



MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH HENNEPIN COUNTY VETERANS COURT FACT SHEET

PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of Hennepin County Veterans Court is to promote public safety and assist and support veterans and their families by creating a coordinated response through collaboration with the veterans' service delivery system, community based services, and the criminal justice system. The program serves veterans of the United States Armed Forces charged with a criminal offense in Hennepin County who are struggling with addiction and/or serious mental illness through a combination of judicial reviews, intensive probation supervision, and behavioral health treatment.

PROGRAM GOALS



Reduce criminal recidivism

79%

of participants who exited the program in 2015 have not recidivated



Improve access to Veterans Administration benefits

83%

of participants exiting the program in are connected to VA services*



Improve participant life stability

82%

of participants exit the program living independently, while only 2% are homeless*



Increase compliance with treatment and other court ordered conditions

71%

of treatment referrals are completed successfully*



Facilitate participant sobriety

42%

of participants have zero positive drug/alcohol tests during participation*



Improve social support connections and family relationship

38%

of participants increase their engagement in prosocial activities*

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

94% of participants surveyed agree they would recommend Veterans Court to a friend in a similar situation.†



"I've had more pride since I've been in Veterans Court, I've seen other veterans pick themselves up...and it makes me more proud to be a veteran."

KEY PROGRAM METRICS

36

Active participants in January 2018

14

Average months in Veterans Court*

65

Veterans Court referrals in 2017

14

Average Veterans Court review hearings*

42

Average age of participants*



67% graduation rate*



6% women*



94% men*