

Other Specialty Courts

In addition to Veterans Treatment Courts and Military Diversion, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties have other specialty courts, including Mental Health Courts, Drug Courts, and Homeless Courts. Ask your defense attorney for any information:

Public Defender's Offices:

- San Bernardino: 909-387-7525
- Riverside County: 951-955-6000

Homeless Court—San Bernardino County

Homeless Veterans with misdemeanor charges or outstanding warrants in SB County may be able to resolve these charges with community service as part of Homeless Court. Charges must be from SB County and are generally public disturbance offenses (e.g., loitering, trespassing). Veterans should complete 5-10 hours of community service and then contact Kiernan Foster, District Manager II of Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino at 909-285-3602.

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Veterans Treatment Courts (VTC)

Veteran Justice Outreach Specialists at VA Loma Linda serve as liaisons to the San Bernardino and Riverside County Veterans Treatment Courts. Veterans are offered the opportunity to participate in a 12-18 month structured treatment court program as an alternative to other legal consequences.

The courts determine eligibility and participants must plead guilty, be placed on formal Probation, and comply with all terms, follow treatment recommendations, attend all scheduled treatment and court hearings, and maintain regular contact with VJO providing status updates to the court. Veterans who successfully complete the program may be eligible for legal and financial relief.

Military Diversion

Military Diversion is a court program available in both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. This program offers Veterans with misdemeanor charges the opportunity to participate in a 12-month, self-directed, pre-plea treatment court program as an alternative to other legal consequences. Veterans who are accepted to this program must follow all treatment recommendations, attend all scheduled appointments and court hearings, and provide reports verifying compliance with treatment services.

What is Veterans Justice Outreach?

The Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Program is to prevent extended incarceration and the criminalization of mental illness among Veterans by supporting that eligible, justice-involved Veterans have access to VA treatment, services, and benefits as appropriate.

VJO Specialists:

- Provide direct outreach, assessment, and temporary case management to justice-involved Veterans in local courts and jails
- Assist local, justice-involved Veterans with eligibility, enrollment, and referral to VA and non-VA services
- Provide information and education to justice system community partners
- Collaborate with judges and specialty courts to connect Veterans to services



Healthcare for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV)

HCRV is a VA outreach program to identify and assist Veterans incarcerated in state or federal prisons with discharge planning. HCRV is not local to VA Loma Linda, but HCRV Specialists can be contacted for assistance:

Southern California Re-entry Specialist
Susann Adams
562-533-5643

Northern California Re-entry Specialist
George Kennedy
650-493-5000, x23163

Veterans Enrichment and Transition (V.E.T) Program

The V.E.T. Program is an in-custody treatment program run by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and detention mental health in the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning, Ca. VA Loma Linda VJO Specialists serve as liaisons to assist with access to Veterans Benefits Administration assistance, transition planning, and connection to VA services upon release.