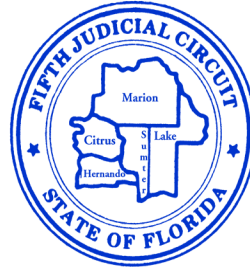


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- ◆ Office of the State Attorney
- ◆ Office of the Public Defender
- ◆ Probation
- ◆ Veterans Administration
- ◆ Lake County Sheriffs Office
- ◆ LifeStream
- ◆ Court Administration
- ◆ Lake County Clerks Office



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A guide for Attorneys and other professionals



Our Mission

The Mission of the Lake County Veterans Treatment Court (LCVTC) is to promote public safety while supporting eligible veterans and their families through a coordinated effort among veteran services, community services and the Court to leave no veteran behind.

NOTE: This mission is in furtherance of implementing in Lake County the provisions of the “T. Patt Maney Veterans’ Treatment Intervention Act” passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Florida’s Governor to take effect on July 1, 2012 as Florida Statutes (FS) section 394.47891.

Our Priority

The priority of the LCVTC is public safety. In that regard, the LCVTC seeks to address mental health and/or substance abuse issues of the eligible veterans and ensure they do not languish in the Lake County Jail without opportunity for treatment.

Who is Eligible?

A defendant can only be accepted into the LCVTC as follows [generally stated]:

1. The person must be an Eligible Veteran Defendant (EVD);
2. The person has the burden of proof to establish their EVD status;
3. EVD status may be established by a DD-214 Form;
4. FELONY DEFENDANTS may be eligible for the LCVTC with the following Exclusions:
 - a. the felony charge cannot be on the list set forth in FS Section 948.06 (8); and
 - b. no Driving Under the Influence [DUI] charge is eligible for LCVTC;
5. Both misdemeanor and felony VOP cases are eligible for placement into the LCVTC provided the sentencing judge on a pending VOP case authorizes the transfer into the LCVTC;
6. Both misdemeanor and felony cases are eligible for admission into the LCVTC upon agreement of the sentencing judge, the SAO and the EVD; and
7. The EVD must be accepted or placed into the LCVTC according to one of the methods specified.

MISDEMEANOR DEFENDANTS must enter the LCVTC through one of the following 3 methods.

1. Placed by Order of the Lake County Court upon approval by that Court of a Deferred Prosecution Agreement entered into by the SAO and the Misdemeanor Defendant which Agreement requires graduation from the LCVTC;
2. Placed by Order of the lake County Court through sentencing which imposed sentence requires graduation from the LCVTC; OR
3. Placed by a Transfer Order as such is authorized by FS Section 910.035(5) upon approval of the LCVTC Judge.

FELONY DEFENDANTS must enter the LCVTC through one of the following 3 methods:

1. Placed by Order of the Lake Circuit Court upon approval by that Court of a Felony Veterans Treatment Court Contract entered into by the SAO and the Felony Defendant which Contract requires graduation from LCVTC ;
2. Placed by Order of the Lake County Circuit Court through sentencing which imposed sentence requires graduation from LCVTC; OR
3. Placed by a Transfer Order as such is authorized by FS Section 910.035(5) upon approval of the LCVTC Judge.