VETERANS RE-ENTRY SEARCH SERVICE
(VRSS)

BENEFITS OF USING VRSS

- Requires no downloads or special training

- Provides you with a better understanding of your population

- Allows VA to target its outreach to Veterans in your population

- Helps your Veterans access needed services

- Make a difference in Veterans' lives by connecting them with VA

- VRSS is safe to use, as VA adheres to federal data protection and system security standards to protect the data you provide

Incarceration is one of the strongest predictors of Veteran homelessness—and

ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR VA.

Help Veterans in your criminal justice population by using VA's Veterans Re-entry Search Service.

Visit www.vrss.va.gov or scan the QR code below.

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The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 7 to 8 percent of U.S. prison and jail populations are Veterans. But historically, efforts to identify Veterans in criminal justice systems have relied on self-reporting, which many Veterans choose not to do for various reasons.

The Veterans Re-Entry Search Service (VRSS) serves to combat this problem, helping employees in criminal justice systems identify Veterans who could benefit from VA assistance to aid in their re-entry after incarceration.

WHAT IS VRSS?

VRSS is an easy-to-use, VA-supported tool that can strengthen partnerships between your criminal justice facility and VA. This tool is useful for those working at correctional facilities or in court systems.

It alerts VA staff to Veterans in your population so they can provide them with important services that assist with their re-entry.

HOW DO I ACCESS VRSS?

As a correctional facility or court system employee, you can access VRSS by going to www.vrss.va.gov.

From there, you can register for a new account or login to the system if you already have an account.

HOW DOES VRSS WORK?

1. Go to www.vrss.va.gov to access the web-based portal, which requires no downloads or special training.

2. Drop a single file with your population's information into VRSS.

3. The system will provide an automated identification of charged, convicted, and incarcerated Veterans in your population.

4. An electronic list of the defendant and/or prisoner identification numbers of those identified as Veterans will be transmitted back to you to facilitate outreach with the identified individuals.

5. At the same time, these results will be sent to the VA specialist responsible for your facility or geographic area.

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Using VRSS is the first step in connecting Veterans to the services that will help them

AVOID HOMELESSNESS, FIND EMPLOYMENT, AND LEAD FULFILLING, HEALTHY LIVES

in the country they served.