



VETERAN TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

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Senate Bill 1180, 86th Legislature, requires that the Texas Veterans Commission provide a report, on December 1st of each year, to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the Legislature. In accordance with Texas Government Code Title 2., Subtitle K., Chapter 124, the contents of the report must contain Veteran Treatment Court information from the preceding fiscal year, to include (a) the number of veteran defendants who participated in each veteran's treatment court program, (b) the number of veteran defendants that successfully completed each program, (c) the number of veteran defendants that did not successfully complete the program, and (d) the amount of grant funding received by each Veteran Treatment Court program must also be included in the report.

Texas Government Code defines a veteran treatment court program as having the following essential characteristics: 1) the integration of services in the processing of cases in the judicial system; (2) the use of a nonadversarial approach involving prosecutors and defense attorneys to promote public safety and to protect the due process rights of program participants; (3) early identification and prompt placement of eligible participants in the program; (4) access to a continuum of alcohol, controlled substance, mental health, and other related treatment and rehabilitative services; (5) careful monitoring of treatment and services provided to program participants; (6) a coordinated strategy to govern program responses to participants' compliance; (7) ongoing judicial interaction with program participants; (8) monitoring and evaluation of program goals and effectiveness; (9) continuing interdisciplinary education to promote effective program planning, implementation, and operations; (10) development of partnerships with public agencies and community organizations, including the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and (11) inclusion of a participant's family members who agree to be involved in the treatment and services provided to the participant under the program.

Texas Veterans Commission's Veterans Mental Health Department (VMHD) is pleased to present the Veterans Treatment Court Program Annual Report for 2021. The VMHD was formally created by HB19 of the 84th Legislature in 2015 and is focused on ensuring access to competent mental health services for service members, veterans, and their families. VMHD accomplishes this task by providing training, certification, and technical assistance across Texas. In addition to directly connecting veterans and families to local mental health and supportive services, VMHD works with partners at the national, state, and local levels to address veteran-specific issues including suicide prevention, veteran homelessness, military cultural competency, peer support services, military-related trauma, women and rural veterans, and justice involvement. Across all VMHD programming, services including training and technical assistance are offered freely to all who are in need. A crucial program within the VMHD is the Justice Involved Veteran Program which works to improve veteran services across the entire criminal justice continuum.

A crucial function of the Justice Involved Veteran (JIV) Program is to serve as a resource providing technical assistance and training to all Veteran Treatment Courts across Texas. JIV Coordinators also collaborate with the local jails, sheriff departments, and statewide stakeholders including the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to better ensure that incarcerated veterans have access to veteran-specific services and programming. The JIV Program also partners with local and state law enforcement to deliver officers relevant trainings on trauma affected veterans, crisis intervention strategies, and suicide prevention. Despite the challenges of the past year, in FY 2020 the JIV Program supported the efforts of 45 different Courts, provided training to 1,693 criminal justice professionals, and responded to over 1,700 requests for assistance from justice involved veterans which resulted in 4,672 referrals to mental health and supportive services.

The Veterans Mental Health Department acknowledges and recognizes the continued dedication and excellent work of the Courts as they make meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of our veterans and veteran families across Texas. Veteran Mental Health Department's Justice Involved Veteran Coordinators are committed to reaching out to and working with counties who are interested in starting Treatment Courts in their areas and ensuring best practices across the state. We also want to commend our state leaders for their continued support of our veterans and their efforts to fulfill our promises to Texas veterans. Texas continues to lead the nation in serving our veterans, and is widely recognized as the "Texas Model," which is known for its superior service to veterans and their families. Veterans have showed a continued desire to settle or relocate to Texas, which is home to the second largest veteran population in the nation, estimated at 1.7 million. Despite the dedicated efforts of those working to assist veterans with mental health issues, there remains a persistent need and demand for veteran mental health services. Thank you for giving the members of Texas Veterans Commission's Veterans Mental Health Department the opportunity to contribute to this important work.



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Executive Director
Texas Veterans Commission

Total Data for all Veteran Courts Reporting in 2021

Number of Veterans Served	1207
Number of Veterans Successfully Completed	533
Number of Veterans Unsuccessfully Completed	81
Grant Funding Amount Total:	\$4,962,360.85

<u>Grant Funding Sources</u>
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD)
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
TVC-Fund for Veterans Assistance (TVC-FVA)

The data contained in the 2021 Veteran Treatment Court Program Annual Report is presented, as reported by the submitting veteran treatment courts from the preceding State fiscal year. There are no standardized statewide reporting requirements for veteran treatment courts, and each Court has the autonomy to track data at their discretion. As such, any follow up questions regarding the data contained in this report should be directed to the respective veteran treatment court.

Data **was provided** by the following Veterans Courts and was compiled to provide the data required for the purposes of this report:

Bell, Bexar (Felony), Bexar (Misdemeanor), Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ft Bend, Galveston, Guadalupe, Harris (Felony), Harris (Misdemeanor), Hays, Hidalgo, McLennan, Midland, Montgomery, North Texas Regional (Collin, Fannin, Grayson, Kaufman, Rockwall), Nueces, Smith, Tarrant, Travis, Webb Regional (Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Starr, Val Verde, Webb, Zapata), Williamson

Data **was not** provided by the Veterans Courts in the following Counties:

Brazoria, Cameron, Comal, Jefferson

Reporting data totals are listed for all reporting counties and are also listed by individual county (in alphabetical order) with a breakdown of funding sources for each county.

Bell County

Name of Court:	Bell Co. VTC		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Bell County		TVC-FVA	\$30,000.00
	Totals		CJD	\$49,354.45
Number of veterans served	57			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	17			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	10			
			Total:	\$79,354.45

Bexar County Felony

Name of Court:	Felony Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Bexar		TVC-FVA	\$75,000.00
	Totals		CJD	\$166,66.00
Number of veterans served	43			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	12			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$241,666.00

Bexar County Misdemeanor

Name of Court:	Bexar Co. VTC (Misdemeanor)		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Bexar County		TVC-FVA	\$386,693.00
	Totals		CJD Grant #2390211	\$250,000.00
Number of veterans served	147			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	70			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	6			
			Total:	\$636,693.00

Dallas County

Name of Court:	VTC- CDC No 4		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Dallas County		TVC-FVA	\$650,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	78			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	34			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	14			
			Total:	\$650,000.00

Denton County

Name of Court:	Denton		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Denton		CJD	\$141,210.00
	Totals		SAMHSA	\$269,691.00
Number of veterans served	48			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	21			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$410,901.00

El Paso County

Name of Court:	346 th El Paso Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	El Paso		TVC-FVA	\$300,000.00
	Totals		DOJ	\$153,377.25
Number of veterans served	77			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	25			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	9			
			Total:	\$456,377.25

Fort Bend County

Name of Court:	CCL 2		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Fort Bend		N/A	\$0.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	20			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	7			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$0.00

Galveston County

Name of Court:	Galveston County VTC		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Galveston County		TVC-FVA	\$250,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	45			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	20			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$250,000.00

Guadalupe County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Guadalupe County		None	\$100,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	17			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	3			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2			
			Total:	\$100,000.00

Harris County (Felony)

Name of Court:	Felony Veterans' Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Harris		CJD	\$118,925.90
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	49			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	12			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	0			
			Total:	\$118.925.90

Harris County (Misdemeanor)

Name of Court:	Misdemeanor Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Harris County		CJD	\$62,186.25
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	38			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	13			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$62,186.25

Hays County

Name of Court:	Hays County Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Hays		TVC-FVA	\$300,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	47			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	24			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2			
			Total:	\$300,000.00

Hidalgo County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Hidalgo County		CJD	\$150,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	22			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	6			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	3			
			Total:	\$150,000.00

McLennan County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Midland		N/A	\$150,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	19			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	3			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$150,000.00

Midland County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Midland		N/A	\$0.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	18			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	13			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	0			
			Total:	\$0.00

Montgomery County

Name of Court:	Montgomery Co. Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Montgomery County		TVC-FVA Grant	\$200,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	40			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	19			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$200,000.00

North Texas Regional Veterans Court

Name of Court:	North Texas Regional Veterans Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Collin, Rockwall, Grayson, Kaufman, & Fannin Counties			
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	144			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	28			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	13			
			Total:	\$

Nueces County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Nueces			
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	46			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	15			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	5			
			Total:	\$

Smith County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Smith		N/A	\$0.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	24			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	7			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	0			
			Total:	\$0.00

Tarrant County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Tarrant		TVC-FVA	\$300,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	76			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	92			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	6			
			Total:	\$300,000.00

Travis County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Travis County		TVC-FVA	\$50,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	57			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	39			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$50,000.00

Webb Regional Veterans Court

Name of Court:	406th Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Starr, Val Verde, Webb, Zapata		SAMHSA	\$300,000.00
	Totals		TVC-FVA	\$300,000.00
Number of veterans served	37			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	9			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$600,000.00

Williamson County

Name of Court:	Williamson County CC #2		Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Williamson County		TVC-FVA	\$30,000.00
	Totals		CJD	\$98,800.00
Number of veterans served	66		DOJ	\$80,457.00
Number of Veterans successfully completed	33			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	5			
			Total:	\$209,257.00

Veteran Treatment Court Contacts

Treatment Court	Judge	Court Contact
Bell	Rebecca Depew	254-444-8918
Bexar-Felony	Lori Valenzula / Jefferson Moore	210-753-4368
Bexar-Misdemeanor	Wayne Christian	210-335-2156
Brazoria	Terri Holder	979-864-2147
Cameron	David Sanchez	956-547-7034
Comal	Charles Stephens	830-221-1180
Dallas	Dominique Collins	214-653-5935
Denton	Forrest Beadle	940-349-2188
El Paso	Patricia Baca	915-546-2119
Fort Bend	Jeffrey McMeans	281-341-4446
Galveston	Mark Henry	409-756-2679
Guadalupe	Kyle Kutscher	830-303-4188
Harris-Felony	George Powell	713-755-2559
Harris-Misdemeanor	Erica Hughes	713-755-2559
Hays	Chris Johnson	512-618-0474
Hidalgo	Israel Ramon	956-587-6000
Jefferson	Kent Walston	409-835-8550
McLennan	Gary Coley	254-759-7557
Midland	Robin Darr	432-688-4385
Montgomery	Kathleen Hamilton	936-539-7900
North Texas Regional (Collin, Fannin, Grayson, Grayson, Kaufman, Rockwall)	John Roach	469-974-7731
Nueces	Jack Pulcher	361-779-7987
Smith	Jack Skeen, Jr. / Taylor Heaton	903-590-2950
Tarrant	Brent Carr / Charles Vanover	817-884-3754
Travis	Brad Urrutia	512-854-3856
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