



## Benefits of The Program For Participants

- **Avoidance of Incarceration:** Successful completion of the program can lead to reduced or dismissed charges.
- **Comprehensive Support:** Participants receive ongoing support from a team of professionals dedicated to their success.
- **Long-Term Recovery:** The program is designed to promote lasting recovery, reducing the likelihood of future criminal behavior.
- **Improved Quality of Life:** Participants gain the skills and resources needed to lead healthier, more stable lives.



## Referral Form

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# Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Wellness Court



# Veterans Track

## Veterans Track

The Veterans Track within the LMJC Wellness Court is a specialized program tailored for Veterans facing felony charges related to mental health and substance use disorders. This program provides comprehensive support, integrating mental health and substance use treatment, judicial supervision, and connections to VA resources, all within a structured and compassionate environment. Our goal is to help Veterans navigate the legal system, improve their overall well-being, and successfully reintegrate into their communities.



## Veterans Track Mission Statement

Our mission is to honor and support Veterans by providing a holistic and Veteran-centered approach to justice. We strive to promote recovery, stability, and self-sufficiency through specialized treatment, peer support, and judicial oversight. By addressing the unique challenges Veterans face, we aim to empower them to overcome legal barriers, improve their quality of life, and reduce recidivism, ultimately encouraging a path to long-term wellness and reintegration into the community.

## Overview

Accountability courts are judicially operated diversion programs that serve individuals with diagnosed substance use disorders and/or behavioral or mental health disorders. It is often the result of their substance use and undiagnosed or untreated mental health disorders that cause them to commit non-violent crimes. Rather than sitting in jail going untreated to re-offend, accountability courts provide individuals with the services they so desperately need.

## Our Mission and Vision

Our Mission is to enhance public safety and improve the quality of life for participants by providing them with the support and resources they need to manage their mental health and substance use issues. We aim to reduce recidivism and facilitate long-term recovery through comprehensive treatment, accountability, and community support.

## Target Group

Felony offenders who are in the judicial system due to being charged with offenses that are most likely a result of their mental illness

## Who Can Participate?

Eligibility is determined by specific criteria, including:

- The diagnosis of a mental health disorder, often co-occurring with substance use disorders.
- Willingness to participate in a structured, therapeutic program.
- Acknowledgment of the need for treatment and a commitment to recovery.
- Non-violent offenders who meet the court's eligibility requirements.

## Results of the Program

- 69% percent of 2023 graduates were employed at graduation
- In 2023, 65 families were reunified, and 31 drug-free babies were born to participants.
- For the 1,565 program graduates in 2023. The total estimated benefit is \$41 million.
- \$1.67 million in reduced adjudication, incarceration, and probation costs
- \$1.21 million in community service work
- \$3.11 million in foster care costs avoided
- \$13.43 million in crime victimization costs avoided through decreased recidivism

Citation: Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia (forthcoming). The estimated economic impacts of accountability court programs in Georgia: 2022 update.



## Drug Tests

**Drug and Alcohol Testing:** Participants are subject to frequent and random testing to ensure compliance with the program's requirements.

### Drug Test Administration Results

In 2023, the negative test rate was 93% with almost 425,000 total drug tests administered.

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## Court

- Attend weekly/bi-weekly/monthly court sessions to discuss progress or issues

## Case Management and Interventions

- Personalized care plans are developed to address the unique needs of each participant, ensuring they receive the appropriate treatment and support.
- Therapeutic Interventions: Participants undergo evidence-based therapeutic interventions to address their mental health and substance use disorders.