

**ARE YOU A VETERAN
WITH CURRENT OR
RECENT CONTACT WITH
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM?**

IRB Protocol #: 1754754

Study Location: Virtual using VAWebEx



New York MIRECC

RESEARCH AND PREVENTION
IN SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS



Contact us for information.

MIRECC Researchers are recruiting eligible Veterans to participate in a research study on treatment for Veterans involved with the criminal justice system.

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**TREATMENT FOR
JUSTICE-INVOLVED
VETERANS**

WHAT KIND OF TREATMENT IS BEING STUDIED?

Researchers are interested in how to best support Veterans who come into contact with the criminal justice system. Through this study, we plan to compare two different treatment approaches - the first involves a combination of group therapy and individual case management, whereas the second is completed entirely through group therapy. The treatments last 16 weeks and are followed by an 8-month observation period.

Other Study Details

Total time commitment for this study is 1 year, including treatment and assessment. All participation will be completed virtually using VAWebEx. This study is sponsored and funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Rehabilitation Research & Development Service.



Benefits of Participating:

- ▶ Help us better understand the needs of our nation's justice-involved Veterans.
- ▶ Receive peer support around issues that are important to you.



Study Components

1

Experimental Treatment

Veterans will be randomly assigned to receive either a group-based treatment or a group + case management treatment. Group therapy sessions occur weekly for 60-75 minutes, include no more than 8 Veterans each, and are focused on the unique needs of justice-involved Veterans. Case management sessions (if applicable) occur every other week for 30 minutes and are done one-on-one.

2

Assessment Sessions

Six assessment sessions across the course of the study help us determine if the treatment is working for you and how to improve the treatment for others in the future.

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Compensation

In return for your participation, you'll receive \$75 after completion of each assessment session and a \$75 bonus for completing all 6 assessments (\$525 total)

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. Military Veteran
- Aged 18+
- Current supervision by probation or parole OR history of arrest within the past 2 years
- Able to provide consent
- English proficiency
- Ability to tolerate group-format psychotherapy