


Corrections Community Inmate Release Resource List

Homeless	
<p>Tennessee Continuum of Care (CoC) Sites</p> <p>A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a local/regional planning body, which coordinates housing and provides services to homeless individuals and families. We have 10 CoC in Tennessee.</p> <p>THDA administers the federally funded Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program in 92 of Tennessee's 95 counties.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">https://thda.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=185d64f2079143dfb61067d5ce62e4aa</p>
Immigrants	
<p>TN Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)</p> <p>We are nationally recognized for our multiethnic, multigenerational coalition building, effective legislative advocacy, and award-winning communications initiatives. We organize both individual immigrant and refugees, as well as organizations that serve immigrant and refugee communities.</p>	<p>Learn more here https://www.tnimmigrant.org/ Office contact: (615) 414.1030</p>

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Criminal Justice Programs TN Dept. of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

In partnership with judges, courts, and treatment providers, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services offers a wide array of services for people who are involved with the criminal justice system. The people who work in criminal justice services are passionate about facilitating better outcomes for the people they serve, helping them resolve legal challenges, address underlying substance use or co-occurring disorders, and return to productive lives in their communities.

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Veterans' Services

Each State VA Regional Office has a Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator who assists justice-involved Veterans. They are a direct point of contact for you to learn more about what benefits you qualify for, assist you with applying for those benefits, and refer you to other organizations and resources that will help you with your specific needs. To find your local Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator, please call VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838).

Incarcerated Veterans

Veterans can sometimes run into issues with law enforcement and the criminal justice system resulting in incarceration. It is important justice-involved Veterans are

<https://benefits.va.gov/PERSONA/veteran-incarcerated.asp>

familiar with VA benefits including what VA benefits they may still be eligible to receive, what happens to the VA benefits they are already receiving if they become incarcerated, and what programs are available to assist them with reintegrating back into the community once released from incarceration.

VA Benefits

Despite the circumstances, some justice-involved Veterans may be eligible for VA benefits. [Disability compensation](#), [pension](#), [education and training](#), [health care](#), [home loans](#), [insurance](#), [vocational rehabilitation and employment](#), and [burial](#). See our [Veterans](#) page for an overview of the benefits available to all Veterans. Please be aware many VA benefits can be affected by incarceration. The following sections provide information for justice-involved Veterans.

VA Programs for Justice-Involved Veterans

Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV) Program

The HCRV Program is designed to help incarcerated Veterans successfully reintegrate back into the community after their release. A critical part of HCRV is providing information to Veterans while they are incarcerated, so they can plan for re-entry themselves. A primary goal of the HCRV program is to prevent Veterans from becoming homeless once they are reintegrated back into the community.

Learn more about the [Health Care for Re-entry Veterans Program](#).

**Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO)
Initiative**

The VJO initiative is designed to help Veterans avoid unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration by ensuring eligible justice-involved Veterans receive timely access to VA health care, specifically mental health and substance use services (if clinically indicated) and other VA services and benefits as appropriate.

Learn more about the [Veteran Justice Outreach Initiative](#).

