Kentucky VET Connect: Pretrial Services & HB 377
Developing a Response

• KY Pretrial Services is the court’s first contact with jailed defendants

• Used existing staff resources

• Collaboration with VA and KY State Department of Veterans Affairs
• Identify vets involved with the Criminal Justice System by asking questions at time of arrest

• Link defendants with community services including but not limited to:
  • Housing
  • Employment
  • Treatment
  • Financial counseling/assistance
In 2013, began electronic submission of vets in jail to VJO for eligibility and services
Since inception, nearly 21,000 vets with over 8,500 of those seeing combat, have been identified.

60% referred for services.
Efforts have led to the establishment of an Access to Justice Veteran’s Task Force with representatives from all 3 government branches, federal, and non-profit organizations.
Examples of Success
THANK YOU