IDAHO VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS



What are Veterans Treatment Courts?

Veteran Treatment Courts (VTC) use the successful framework of problem-solving courts where local teams hold regular meetings and hearings to ensure offenders in the community are held accountable. These courts match judicial oversight, intensive treatment, and probation supervision; however, the focus for VTC is on ensuring that offenders that have served their country and have substance abuse and/or mental health problems receive treatment and support in the community rather than in a correctional facility.

Challenges and Opportunities

These courts face the challenge of engaging offenders with trauma and Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD), as well as the military culture that until recently, had not typically addressed mental health needs. In Idaho, local court teams work with the Veterans Administration and community providers to coordinate resources, services, and to take advantage of the supportive camaraderie of military experience. In FY 2015, 112 veterans were served in a Veterans Treatment Court.

FY 2016 Idaho Veterans	Treatment Courts Status

County	Start Date
Nez Perce	August 2013
Canyon	February 2012
Ada	March 2011
Twin Falls	October 2015
Bannock	March 2012
Bonneville	October 2015

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