

WASHTENAW COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

The mission of the Washtenaw County Veterans Treatment Court (WCVTC) is to provide a problem-solving court that works toward returning veterans to a productive and law-abiding status in society. Eligible participants are diverted from the normal judicial process to a treatment-based system, which integrates alcohol, drug treatment, and mental health services with the justice system and includes additional resources that traditional probation does not offer. The Court strives to create a supportive community via a team of dedicated professionals to foster successful completion of the program.

Eligibility - Must Meet ALL of the following:

Veteran – as defined in section 1 of 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61. Has served a least 180 days of active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

Residency – Priority is given to individuals living in Washtenaw County, the Court will consider persons living in surrounding counties.

Clinical Eligibility - Individual must complete a preadmission screening and evaluation assessment to determine if the individual is dependent upon or abusing drugs or alcohol or suffers from a mental illness.

Legal Eligibility – An individual is ineligible who is currently charged with or has pled guilty to an offense involving the death, or a serious bodily injury to, any individual, or an offense that is criminal sexual conduct in any degree.

Reference MCL 600.1200 – MCL 600.1212 for Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Statute

Referral/Transfer Intake Process

Upon approval of the Judge and APA of the referral (15th District) or transferring court, a referral form is processed through by the Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator. The individual being referred must make an appointment for a screening interview with the probation agent. During this appointment, s/he signs a consent for the necessary release of information forms for the assessment results, and other relevant information, from the Veterans Administration or other appropriate sources. The probation agent will review and provide a copy of the Participant Handbook to the potential participants for review. Prospective candidates are invited to observe a Veterans Treatment Court docket prior to sentencing.

The WCVTC Team reviews the results of the Veterans Administration assessment and screening interview. Once the individual is determined to be suitable for entry into the Court, they, their defense attorney, and the referring court are notified.

Transfer cases referrals are processed in the same manner as 15th District cases; however, the individual is sentenced into the originating court first, then transferred to the 15th District for probationary supervision.