

Veterans Intervention Strategy



A Program of DeschutesSafe
Deschutes County District Attorney's Office



Purpose Provide local justice-involved veterans the opportunity to improve their criminal justice outcomes.

How? Address mental health and/or substance use disorders related to their service that have played a role in their criminal activity; help stabilize and provide specialized services working with appropriate agencies.

- Goals**
- 1 Improve veterans' lives through engagement in a targeted series of veteran programs
 - 2 Improve veterans' stability and community safety
 - 3 Reduce recidivism/repeat offenses

Need established, 2018-2020

Approx. 250 self-identified vets in Deschutes County jail, 2019
Approx 9% of ODOC inmates are vets
At least 30% of Iraq/Afghanistan vets have mental health conditions, but less than half receive treatment

Program starts November 2020

Not a VTC but modeled on similar concepts
Capacity for 20 vets at a time
Minimum one year program
Participants have access to needed resources

Overview of the Numbers: VIS Program November 2020-August 2022

Referred	Total	Ineligible after Initial Review	Potentially Eligible	
	43	19	24	
Potentially Eligible	Total	Ineligible after Screening	Eligible and Enrolled	
	24	11	13	
Eligible and Enrolled	Total	Graduated	Currently Active	Revoked
	13	4	7	2

Current Status

Who's Involved

Veterans Services providers
(coordinated primarily by The Central Oregon Vet Center)
District Attorney's Office
Courts, Defense Counsel
Law Enforcement, Parole and Probation
Substance Use Treatment Providers
Mental Health Providers
Support Groups

Key Elements

Individualization
Veteran Mentors
Peer and Professional Support



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