

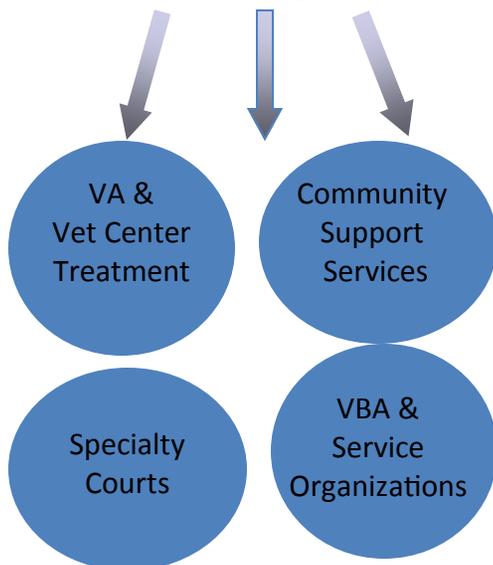
## VA JUSTICE OUTREACH

IDENTIFY Justice Involved  
Veterans

ASSESS treatment needs

REFER to appropriate VA or  
community services

### VA Justice Outreach Refers To:



The Veterans Justice Outreach  
Program works with Justice  
Involved Veterans.

A Justice Involved Veteran is  
any Veteran who has contact  
with the Judicial System, Law  
Enforcement or the Detention  
System.

<http://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo>

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## NEW MEXICO VA VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH



REACHING OUT TO  
JUSTICE INVOLVED  
VETERANS

## VJO Initiative

“The purpose of the VJO initiative is to avoid unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration among Veterans by ensuring that eligible Veterans in contact with the criminal justice system have access to Veterans Health Administration (VHA) mental health and substance misuse services.”

## Outreach Target Areas

*Courts and Attorneys*

*Detention Centers*

*Law Enforcement*

## What VJO Can Do

- Assess Veteran’s health care needs
- Identify appropriate VA and non-VA services
- Link Veterans to health care services
- With Veteran consent, communicate essentials (attendance, progress, discharge plan)
- Be a court team member

## What VJO Cannot Do

- Accept custody from detention
- Guarantee program acceptance
- Complete diversion paperwork
- Advocate for legislation
- Serve VHA ineligible Veterans
- Decide criminal justice criteria for Veteran Court participation or decide who gains admission to specialty treatment court
- Seek reduction in sentence or expungement of criminal record

## New Mexico VJO Services

### *Criminal Justice*

- VJO Staff work to identify Justice Involved Veterans to provide support and link Veterans to services within the VA Health Care System, as well as with local community service providers.

### *Civil Justice Clinic*

- Free 20-minute consultation with a volunteer attorney. No ongoing representation.
- May 10, June 14, July 12 2016 8:30-10:30am
- NM Veterans Memorial 1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE Albuquerque, NM
- Please bring all relevant paperwork.