



## Adams County Court for Veterans Mentoring Program Information Sheet



### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Veterans Mentoring Program is to make certain to the best of our ability that **No Veteran is Left Behind**. We will find them, offer them assistance, assess their needs, and help them solve their problems. We will support the veteran through their readjustment to civilian life, assist the veteran to navigate through the court and VA systems, and act as a mentor, advocate, and ally.

### **Vision Statement:**

The vision of the Veteran's Mentoring Program is that **No Veteran is Left Behind**.

Having veterans participate as mentors is an important part of the Adams County Court for Veterans as there is a bond that occurs between veterans around the values that are shared and the sacrifices that have been made.

The Mentoring Program offers support and encouragement for veterans in the court system by spending one-on-one time with the veteran after they appear in front of the Veterans Court. These mentoring sessions usually do not last longer than ten minutes and give the veteran the opportunity to bring up concerns and get feedback and support from another veteran. The Mentor has a Resource Book at his/her disposal to refer veterans to a wide range of available services. These include Medicaid (for vet's family), Food Stamps, Civil Service Agencies, employment, housing, legal, etc. The mentor is a resource to the veteran, NOT A COUNSELOR.

Trainings on how to lead a mentoring session, what to ask, how to ask, and how to listen to answers, are offered as part of the orientation trainings.

The Adams County Court for Veterans Mentoring Program also offers support and supervision to all of the mentors from the Team Leaders and the Mentor Coordinator as well as from the other mentors in the program. Support is the main component of the program, for the veterans involved with the court system as well as the mentors in the program.

The Mentoring Program is looking for a six month commitment from all volunteer mentors in order to maintain the program at a level that will be effective in supporting the veterans in the court system. All potential mentors are required to fill out an application and complete a short face-to-face interview with the Mentor Coordinator before being accepted into the program. Observational activities, including observing the court proceedings and observing other mentors will be completed prior to a new mentor leading a mentoring session.

### **Contact Information**

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# *Adams County Court for Veterans*



### ***Veteran Mentor Mission Statement***

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### ***Veteran Mentor Role Description:***

The Veteran Mentor acts as a coach, a guide, a role model, an advocate, and a support the veteran participants of the Adams County Court for Veterans. The mentor encourages, guides, and supports the veteran participant as they progress through the court process. This includes listening to the concerns of the veteran and making general suggestions, assisting the veteran to determine their needs, and acting as a support for the veteran, especially during this anxiety-provoking time. The Veteran Mentor's coaching, guidance, and support will demonstrate the special understanding that only another veteran can provide. Again, the Mentor NEVER takes on the role of a counselor. WE are NOT qualified to do that.

### ***Veteran Mentor Duties and Responsibilities:***

- Attend court sessions when scheduled (2-3 times per month on Wednesdays at 1:30).
- Participate in and lead mentoring sessions with veterans when assigned by the Judge.
- Be supportive and understanding of the difficulties that other veterans are facing.
- Assist the veterans as much as possible to resolve their concerns around the court procedures.
- Assist veterans on how to access and navigate the Veterans Affairs' system and other systems.
- Be supportive and helpful to other Peer Mentors.

- Work respectfully and professionally with the veteran participant and other Peer Mentors.
- Use the mentor Log Book and Resource manual to refer vets to appropriate professionals (e.g. housing, community services, benefits, etc.). Many times another mentor might be that professional!

***Veteran Mentor Requirements:***

- Be a United States military veteran: Army, Marine Corp, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or their respective Reserve or National Guard branches.
- Be an upstanding and law abiding citizen.
- Have genuine concern for veterans in the legal system.
- Adhere to all Adams County Court for Veterans policies and procedures.
- Commit to program participation for a minimum of six months.
- Attend court sessions as scheduled.
- Agree to screening process for a background check.
- Complete the required initial training.
- Participate in additional trainings throughout his/her time of service in the Court.
- Be ready to respond when needed in Court.

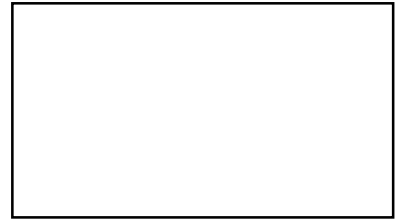
***Veteran Mentor desirable Qualities:***

- Active listener.
- Empathetic.
- Encouraging and supportive.
- Tolerant and respectful of individual differences.
- Knowledge of Veterans Affairs' services.
- Knowledge of community resources and services.



## *Adams County Court for Veterans*

### *Mentor Application*



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Work Cell

Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Work Cell

Branch of Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rating/MOS: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ (mos/hrs) From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the days you are available to mentor: M T W TH F

Time Available: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak a language other than English? Yes No

If yes, list languages: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously served as a mentor? Yes No

If yes, in what capacity and where: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to submit to a background investigation? Yes No

How did you learn about the ACCV Mentor Program? \_\_\_\_\_

What does being a mentor mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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What skills and experience do you bring to the mentoring program that will be helpful to the veterans in the program and the other mentors?

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What are you hoping to take away from volunteering with the ACCV Mentoring Program?

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Mentors will be expected to participate in court observation, attend ongoing training and be supervised by a mentor coordinator.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COLORADO JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT  
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

**Full Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names Also Known As (“AKA’s”) including Maiden Name, All Former Last Names, Nicknames, etc. (Note: Omitting AKA’s may result in disqualification for employment) :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

**Please list the cities and states where you have resided in the past five years, including current:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position Sought:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Colorado Judicial Department employee?** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Criminal Convictions Disclosure:**

**Criminal Convictions and Any Pending Criminal Charges relating to:**

- Any Felony
- Any Misdemeanor
- Any Traffic Offenses involving drugs or alcohol or Petty Offenses involving drugs or alcohol

**Please explain below any criminal history in the categories listed above regardless of timeframe and any pending criminal charges, including the date, charge(s) filed, disposition and court location and any mitigating information, if any, regarding the circumstances. (Note: Omitting these convictions or pending charges may result in disqualification for employment).** Conviction means a finding of guilt by a judge or jury; entering a plea of guilty or no contest (nolo contendere) or entering into a deferred sentence or adjudication where the sentence is still deferred or the case is still pending. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize and consent to the release of any and all information, including without limitation, all records, statements and opinions held by any person, employer, school, law enforcement agency, military personnel and any other entity or organization to the Colorado Judicial Department to verify information submitted by me as an applicant for employment or volunteer service.

I authorize the release of all records relating to my attendance at any school or educational institution, including without limitation, transcripts and other documentation of academic or athletic achievements, attendance records, incident reports and/or disciplinary actions. I also consent to a criminal background check and to the release of any and all information held by law enforcement agencies, including without limitation, arrest records, incident reports and criminal investigation reports.

I authorize the release of any and all employment records, including without limitation, my complete personnel file, applications for employment, and any documentation of training, wages paid, performance or evaluation, advancement, demotion or change in pay, any grievances filed by or against me, and any corrective or disciplinary actions.

I hereby release any and all persons, entities, agencies and organizations, individually and collectively, from liability for damages of whatever kind relating to or arising out of any release of information, including records, statements and opinions, as a result of this authorization.

A photocopy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original and for one year from the date it is signed.

I understand that my suitability for employment or volunteer service is based upon the results of this investigation and that any offer of employment or approval to perform volunteer services is conditioned on my receiving, in the Judicial Department’s discretion, a satisfactory background investigation. I further understand that refusal to sign this form may result in the offer of employment or approval to perform volunteer service being withheld or withdrawn.

☐ **By checking this box and typing in my name, \_\_\_\_\_ on this date \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby submit my electronic signature certifying that I have read, understand, and hereby consent to the above authorizations for release of information. I further certify that the above information is complete, true and accurate.**