

Monterey County Veteran Treatment Court Peer Mentor Program

Information Brochure



Veterans Treatment Court (**VTC**) mission is to assist justice-involved veterans along with their families to improve the quality of life and return them back into the community as productive members of society.

This will be accomplished through collaborative efforts, **Peer Support Volunteers**, Justice partners, Veterans Administration Services and Community based agencies and organizations.

We focus on providing support with **Dignity**, compassion without **Charity** and enhancing public safety while leaving **No Veteran Behind**.



Peer Mentor Program

The program's mission is to insure that every Veteran participant receives the necessary services required by helping them navigate the system and acting as support mentor, advocate, and ally.

Mentor Process: Keep it Simple

- All Mentors are Veteran Advocates
- You are a resource for the Veteran Participant
- Help Veteran & Family navigate systems
- Make sure VA Healthcare & any claims are in place
- 75% of the time, you are just a friend
- Training is in how to navigate systems, not in "counseling"

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Did you know you can help?

- **1%** of our Nations citizens served in the Armed Forces, yet **8-10%** of the prison population are Veterans.
- **15%** of OIF/OEF Veterans suffer from a substance abuse issue.
- **20%** of OIF/OEF Veterans have a symptom of a mental health disorder or cognitive impairment.
- **33%** of our homeless are Veterans.
- **50%** of Veterans with PTSD have at least one felony arrest.
- **87%** of incarcerated Veterans have experienced some form of mental or emotional trauma.

Did you know you can easily help? ***Monterey County Veterans Treatment Court*** uses a holistic community based approach to address the specific needs of justice-involved Veterans, keeping them out of jail and engaged with their families and communities where they belong. **Treatment and support instead of incarceration.**

If you are Veteran, volunteer to make an impactful and purposeful change in another Veteran's life by joining the Monterey County Veterans Treatment Court as a Peer Mentor.

Monterey County Veterans Treatment Court- Veterans helping Veterans!

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