



## VTP

- A judicially supervised treatment program for veterans who are charged with misdemeanor/felony offenses.
- A program offering non-traditional and individualized treatment for alcohol, substance abuse, mental health, and/or psychological issues.
- An environment with clear and specific expectations and goals. It features a team approach to rigorous treatment, coordinated with intensive supervision, random drug and alcohol testing, and regular and frequent court appearances.
- A scientific method of addressing and treating addictions and behaviors in an effort to improve the participants' quality of life.

“Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A VETERAN doesn't have that problem.”

**RONALD REAGAN**

## **WEBB COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT PROGRAM**



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## **WHAT IS VTP?**

The Webb County Veterans Treatment Program (VTP) is a voluntary Three-Phased program that may encompass 13 to 24 months in duration. However, compliance with VTP and treatment may be mandatory for individuals who are currently on probation. Initial treatment may vary from inpatient to outpatient services and will depend on the individual's most current clinical assessment. Participation will require payment of a \$500 program fee throughout treatment progression. The participants could earn weekly incentives that may be applied towards the fee.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR VTP?**

Screening for admittance into the VTP will be available to individuals who: are detained at the Webb County Jail; currently on community supervision; and/or are awaiting a preliminary hearing before a Webb County Criminal Court. To qualify for admission into the VTP an individual must meet the following criteria.

- Be a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces;
- Be a resident of Webb County or an adjacent county;
- Have a pending misdemeanor or felony case in Webb County;
- Have been assessed with alcohol, substance abuse, mental health, and/or psychological issues; and
- Not have any other disqualifying factor(s)

The District Attorney's office will review each case for final eligibility approval.

**THE VTP COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION.**

## **VTP MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Webb County Veterans Treatment Program is to assist Veterans and their families to become integral and productive members of the community through a collaborative effort. We shall leave no veterans behind to honor them and restore their dignity for their selfless service to our country.

## **VTP PHASES**

### **PHASE I STABILIZATION, ASSESSMENT, & ORIENTATION: (3 MONTHS MINIMUM)**

#### **Court, Community, & Treatment Supervision**

- Program Session: 2 Times / Week
- Minimum 30 days of Negative Random Drug Testing
- Partial Fee Payment Due (\$150) or incentives
- Random/ Unannounced: Home Visitation, Employment Verification, Curfew Monitoring (Community Supervision)
- Landline telephone access (if required)
- Detox Services will be 1-3 days or Inpatient if recommended
- Outpatient Service Sessions (1/2 Times/Week)
- Identify the "Home Group" Support System
- Obtain a Sponsor before end of Phase I

### **PHASE II TREATMENT AND EARLY SKILL DEVELOPMENT: (4 MONTHS MINIMUM)**

- Program Session: 1/2 Time/ Week
- Minimum 60 days of Negative Random Drug Testing
- Partial Payment Fee Due (\$150) or incentives
- Random/ Unannounced: Home Visitation, Employment Verification, Curfew Monitoring (Community Supervision)
- Outpatient/Individual Sessions: 2 Times/ Month
- Support Group Attendance: 2 Times/ Month

### **PHASE III—SKILL & DEVELOPMENT TRANSITION: (6 MONTHS MINIMUM)**

- Program Session: 1 Time/ Bi Weekly
- Minimum 90 days of Negative Random Drug Testing
- Outpatient Service Sessions (1/2 Times/Week)
- Balance of Program Fee Due/ incentives
- Complete exit interview with VTP Staff
- Random / Unannounced Home Visitation, Employment Verification, Curfew Monitoring (Community Supervision)
- Complete Counseling Sessions as needed.

### **GRADUATION:**

- Graduate Candidates shall first complete Phases: I, II, III
- VTP Committee must recommend candidates for graduation
- Graduations will be scheduled by the presiding judges upon recommendation of graduate candidates

### **GROUNDINGS FOR TERMINATION:**

**\*A participant may be terminated from the VTP for any of the following reasons:**

- Non-compliance with VTP rules;
- Subsequent arrest and/or conviction of new charges; or
- Any newly discovered disqualifying factor(s)