

VVFS VETERAN JUSTICE SPECIALIST (VJS)

The VVFS Veteran Justice Specialist (VJS) provides direct services to justice-involved veterans and service members interfacing with courts and diversion/veteran treatment docket programs, during incarceration, upon reentry to the community, and on community supervision. The VJS identifies needs, develops a coordinated services plan, and connects the veteran/service member to community resources. The VJS also attends veteran resource fairs and other events for justice-involved veterans.

For additional information on Veteran Justice Specialists, please contact the DVS VVFS Housing and Criminal Justice Director at (804) 225-4734.

VA VETERAN JUSTICE OUTREACH SPECIALIST (VJO)

The purpose of the Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV) Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) program is to avoid the unnecessary criminalization/incarceration of Veterans who are suffering from mental health and substance use disorders, and are at risk of becoming homeless. This will be accomplished by ensuring that eligible justice involved Veterans have timely access to Veterans Health Administration mental health and substance use disorder treatment and services when clinically indicated. Linkage to other services and benefits will also be provided as appropriate to both VA Medical Center and non-VA Medical Center community and state providers.

Use the link below to find the location of the VJO that serves your area.
<https://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp#contacts>

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www.dvs.virginia.gov



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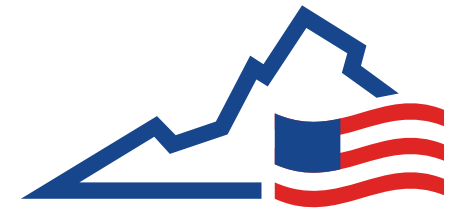


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About the Virginia Department of Veterans Services

(DVS): The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is a state government agency with more than 50 locations across the Commonwealth of Virginia. DVS traces its history to 1928 and the establishment of the Virginia War Service Bureau to assist Virginia's World War I veterans. Today, DVS assists veterans and their families in filing claims for federal veterans benefits; provides veterans and family members with linkages to services including behavioral healthcare, housing, employment, education, and other programs. The agency operates three long-term care facilities (with a fourth center opening in 2024) offering in-patient skilled nursing care, Alzheimer's/memory care, and short-term rehabilitation for veterans; provides an honored final resting place for veterans and their families at three state veterans cemeteries; and operates the Virginia War Memorial, the Commonwealth's tribute to Virginia's men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice from World War II to the present. For more information, please visit www.dvs.virginia.gov.

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Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Virginia Veteran and Family Support

Veterans in the Criminal Justice System

Identify, Support and Connect

A Resource Guide for Jail Staff



IDENTIFY

Ask the question: *Have you ever served in the U.S. Military?*

Ask the question during booking, pre-trial, or jail intake.

Use the VA Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) System

The VRSS system is a free web-based tool developed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that allows jail and prison staff to quickly identify incarcerated individuals with a record of military service.

For more information contact the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Housing and Criminal Justice Director at **(804) 225-4734** or Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) Justice Involved Services email address at **justice.vvfs@dvs.virginia.gov**.

SUPPORT

- Help secure DD-214s for veterans
- Start a Veteran dorm
- Create Veteran programming
- Host Veteran-specific resource fairs
- Start a Veteran support group
- Help secure benefits for Veterans
- Track veteran-specific jail data
- Educate your jail staff about the needs of veterans
- Create a resource book for veterans
- Obtain a copy of the *Reentry Roadmap for Justice Involved Veterans in Virginia Guide*

For more information on the VA Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) program go to **www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp**



CONNECT

- Contact VA Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO) Specialists for VA healthcare eligibility information and veteran verification
- Contact DVS VVFS Justice Involved Services (JIS) program for assistance with connecting justice-involved veterans to community resources
- Contact outside providers and Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) to provide support for veterans.