

The **mission** of the Veterans Justice Programs is to identify justice-involved Veterans and contact them through outreach, in order to facilitate access to VA services at the earliest possible point. Veterans Justice Programs accomplish this by building and maintaining partnerships between VA and key elements of the criminal justice system.



Goals of Veterans Justice Programs

- Identify justice involved Veterans in the Fargo VA catchment area
- Provide incarcerated/justice involved Veterans with information about VA healthcare and benefit resources
- Collaborate with courts to provide VA recovery options to facility possible jail diversion
- Coordinate re-entry from incarceration to recovery/rehabilitation programs

Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO), which serves Veterans who are in contact with community law enforcement, incarcerated in local jails, & involved in treatment courts

Healthcare for Reentry Veterans (HCRV), which serves Veterans incarcerated in State & Federal prison as well as Veterans re-entering the community after incarceration in State & Federal prison

Civil legal resources for Veterans

Eligibility Varies, call for more information

<u>North Dakota</u>	<u>Minnesota</u>
ND Legal Aid	MACV Vetlaw
Under age 60	(651) 200-4750
(800) 634-5263	
Over 60	
(866) 621-9886	

Walk-In Legal Clinic for
Low Income Veterans
3rd Wednesday each month
1300-1600
CRRRC 721 1st Ave N Fargo, ND 58102

Scope of practice

- Serve Veterans of all eras
- Assess Veteran’s health care needs, identify appropriate VA and non-VA services
- Refer and link Veteran to comprehensive health care services
- With Veteran consent, share essential information with outside agencies (court staff, jail/prison staff)
- Function as a court team member on Veterans Treatment Courts
- Assist with setting up transportation from correctional facilities to bus station, if eligible
- Provide case management services
- Provide Evidence Based Treatment for court-monitored Veterans
- Refer to civil legal resources
- Cannot perform forensic psychiatric evaluations for the court
- Cannot accept custody of the Veteran
- Cannot write lengthy court reports, or complete Diversion paperwork
- Cannot provide legal services
- Cannot provide legally required treatment without VA clinical indication

Per federal policy 38 CFR 17.38 (C) (5) VHA may not provide the medical benefits package to a Veteran who is incarcerated.



The **first step** to providing VA Healthcare services to Veterans is to identify them as Veterans. Ask: *“Have you ever served in the United States Armed Forces or military?”*.

Building this question into the booking or arraignment process as soon as possible will facilitate eligibility determination for Veterans.

Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) can also be a resource (you can find an information video about VRSS on YouTube).

The **second step** is to determine whether a Veteran is eligible for VA Healthcare and/or housing services. VA eligibility can be complex so feel free to reach out to **Rachel Marsolek** for more information.

Available **health care services** may include:

- Primary care
- Emergency care
- Minority Veteran care
- Specialty care
- Mental health care
- Homeless assistance
- Telehealth
- Readjustment counseling
- Substance Abuse Treatment Program
- Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program
- Many more!

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