



North Las Vegas Municipal Court



Our Mission and Vision

The Court is constantly working to improve public trust and confidence by increasing access to justice and remaining committed to procedural fairness



Mission

To provide a forum for fair and efficient adjudication of all matters brought before this court through continuous improvement of services, accessibility, and technology.



Vision

Provide access to the justice system in the most timely and expeditious manner possible and to deliver the court's services with equality and fairness, honoring the integrity of each individual while recognizing the necessity of accountability and thereby creating public trust and confidence.

Our Judicial Team



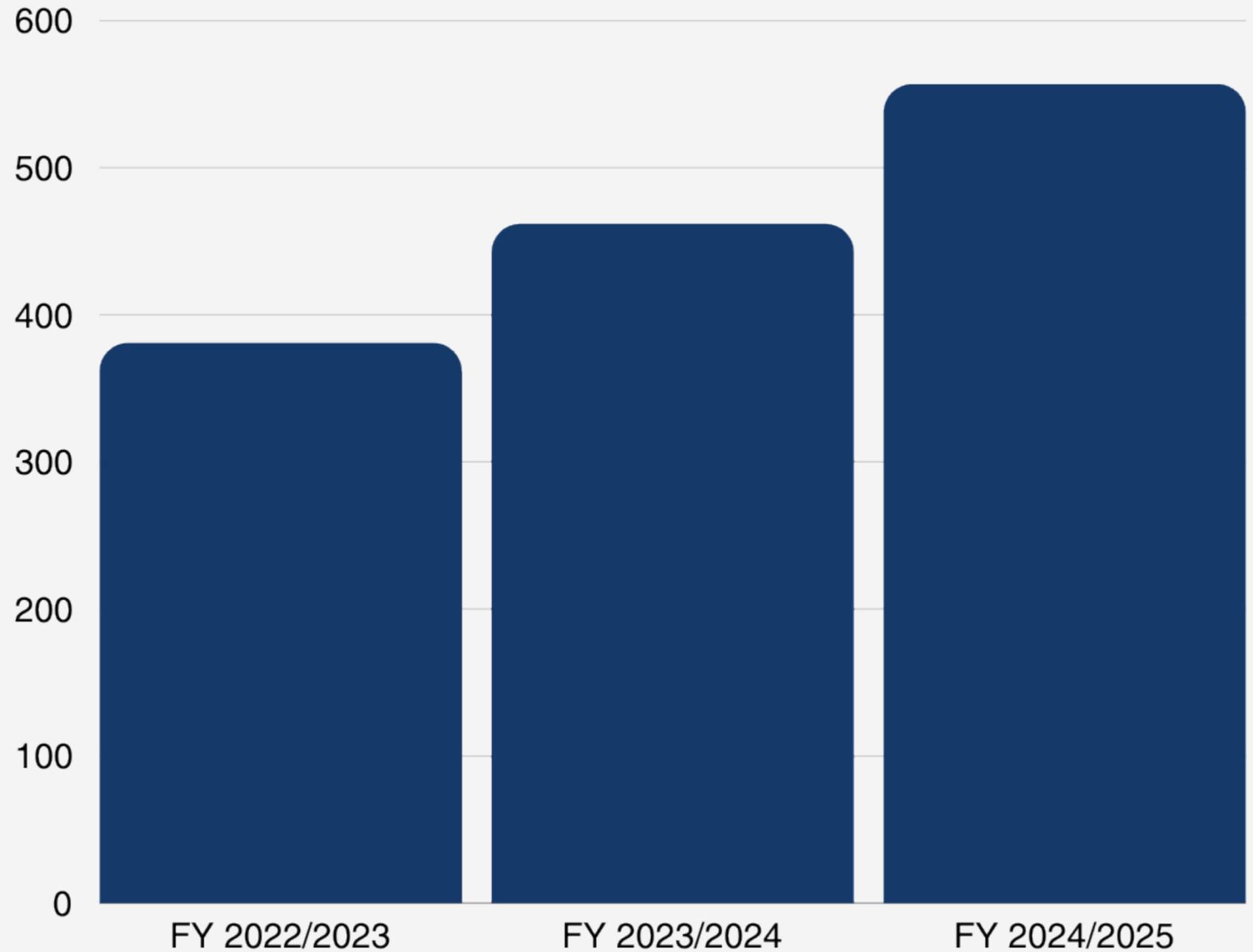
Chief Judge Chris Lee
Department 1



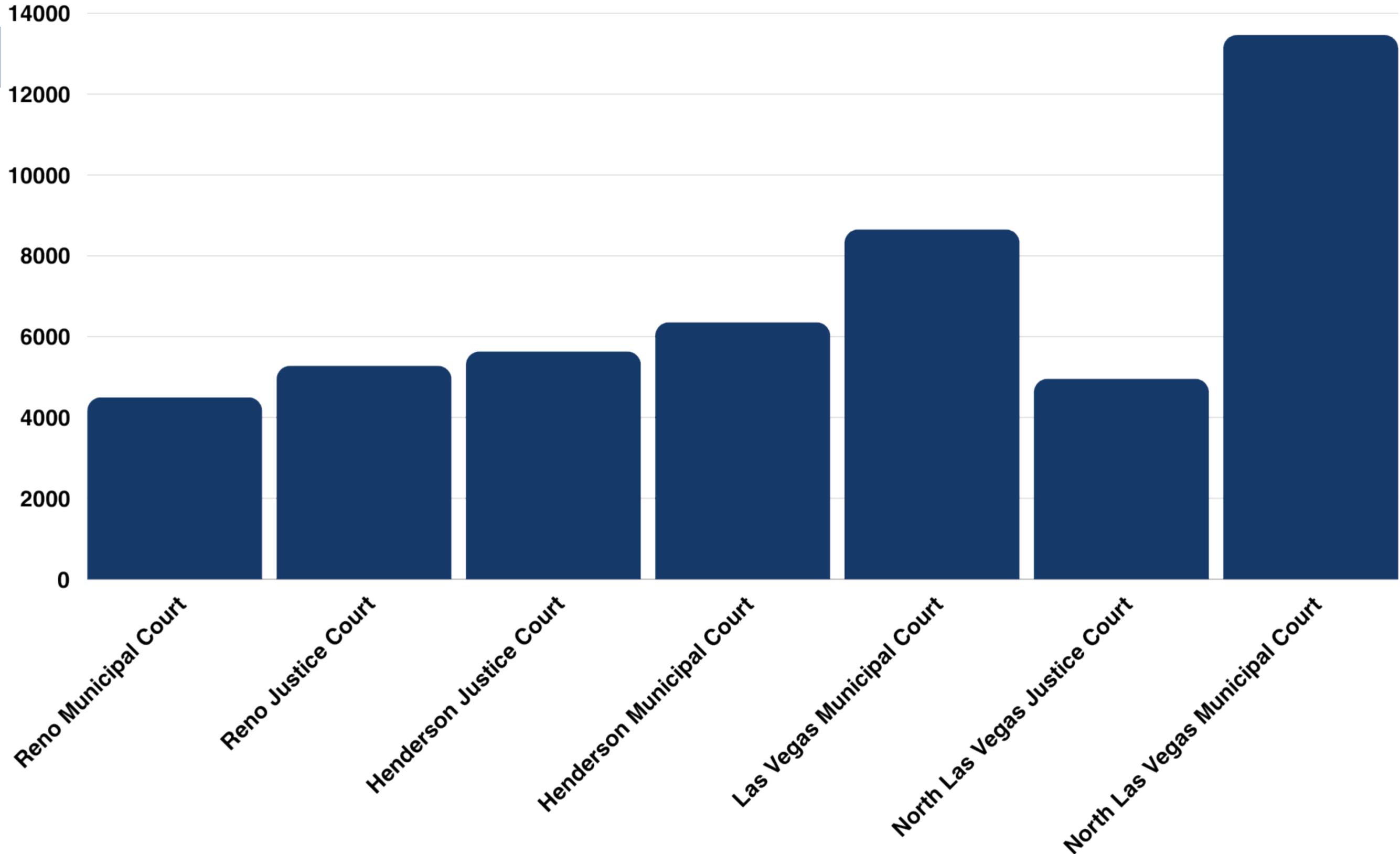
Judge Courtney Ketter
Department 2

Criminal Cases Filed

Our average monthly criminal filings thus far for the 24/25 fiscal year are up **20%** from 23/24 and over **40%** from 22/23



Cases per Judicial Officer



CARE Program

The Community Approach to Rehabilitation and Engagement (CARE) Program is a therapeutic court model designed to treat and address underlying issues leading to criminal activity



CARE Program Adult Drug Court



- **Rehabilitation Focus:** Deliver structured treatment and support to assist individuals in recovering from substance abuse challenges.
- **Judicial Oversight:** Maintain consistent judicial supervision and accountability throughout the treatment journey.
- **Reduce Recidivism:** Strive to decrease the rates of repeat offenses by tackling the underlying issues of criminal behavior associated with drug use.
- **Integrated Services:** Provide access to a wide range of services, including counseling, medical assistance, education, and job training.
- **Support and Supervision:** Ensure ongoing support and oversight through regular drug testing, court appearances, and progress assessments.

CARE Program Mental Health Court



- **Offering Support and Resources:** Provide a supportive environment, offering resources such as housing assistance, vocational training, and educational opportunities.
- **Improving Quality of Life:** Aim to improve the overall well-being and quality of life for participants by addressing mental health needs and fostering stability.
- **Promoting Accountability:** Participants are held accountable for their actions while receiving the necessary support to address their mental health issues.
- **Educating the Community:** Play a role in educating the community and stakeholders about the importance of addressing mental health within the criminal justice system.
- **Reducing Systemic Costs:** By providing appropriate treatment and reducing recidivism, mental health courts help to lower the overall costs associated with incarceration and repeated legal proceedings.

CARE Program Veterans Treatment Court



- **Provide Support and Rehabilitation:** Aim to provide support and rehabilitation services for veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system due to substance abuse, mental health issues, or other underlying factors.
- **Facilitate Access to Services:** Help veterans access necessary services, including medical care, counseling, housing assistance, and job training, often through connections with the Department of Veterans Affairs and other local resources.
- **Monitor Compliance:** Judge Lee and court staff closely monitor veterans' compliance with treatment programs, ensuring they attend scheduled appointments, adhere to medication protocols, and participate in necessary therapies.
- **Promote Accountability:** Hold participants accountable for their actions while recognizing their unique experiences and challenges, often using a system of rewards and sanctions to encourage progress and compliance.

CARE Program Veterans Treatment Court



- **Reduce Recidivism:** By addressing the root causes of criminal behavior and providing comprehensive support, these courts strive to reduce recidivism rates among veteran participants.
- **Foster Community Support:** They build a sense of community and peer support among participants, often involving veteran mentors who provide guidance and encouragement based on shared experiences.
- **Ensure Public Safety:** By focusing on treatment and rehabilitation, we contribute to overall public safety, helping veterans reintegrate into society as productive, law-abiding citizens.
- **Enhance Understanding:** Educate legal professionals about the unique challenges faced by veterans, promoting a more informed and empathetic approach to handling veteran-related cases.

CARE Program Veterans Treatment Court



Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the CARE Program's Veterans Treatment Court, the candidate must have served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or corresponding reserves or National Guard. The candidate must be facing criminal misdemeanor charges. Candidates must have an identified mental health, substance abuse, or alcohol disorder based on an evidence-based assessment. The candidate must be willing to comply with the conditions of the CARE Program for a minimum of 12 months.

Additionally, candidates may be referred to the program by the prosecuting attorney, defense counsel, Judge, police officers, Case Managers or Jail staff.

CARE Program Veterans Treatment Court



Phase One

(Minimum of 3-5 Months)

- Assessment/Case plan
- Court appearances (Every 1-4 weeks)
- Weekly communication with case manager
- Engage in identified treatment/services
- Random alcohol/drug testing
- Location monitoring for a minimum of 60 days – curfew monitored
- Address housing
- Curfew of 7 pm
- Travel out of Southern Nevada must be approved

CARE Program Veterans Treatment Court



Phase Two

(Minimum of 4-6 Months)

- Court appearances (Every 1-6 weeks)
- Comply with supervision
- Weekly communication with case manager
- Weekly communication with assigned mentor
- Engage in identified treatment/services
- Random alcohol/drug testing
- Begin & maintain employment, vocational training, or school
- MUST provide proof of inability to work
- Curfew of 8 pm
- Travel outside of Southern Nevada must be approved

CARE Program Veterans Treatment Court



Phase Three

(Minimum of 5-7 Months)

- Court appearance (Every 2-8 weeks)
- Comply with supervision
- Weekly communication with case manager
- Weekly communication with assigned mentor
- Engage in treatment & services
- Random alcohol/drug testing
- Maintain 90 days of employment, vocational training, school, or disability
- Maintain 60 days of stable housing
- Begin
- Curfew of 9 pm
- Begin payment of program fees-minimum of \$20/week
- Travel outside of Southern Nevada must be approved

North Las Vegas Marshals



CARE Court Supervision



- ◆ Provide law enforcement support to the CARE Court team
- ◆ Locate individuals that have absconded from treatment facilities
- ◆ Locate GPS devices cut off or removed by non compliant defendants
- ◆ Install GPS devices on participants and execute warrants for non-compliant participants
- ◆ Provide safe and secure transport from the Community Corrections Center to in-patient treatment facilities, psychiatric or VA Hospital
- ◆ Assist the CARE team with secure home visits for participants

Drug Lab Testing and Processing



- ◆ Observe and collect samples of individuals ordered to be monitored for the use of drugs and alcohol, an average of 35 samples are collected and processed per day
- ◆ Several Marshals are also trained and certified to operate the drug lab
- ◆ On site drug screening allows for more immediate intervention



CARE Program Graduates



- 88 Non-Veteran CARE Program Graduates
- 33 Veteran CARE Program Graduates
- 0% Recidivism
- 100% of Program Graduates have stayed out of criminal trouble locally

CARE Program Graduates



This remarkable achievement highlights the effectiveness of the CARE program in supporting both veterans and non-veterans in their journey towards rehabilitation and reintegration into society. The graduates' commitment to positive change and the program's comprehensive support system have played pivotal roles in ensuring these impressive outcomes.

The success of the CARE program is a testament to the power of structured support, community involvement, and personal determination. It provides a blueprint for similar initiatives aiming to reduce recidivism and promote lasting transformation. Each graduate's story is a beacon of hope, demonstrating that with the right resources and support, individuals can overcome past challenges and build brighter futures.

As the program continues to evolve, we remain dedicated to fostering an environment where all participants can thrive.

CARE Program Graduates



Questions

