

TCCVS
Criminal Justice Workgroup

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1. Judges should utilize, and the State of Texas should encourage, programs within Community Supervision and Correctional Departments (CSCDs) that address the needs of Veterans on probation.
 - a. The State of Texas and local governments should provide Veteran related training (PTS, military competency, etc.) to parole and probations officials.

2. Endorse the expansion of incarcerated Veteran programs
 - a. Possibly include a reentry plan for Veterans
 - b. TDCJ Veteran reentry position? MOU between TDCJ and TVC?

3. Explore ways the State of Texas can assist incarcerated Veterans in receiving Compensation & Pension (C&P) exams in order to realize earned and entitled benefits.
 - a. Is UTMB or DARS qualified to conduct C&P exams?

4. Identify gaps in the Texas Veteran Treatment Court program
 - a. Clarify through legislation the authority of a commissioner's court to authorize a magistrate to proceed over a VTC. Additionally, clarify VTCs as a pretrial option.
 - b. Expand post-graduation support systems to prevent recidivism.

TCCVS - Issues That Cross All Workgroups

- Expanded state support for Veteran County Service Officers
- Transitioning Servicemembers
 - The state should coordinate with military installations in Texas to provide awareness of opportunities for veterans in Texas to personnel prior leaving the service.
- Communication and Outreach
 - Veterans need greater awareness of the state services available to them (TexVet, MVPN, College Credit for Heroes, Employment opportunities, Certification and Licensure opportunities, etc.)
 - State agencies should have knowledge of state services for veterans