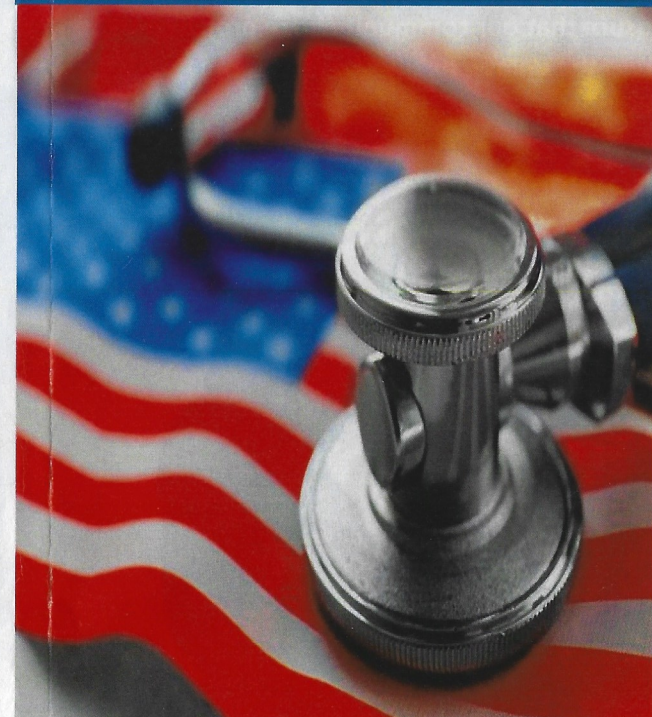
- Serve Veterans of all eras
- Provide outreach, assessment and case management for justice-involved Veterans in local courts and jails.
- Assist with eligibility determination and enrollment
- Assess Veteran's needs and identify appropriate VA and non-VA services. Collaborate with judges and specialty courts to connect Veterans to VA treatment services and homeless programs.
- Function as a court team member and communicate essentials (attendance, progress, treatment testing, discharge plan, etc.) with Veteran consent.
- Provide training to local law enforcement on Veteran's issues and provide strategies to help work with Veterans. Provide information and education to courts and available services.



**SOUTH TEXAS VETERANS  
HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS**  
SERVING ONE VETERAN AT A TIME

## What Veterans Justice Outreach Can Not Do

- VJO is limited from doing the following:
- Provide legal advice
- Perform forensic or psychiatric evaluations for courts
- Accept custody of a Veteran
- Guarantee program acceptance
- Write court reports or complete diversion paperwork
- Advocate for legislation
- Serve Veterans who do not qualify for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) services



## Veterans Treatment Court

The mission of Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is to help Veterans in the judicial system build positive, constructive lives while still holding them accountable for their conduct. The VTC will do this through partnerships that provide holistic assistance and treatment resulting in reduction of criminality. The mission is in recognition of our Veterans' service to our Nation and for the sacrifices they have made for the freedom we enjoy as American citizens.

The VTC aims to connect those with mental health and/or chemical dependency issues with the treatment they need to regain control of their lives.

Through the support of the VTC Team Veterans will be able to work towards successful reintegration into our community. We have an obligation to those that have served our country to ensure that our communities are prepared to address the unique needs of our Veteran population.



## Contact Information

Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Program

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EMAIL ALL REFERRALS TO:

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Or call 210-616-9915

National Call Center

for Homeless Veterans

1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838)



"...to care for him who shall have borne the battle."

Abraham Lincoln

