

Build or Refresh	Recruit
	Free Public Relations—local media outlets/social media
	Presentations to community and advisory members
	Community Buy-In and Support
	Word of Mouth—educate your advocates Credibility within the <u>Veteran</u> community
	Mentor Applicants
	Applications—include background checks Interviewing Applicants—ask the right questions!

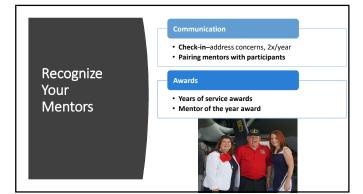
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Train In-House • Utilize community support • Team member expertise/connections • Provide on-going education Provide a Mentor Handbook • Easily-accessible format- view on mobile • Update constantly Easy-to-Use Mentor Forms • Intake for new participants • Weekly continuity sheets • Graduate support forms

Training Topics Peer Mentoring Practices Confidentiality, boundaries, and building trust Effective listening and empathy vs. sympathy Self-care and healthy coping skills Helpful Review Policy Changes/Chain of Command Specialty topics (Suicide, recovery, cultural competency) Resources Resource Lists or Re-Link.org Mock team sessions for Mentors to view Positive peer mentoring role-play examples



Support Your Mentors Provide Support Mentor retreats—emphasis on self-care! Support lunches/coffee hours Be Open to Suggestions Mentors Mentor Meet-ups Color Guard

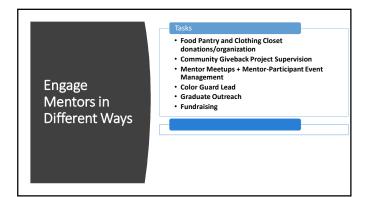




Sustain Your Program (not just financially) Maintain community partners • Facilities for retreats/luncheons/events • Annual donations of food, items, or incentives • Steady referral of volunteer mentors • Steady referral of volunteer mentors • Partner with OR create your own • Follow OSC guidelines for court employees/judges • Local Bar Association/OSBA Military Affairs Committee Marketing • Use your current mentors • Utilize local media—Op-Eds + Press Releases (funding, certifications, graduation and anniversary events)

Grant Funding ODMHAS Payroll Subsidy or BJA grants to pay Mentor Coordinator + supplies + brochures, etc. County Veterans Service Commissions Mentor Coordinator Salary Invite the VSC Board and Executive Leadership to a graduation or program event Mentor Coordinator Salary Invite the VSC Board and Executive Leadership to a graduation or program event Make a presentation to include guidance from the Ohio Attorney General Opinions and highlighting your program goals, successes and needs Local VSO's and Community Partners Local VSO's and Community Partners Local VSO meeting attendance and financial advocacy for sustaining the program









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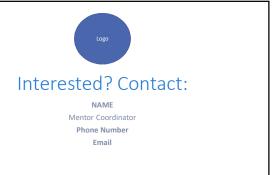
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Be in good standing with the law (background check required)

Have a genuine concern for justice-involved veterans

Adhere to training, policy and procedures of the Mentor Program





Constant Recruitment and Community Engagement

- Offer 'limited means' hours to local law school students who mentor with the court
- Offer full-year internships for undergraduate students for mentoring services
- Attend Criminal Justice Studies Events

- Use the pitch deck just provided and wow them!
- Ask to present at their next member meeting

Get Creative with Advertising

- Word of Mouth / Social Media by all team members, mentors, and local VSOs
- Post at Church and Community Center Bulletins
- Post at local Law Enforcement meeting areas

Questions?



Hon. Taryn L. Heath judgeheath@starkcountyohio.gov



Lisa M. Williams (330) 451-7708 Imwilliams@starkcountyohio.gov

Resources	
Training www.psycharmor.org	Connections https://www.ohlobar.org/advocacy/access-to-justice/
https://www.youtube.com/BreneBrown-EmpathyvSympa https://www.youtube.com/BreneBrown-EmpathyvSympa https://www.va.gov/suicide-prevention/	https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/VCMA
Funding https://www.iss.gov/charities-and-nonprofits https://lusticeforvets.org/resources/record-funding-avail treatment-courts/.	https://www.teamvub.org/ https://mission.continues.org/ https://www.rebuildingtopetherneo.org/ https://teamvubsconss.org/
https://www.ohioadvop.org > 2017/08 > AdvOp2017-6 https://www.ohioadvop.org > wp-content > uploads > 201	



Veteran Intake Information

Interviewed By:		Date Interviewed:					
Last 4 SSN:		Interested in participating in Honor Court: ☐ Yes ☐ No		□ No			
Name and DOB (MM/DD)/YYYY	I.	Branch of Service:	Years Served	Discharge Status:		
First			☐ Army	☐ Active	☐ Retired		
			☐ USMC	□ Active	☐ Medical Retired		
Middle			☐ Navy	☐ Reserve	☐ Honorable		
Last			☐ Air Force	☐ Guard	☐ General Under		
MM DD	YYYY		☐ Coast Guard		Honorable Conditions		
					Other		
Home Address (Street, C	ity, State, Zip)		Benefits Utilized:				
				d□ Yes □ No			
Primary Phone:			•	iit			
Other Phone:			Entitled for GI Bill				
Emergency Contact			Applied for VA Compensation & Pension ☐ Yes ☐ No Combat Deployment ☐ Yes ☐ No				
Name:			☐ WWII ☐ Korea ☐ Vietnam ☐ Persian Gulf ☐				
Relationship:			Operation Desert Shield ☐ Operation Desert Storm ☐				
			Operation Enduring Freedom Operation Iraqi Freedom				
Phone							
Family and Marital Status							
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☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widor ☐ Children # of boys			# of girls				
Employment Information							
	st □ Yes □ No Em	ployer:_					
Skills Inventory:							
Transportation Issues							
•			ss issued: Bus: 🗆 \	res □ No UBER: □] Yes □ No		
Primary Mode: ☐ Walk ☐ Bus ☐ Personal vehicle ☐ Other							
Arrested							
Previously attended Honor Court: $\ \square$ No $\ \square$ Graduate			☐ Termination				
Initial Mentor:							

Veteran Intake Information

General Information:	
Notes or Comments	

Stark County Honor Court Program

Veteran Mentor's Application Form and Background Information

	Date:				
Last Name:	First Name:		MI:		
Address:		,0	Н		
Email Address:					
Primary Phone:	Secondary Ph	none:			
Current Occupation:					
Brief Job Description:					
What does being a "Veteran Mentor" mea					
What motivated you to want to participate	e in the Honor Court Program?				
What skills and experiences do you have mentors?	that may be helpful to the Veterar	ıs, the Honor Court p	program, and other		

Last Name:	First Name:
What are you hoping to take awa	ay from volunteering with the Honor Court Program?
	APPLICANT'S MILITARY HISTORY
Branch(s) of Service:	Component:
MOS / NEC	Period(s) of Service:
Unit (at time of discharge):	
Deployment: ☐ Yes ☐ No; if ye	es, describe:
Rank (at discharge):	Type of discharge:
Prior contact with the VA or any	related services: Yes No; if yes, describe:
•	ased organizations (AA, NA, CA, ODJFS, or any other community programs):
APPLI	CANT'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
Gender: \square Male \square Female \square	Other Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widow(er)
Date of Birth:	City/State of Birth:
MMM DD, Y	
	ence(s):
	APPLICANT'S HISTORY
Mental Health Issues? Yes / No	
If yes, have you or are you curre	ntly receiving treatment?
Drug and Alcohol Issues? Yes /	No
If yes, how many days of sobriet	y do you have?

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Applicant's Brief Work History:	S	
Education and Training:		
	ARACTER REFERENCES	
Please list three c	character references (other than family	members):
Name	Address	Telephone
Veteran Mentors will be required to participarts program, will be expected to participate in obveterans. Veteran Mentors will be expected to a Court Program is looking for at least a 12-mo program, but there is no required end date to this If you have any questions or concerns, participate and continuous contents of this or her DD-214 or retirement letters.	servation, training, shadowing, and superational additional training and group superventh commitment from each applicant priss service. Delease call George Waseity—Stark il at waseity@neo.rr.com. The Mer	ervision prior to engaging in mentoring rision meetings. The Stark County Honor or to the applicant entering the training County Honor Court Mentor ator Applicant must submit a copy
	RELEASE	
By signing below, The Veteran Mentor Ap Commission obtaining records associated with which may include the Ohio Department of Department of Defense, for the use in assess service based upon the military service inf Applicant hereby agrees and consents to the Susing the information included in this applicant	th the Veteran Mentor Applicants milit f Military and Veterans Affairs, the Do sing the Veterans Mentor Applicant's a formation set forth within this two pa Stark County Honor Court Program per	ary service from appropriate agencies, epartment of Veterans Affairs, or the military background and character of application. The Veteran Mentor
Applicant's authorization:		
	SSN:	Date:
Printed Name	Signature	
Witness:		
	Datos	

Signature

Printed Name

Stark County Honor Court Program

Mentor Check-In Sheet

Date: _____

Information shared on this document is for purposes of			
shared in this document is private and will not be shar concern or issue with one of the Mentor Coordinator in person. Further, the entire team is dedicated to serv	rs or with HC Director please fe	el free to reach tl	hem by phone or speak to them
Last Name:	First Name:		MI:
Address:Street		, OH	
Street	Ci	ty	Zip
Email Address:	Pr	rimary Phone:	
Current Occupation:	Se	econdary Phone:	
Do you feel comfortable mentoring the number of p	articipants assigned to you?		
Do you feel you are connecting with the specific par	rticipants assigned to you?		
Do you have any suggestions or concerns about the F Coordinator or the Honor Court Team?	Honor Court Program that you fe	el should be add	dressed by either the Mentor
Would you be interested in assisting with any of the second Fundraising Organizing Mentor/Mentor Mental Health Issues? Yes/No If yes, have you		Presenti	ing HC at Community Events
Drug and Alcohol Issues? Yes/NoIf yes, how many of Do you require assistance with anything at this time to			
Please provide information for two individuals we ma	ay contact should you need med	ical treatment/as	sistance during court or events:
Name 1.	Address		Telephone
2			

Please return this form to Lisa Williams, Program Director

Mentor Program Questionnaire:

Please C	CIRCLE one o	of the following	options in regard	s to the MEN	FORING Program	ONLY:

1. What	level of <mark>Emotiona</mark>	l Support do you	feel you rece	eived <u>from the ment</u>	oring program?
1 None	2 Low	3 Moderate	4 High	5 Exceptional	
				om your mentor(s)? group connections)	(i.e. food, clothing, rent and utility
1 None	2 Low	3 Moderate	4 High	5 Exceptional	
	u feel that the <u>Me</u> nd/Networking, et			nry Camaraderie/Ins er veterans?	sight/Common
1 Did not help me at all	2 Helpful, bu did not impact n		ul at times	4 Very Helpful	5 Extremely Helpful
4. What	is your general as	sessment of the M	Mentor Progr	·am?	
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Additional Inf	formation:				
5. Is ther	e anything about	the <u>Mentor</u> Prog	ram you wou	ıld change? Comme	nts, suggestions, etc.
6. Name	of your mentor(s				
7. You are scheduled to meet with George (Mentor Coordinator) for your exit appointment					
on					



Post-Graduation Follow-up

Today's Date:	
Prepared by:	
Graduate Name:	
Mentor's Name	
Has anything changed	
Current Contact Information Phone:	Email:
Has the Graduate reoffended since graduating Honor Court?	□Yes □ No
Any specific needs, at this time the Team can help with?	 □Yes □ No
If Yes, describe:	
Suggested Program Improvements or Comments:	
Mentor Notes:	



Weekly Mentor Continuity Sheet

Today's Date:						
Participant's Name:						
Mentor's Name:						
Has anything changed? \square No \square Yes, explain change						
Current Contact Information: PhoneeMail:						
Remaining community service hours:	Current Phase:					
Give-back Identified? □ No □ Yes	Give-back Complete? No Yes					
Suicide Ideation (C-SSRS 1) discussed \square No \square Yes, Concerns						
Participants satisfaction with program (If less than satisfied, use back to ex \square Very Satisfied \square Somewhat Satisfied \square Somewhat Dissatisfied \square						
Any specific needs the Team can help resolve? $\ \square$ No $\ \square$ Yes; please ϵ	explain below					

 $^{^{1}}$ C-SSRS - The Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale also called the Columbia Protocol included on the reverse side of this form Updated: Aug 23, 2019

Mentor's Notes:	 	
Additional Information:		

Columbia Protocol C-SSRS

1)	Have you wished you were dead or could go to sleep and never wake up?	Υ	N
2)	Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?	Υ	N
	If YES to 2, answer questions 3,4,5, and 6 If NO to 2 go directly to question 6		
3)	Have you thought about how you might actually do this?	Y	N
4)	Have you had any intentions of acting on these thoughts to killing yourself, as opposed, to you have the thoughts but, you definitely would not act on them?	Y	Z
5)	Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out the plan?	Y	N
	Always ask question 6	Lifetime	Past 3 Months
6)	Have you done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?	Υ	Υ



Any YES indicates the need for further care. However, if the answer to 4, 5 or 6 is YES, immediately ESCORT to Emergency Personnel for care, call 1-800-273-8255, text 741741 or call 911.

DON'T LEAVE THE PERSON ALONE. STAY WITH THEM UNTIL THEY ARE IN THE CARE OF PROFESSIONAL HELP



1325-1345 **Q&A**

Location:

HONOR COURT MENTOR TRAINING

September 14, 2020

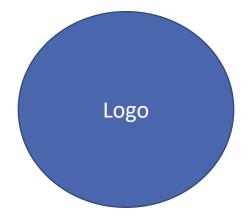
0800 hours—1400 hours Military Family Center—5495 Meese Rd NE Louisville, OH 44641



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<u>Time</u> 0800-0810	Task/Topic Welcome/Introductions	Presenters:	
0810-0830	Veterans Treatment Court Model and Honor Court (History, Processes, and Chain of Command)	Hon. Taryn Heath, Honor Court Judge	
0830-0845	Honor Court Program Overview (Phase Requirements, Treatment Options and Resource)	Lisa Williams, Honor Court Director ources)	
0845-0900	Q&A with Honor Court Probation Officer	Molly Dutton, HC Probation Officer Intensive Supervision Probation	
0900-0910	Community Legal Aid Services (CLAS) (Helping your mentee navigate CIVIL legal issues)	Kimberly Adams, Veterans Legal Advocate Community Legal Aid *Air Force Veteran	
0910-0915	Break		
0915-0945	Suicide Awareness/Response and Grief Support (Warning Signs, How to React, Dealing with Loss)	Becky Lindesmith, VA Suicide Prevention	
0945-1025	Roles and Responsibilities of a Veteran Mentor (Qualities, Roles, Responsibilities, Boundaries, Documentation, Confidentiality, Building Trust, etc.)	Andrew Turowski, Volunteer Mentor * Army Veteran	
1025-1035	Stark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) (Benefits, financial assistance, transportation, etc.)	Mark Skonieczny, Veteran Service Officer Stark VSC *Army Veteran	
1035-1105	Listening, Empathy, Communication, and Healthy Coping Skills + Self Care/Helping Each Other	Dr. Geraldine Weir , PhD, IMFT Stark County Vet Center	
1105-1110	Break		
1110-1125	V.A. Services/Connections (Veterans Justice Outreach Program and Services)	Victoria Marion , MSSA, LISW-S, LICDC, CCFC Cleveland V.A. Medical Center	
1125-1135	Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) Services (Helping your mentee with employment/education)	Troy Bradfield, Disabled Veterans Outreach Ohio Means Jobs * Army Veteran	
1135-1230	Social Lunch Outside (donated by Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 6)		
1230-1240	Break		
1240-1325	Mentor Responsibilities and Helpful Information (Interactive Mentoring Session, Goal Setting, Consistency, Post-Graduate Support, and Overview of Mentor Handbook)	George Waseity, Mentor Coordinator and Steve Rangel, Outreach Coordinator * Army Veteran	

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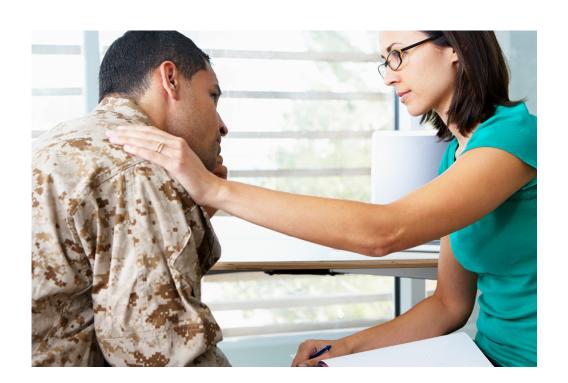
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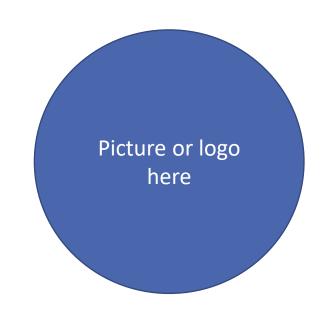
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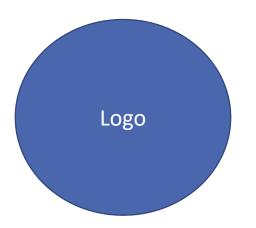
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NAME

Mentor Coordinator

Phone Number

Email