Battlemind to Home VI Symposium

August 20, 2015
- Joining Forces
- Joining Community Forces
- Joining Community Forces Indiana (JCFI)
VISION:

A community centric solution developed through collaboration whereby national, regional, state, and local entities partner and exponentially impact support to veterans, service members and families.
MISSION:

Maximize the impact of community resources (civilian and military) to Veterans, Military members and Families in order to build resilience and foster a community network that is both sustainable and relevant.
JCFI Partnership

- Indiana National Guard
- Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs
- Veteran’s Health Administration
- Veteran’s Benefit Administration
- Military Family Research Institute
JCFI Activities

• Executive Committee
• Community Meetings
• Work Groups
• Other Community Activities
  – For example: Hiring Fairs, Stand Downs, Rally Points, Veterans appreciation activities
Guiding Principles for Community Partners

- JCFI supports organizations who serve all military populations
- Communities are experts on their own circumstances
- Action focused: Evidenced based
- Best served by joint military and civilian initiatives
- Coordination of local, regional and state efforts
- Contribute based on individual expertise
- Synergistic collaborations
- Assist communities in easing transition back to civilian life
Executive Committee

- Provides resources for communities and state
- Shares best practices with communities
- Identifies needs within state and develops action plan to address them
- Supports workgroups
Community Meetings

• Led by Facilitators from MFRI, Family Assistant Centers, Red Cross, and other interested individuals
• Bring together individuals and organizations who are interested in serving the military population
• Organize and implement events and programming in their communities
For example:

• Stand Downs—16 in 2014—20+ in 2015
• Women’s Veterans Conference
• Veteran Treatment Courts
• Help create new community meetings
• Provide information and networking opportunities to members
Work Groups

2015/16

1. Financial Literacy
2. Employment

Goals

• Action Focused
• Collaboration of subject matter experts from around the state
• Identify and bring best practices to the state
• Support community meetings
Communication is KEY
Getting the word out

- Executive Committee provides minutes to community groups to share
- Community facilitators provide feedback to EC after each meeting
- Work groups report regularly to EC
- Work Groups provide best practices and programming information to community groups
- Community Groups have representation on Work Groups
• Log on to JCF to register as a community partner and learn about resources, services, and events for military families in Indiana.

• JCF Website:
  • https://www.jointservicessupport.org/communityforces/IN
Upcoming Events

Submit Event Info to:

https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4TTsdryNZjYQqCF

Also distributed to:

- Service members, Veterans and their families
- Community facilitators
- Community group attendees
- News media outlets
- Social media channels
Executive Committee
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