



Battlemind to Home VI Symposium

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White House

- **Joining Forces**

National Guard Bureau

- **Joining Community Forces**

INNG

- **Joining Community Forces Indiana (JCFI)**



Joining Community Forces:

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.



Joining Community Forces:

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





JCF Website

- 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.jointservicesupport.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



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