



# MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH HENNEPIN COUNTY VETERANS COURT FACT SHEET

## PROGRAM MISSION:

The mission of Hennepin County Veterans Court is to promote public safety and assist and support veterans and their families by creating a coordinated response through collaboration with the veterans' service delivery system, community based services, and the criminal justice system. The program serves veterans of the United States Armed Forces charged with a criminal offense in Hennepin County who are struggling with addiction and/or serious mental illness through a combination of judicial reviews, intensive probation supervision, and behavioral health treatment. The program began in July 2010, and has served 362 individuals as of January 2017.

## PROGRAM GOALS



Reduce criminal recidivism

**88%**

of graduates do not recidivate within two years



Improve access to Veterans Administration benefits

**92%**

of participants are connected to VA services at program exit



Improve participant life stability

**91%**

of graduates who are able to work are employed or students at program exit



Increase compliance with treatment and other court ordered conditions

**81%**

of treatment referrals are completed successfully



Facilitate participant sobriety

**73%**

of participants have zero positive drug/alcohol tests during participation



Improve family relationship and social support connections

**47%**

of participants increase their engagement in prosocial activities

## KEY PROGRAM METRICS

**61**

Active participants in January 2017

**16**

Average months to complete program

**110**

Veterans Court referrals in 2016

**12**

Average Veterans Court review hearings

**43**

Average age of participants



**76%** graduation rate



**93%** men



**7%** women