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Kent County Veterans Treatment Court



62-A District Court

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What is a Veterans Treatment Court?

The People of the State of Michigan recognize that military service sometimes traumatizes a service member. Criminal behavior may arise out of that trauma. The People, through their Legislature, enacted Veterans Treatment Court laws to create a diversionary path through Michigan’s criminal justice system. The laws divert an eligible Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States away from the more punitive consequences imposed in the traditional justice system into a program designed to treat the Veteran’s underlying condition – a condition that manifested itself in crime.



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The Kent County Veterans Treatment Court (KCVTC) program is designed to address those that are committing criminal offenses related to injuries that were incurred through military service, as well as those committed through a failure to adequately address issues attendant to military service.

The KCVTC program is voluntary. However, a candidate for participation must accept, aside from probation orders, all of the program’s rules (and the KCVTC judge’s power to enforce them) before the candidate is accepted.

Program Expectations

The program includes regular court appearances of twice per month before the KCVTC judge in a court session open to the public. Everyone in attendance who observes must sign a confidentiality agreement and have the judge’s prior approval. Sessions are intended for candid dialogue.

The program also includes regular meetings with the Probation Officer, random drug and alcohol testing, and occasional home visits. Participants are expected to take advantage of the support services tailored specifically for them by the Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) and/or the KCVTC program staff, as well as the VA’s network of providers. Participants can expect to work hard on treatment. The program is not meant to be easy.

Funding

Funding for this program is provided from the Kent County Veterans Millage, and also by grant(s) from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) of Michigan. These funds cover the basic costs of administering this program. Additional funds donated through The Friends of Kent County Veterans Treatment Court (FKCVTC) allow the program to address other needs of the participants, defraying the cost of some of their peripheral needs / expenses.

Felony and Misdemeanor Tracks

FELONY (18-24 months)

PHASE	LENGTH	SOBRIETY DAYS BEFORE ADVANCING:
I	60 days	21
II	120 days	30
III	120 days	45
IV	120 days	90
V	120 days	90
		GRADUATION

MISDEMEANOR (12-24 months)

PHASE	LENGTH	SOBRIETY DAYS BEFORE ADVANCING:
I	60 days	21
II	90 days	30
III	120 days	45
IV	95 days	45
		GRADUATION



Kent County Veterans Treatment Court Statistics:

Since program inception, the current success rate of Kent County Veterans Treatment Court (as of 3/8/2019) is **90.48%**