

NCSL TASK FORCE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS MICHIGAN'S INCARCERATED VETERANS PROGRAM

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Michigan's Veteran Population



State of Michigan

- ≈ 10,020,000
- 10th largest population
- ≈ 38,200 incarcerated individuals

Michigan's Veteran Population

- ≈ 552,412 veterans in Michigan
- 11th largest veteran population
- ≈ 2,600 incarcerated veterans



1 Dot = 200 Veterans

= Veterans Health

Administration Facility

MVAA's Efforts to Assist Justice-Involved Veterans

Preventative:

- Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center (MVRSC)
- MVAA Veterans Community Action Teams (VCATs)
- Regional Coordinator Program
- Michigan Crisis Intervention System (MI-CIS)

Assistance for Justice-Involved Veterans:

- Veterans Treatment Courts (VTCs)
- Incarcerated Veterans Program









- Recognition that military service sometimes traumatizes a service member and criminal behavior may arise out of that trauma
- May provide financial assistance to families of incarcerated veterans; up to 90% of the award
- May provide financial assistance to the incarcerated veteran while in prison; up to 10% of the award
- Renewed sense of belonging
- Assists with reintegration; accelerated reinstatement of compensation benefits and eligibility for healthcare
- Reduce recidivism

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Incarcerated Veterans Program



Results



- 237 veterans in the unit
- 300 veterans at the facility
- 313 veterans for which MVAA holds POA
- 523 medical exams performed
- 329 VA benefit claims filed
- 13 veterans in the program paroled since January 2019







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