

What is the Northeast Wisconsin
Veterans Treatment Court?
NEWVTC

The goal of the NEWVTC is to promote public safety, while helping those who served in our nations military by honoring their sacrifices and service.

The NEWVTC is a collaborative problem solving court partnering the 8th Judicial District Court with the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefit Administration, Brown County District Attorneys Office, Brown County Public Defenders Office, local law enforcement, various Veterans Service Organizations, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and many other community partners.

The NEWVTC is a specialty court within the criminal justice system that assists veterans who have accepted responsibility for qualifying felony or misdemeanor offenses committed within the Eighth Judicial District, and who want assistance from fellow veterans, the U.S. and Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans service organizations to address treatment, rehabilitation, employment, and housing needs. Residence within Brown County may be required.

The Eighth Judicial District is comprised of Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, and Waupaca counties.

Invitation

You, your family and friends are
Welcome to observe the Northeast
Wisconsin Veterans Treatment Court

The Northeast Wisconsin Veterans
Treatment Court review hearings
are open proceedings and are held
in the

Brown County Courthouse
Judge Beau Liegeois
Judicial Branch VIII
2nd floor, 100 S. Jefferson St.
Green Bay, WI 54305-3600

Court proceedings are held on
Friday mornings at 9:00am.

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Behind'**

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What happens in the Northeast Wisconsin Veterans Treatment Court?

- You will be assessed by the Veterans Benefit Administration to determine if you qualify for disability compensation, pension, educational benefits and/or vocational rehabilitation.
- You will be assessed by the Veterans Health Administration to determine whether you qualify for housing, employment, substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, and/or medical benefits.
- You will receive assistance from a trained Veteran Mentor who like you, is a veteran.
- You will develop a personal individualized treatment plan.
- You will frequently appear before the Veterans Court Judge for review hearings that will monitor your progress in Veterans Court.
- You will be given an opportunity to better your life.

How can I be considered for the Northeast Wisconsin Veterans Treatment Court?

If you are reading this pamphlet and decide you want to be considered for the NEWVTC, ask your attorney, the prosecutor, or the Judge to have your case placed on the next NEWVTC calendar for an initial hearing.

Admission to the Veterans Treatment Court is not automatic.

You must be eligible for Veterans Administration benefits or community based treatment (at your expense) or possess personal resources enabling you to obtain appropriate treatment.

In addition, the prosecutor must agree that both you and your criminal charge(s) qualify for consideration by the Veterans Treatment Court.

If you successfully complete this resource eligibility and prosecutor screening, you will then undergo a treatment and mental health assessment to determine if the Veterans Treatment Court is appropriate and can meet your needs.

Finally, if you successfully complete each of those steps in the process, you will be considered by the Veterans Treatment Court Team for admission into the NEWVTC.

Upon successful completion of all four program phases, and with the recommendation of the VTC Team, a graduation ceremony will be held for you.

What is the process to enter the Northeast Wisconsin Veterans Treatment Court?

1. You apply to the NEWVTC by sending your application to the Brown County District Attorney's Office. Your application may arise out of a Deferred Prosecution Agreement, a Deferred Judgment Agreement, a pending postconviction sentencing, or an Alternative to Revocation. You are encouraged to apply at your earliest opportunity.
2. The District Attorney's Office determines your legal eligibility based upon your criminal history and current charge(s).
3. The Veterans Administration reviews your eligibility for benefits. If you don't qualify for Veterans benefits, other resources may be considered.
4. You will complete a treatment assessment to determine your level of behavioral health needs.
5. The Veterans Treatment Court team reviews all aspects of your case, including your legal and your clinical eligibility.
6. If accepted, you are offered a contract which outlines your requirements and commitments necessary for your successful completion of the Veterans Treatment Court.

'Where we stumble is where our treasures lie.'