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“**VET Help App™ is a phone application catering to the needs of formerly incarcerated veterans. FREE understands the unique resources the veteran population needs, therefore we created a free mobile phone application designed to improve the rate of success.**”

Overview

The logo for VET HELP features the word "VET" in red and "HELP" in white, both in a bold, sans-serif font. The text is positioned to the left of a solid blue circle. The entire logo is enclosed within a thin, light gray circular border.

VET HELP

An estimated 90,000 veterans are released from America's prisons each year. On average, veterans are incarcerated 22 months longer than non-veterans. Due to an outstanding of service deployments and extended incarceration, many of our service men and women have lost contact with support networks in their communities.

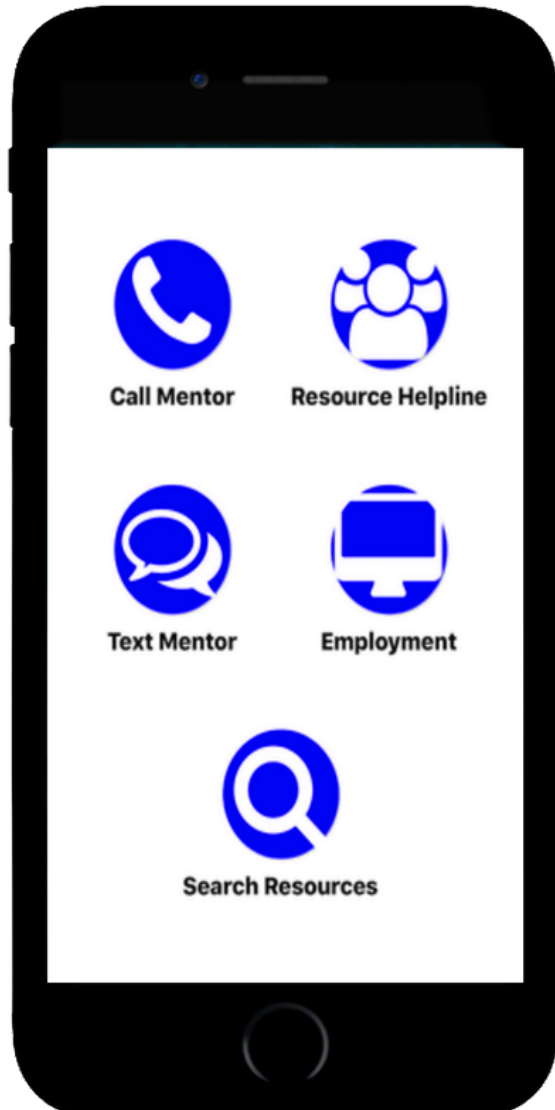
The number of Americans behind bars has increased steadily and now includes more than 2.1 million men and women, of which 10% have reported prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces. Within the state prison system, a majority (54%) of the veteran population served during wartime and 20% saw combat.

Our Veterans Deserve Better. FREE is here to help.



“ The Vet Help App™ is a vital link which allows formerly incarcerated veterans, veterans in the treatment courts, and homeless veterans; especially with counseling, mentors and community resources. ”

Vet Help App™ Benefits



Recovering addicts and alcoholics often can feel despondent over difficulties in transitioning to citizenship, such as finding employment, housing or other barriers. Upon pressing the Vet Help App™ button, they will have immediate access to a pool of on-call mentors that have been matched to meet the needs of the individual calling. Users will have the ability to contact our referral resource hotline.

Transitioning from active-duty service or prison confinement to living in the community can be difficult, the Vet Help App™ Phone Program (VHAPP) provides support that aid in the successful and safe transition of veterans from incarceration back to their families and communities.

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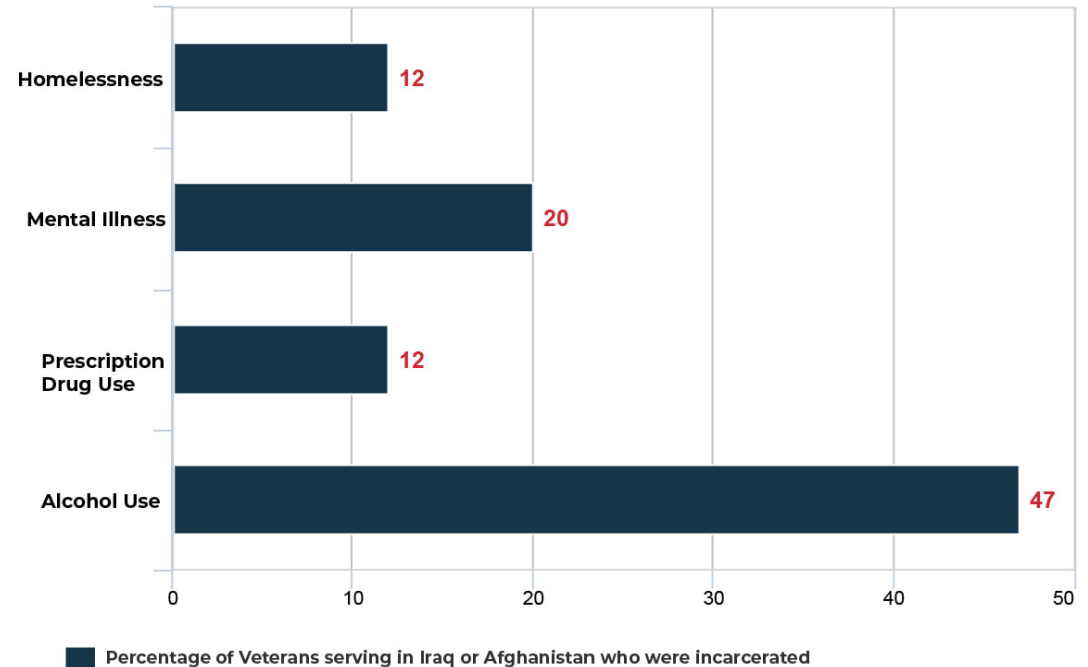
App users can communicate via voice call or text message with a live mentor or call for help via our 24-hour referral resource hotline. Usage of the application is completely confidential and anonymous.”



Why Veterans Need Help

Veterans are reported to struggle with the following dilemmas, which often lead to incarceration. 43% of veterans met DSM-IV criteria for alcohol dependence or abuse and drug abuse and the majority of veterans have also reported a recent mental health problem. Furthermore, research suggests a strong link between incarceration and homelessness, which is further aggravated by the high rates of substance abuse and mental illness within this population.

Veteran Path to Incarceration



*VHAPP is not designed to replace long-term therapy; the mentors are not therapists, but trained counselors mandated to listen and provide in-the-moment support for VHAPP participants in an urgent time of need.



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