

Suicide Prevention for Legally Involved Veterans

- Veterans have a heightened risk of suicide compared to non-Veterans.
- Legal involvement further compounds a Veteran's risk for suicide.
- Access to a variety of support services that address underlying factors can help minimize risk and support public safety.

Veteran Suicide Risk Factors



Homelessness



Mental Health



Substance Use



Legal Involvement



Access to Firearms

How Legal Involvement Impacts Veteran Suicide Risk Factors



Transition



Veterans with a history of legal involvement have more severe mental health symptoms, such as PTSD, depression, and recent reports of suicidal ideation. Veterans have elevated rates of suicide attempts for the first 12 months after their release from correctional settings.

Veterans on community supervision are four times as likely to report a suicide attempt than those not on community supervision.





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