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Overview

SVA – MFRI COLLABORATION

WHAT IS MFRI AND WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY LEARN FROM US?

AGENDA
Collaborations and Networking

- 2010 SVA Midwest Regional Conference
- 2011 Indiana SVO Conference; SVA Leadership Summit
- 2012 SVA Leadership Institute; “Success in 3-D” Manual
- 2013 SVA National Conference
1. Supporting the military infrastructures that support military families.

2. Strengthening the motivation and capacity of civilian communities to support military families.

3. Generating important new knowledge about military families.

4. Influencing policies, programs, and practices supporting military families.

5. Creating and sustaining a vibrant learning organization.
PASSPORT
toward success
Helping Military Kids and Families Connect
Our collaborators:

- DoD Center for Deployment Psychology
- National Guard
- Family Social Services Administration
Generating important new knowledge about military families
Serving Military Families in the 21st Century

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Transforming the Postsecondary Landscape
Education & Employment (former Operation Diploma)

Promoting academic & career success by supporting postsecondary institutions and student veterans’ organizations
Strategic Goals

Engage institutions in strengthening supports and services for student service members and veterans.

Educate administrators and faculty about your unique attributes, expectations, and concerns.

Generate new knowledge about your campus experiences and effective strategies for supporting you.

Strengthen the efforts of student veterans’ organizations.
How do we do this?

Professional development and awareness raising

- “Military 101”
- Selected topics
- Transformation series
- Creating forums for communication & networking
Establishing evidence

- Metrics
- Program evaluation
- Surveys
- Longitudinal studies
- Scientific literature
$2.5 Million in Grants

- Annual awards to institutions
- One-time special project grants
- SVO business plan competition awards
Research

- Landscape surveys
- Longitudinal student surveys
- Translating the research of others
- Employer surveys & training
- SVO impact reports
## Student characteristics

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NSSE, 2011; First year data
Points of contact

MFRI, 2010; n=354
Satisfaction with contacts
Social support

Perceived Social Support from Friends

- Civilian
- ROTC
- Veteran
School-related stress

- A
- B
- C

College Stress Scale

- Civilian
- ROTC
- Veteran

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Role overload

![Bar chart showing role overload scale for different groups.]

- **Role Overload Scale**

Legend:
- Civilian
- ROTC
- Veteran
Employer Surveys

Challenges in hiring veterans:
- No problems: 47.7%
- Skill mismatch: 16.4%
- Ed mismatch: 22.8%
- Legal hurdles: 2.6%
- Disability: 10%
- Absences: 0.0%

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SUCCESS IN 3-D FOR STUDENT VETERANS
How to Design, Develop and Deliver a Thriving SVO
Next 2 Days

Hands-on experience designing, developing, delivering, & evaluating a thriving, high quality SVO on your campus.
“The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill.”

-- Mission statement excerpt

http://www.legion.org/mission