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**Ready for Action: Utilizing a Scorecard Tool to Advance
State-Level Suicide Prevention Efforts**

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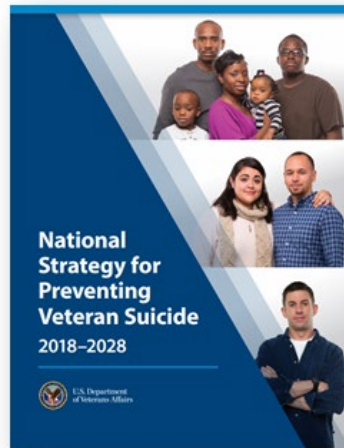
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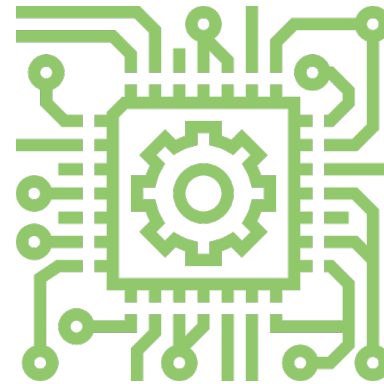
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The Challenge

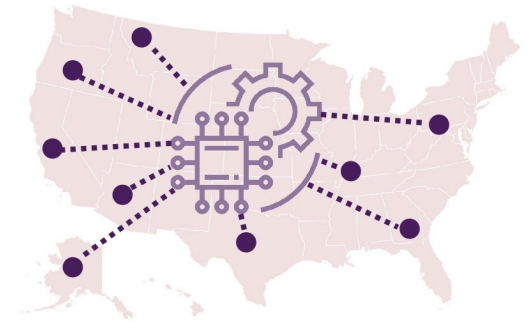


“A coordinated effort at the federal, state, and local levels is key to preventing Veteran suicide.”

VA National Strategy for
Preventing Veteran Suicide
2018 - 2028



Veteran suicide is a complex problem that requires capacity and strong cross-sector partnership



There is a lack of consistent infrastructure across states to conduct veteran suicide activities. The VA/SAMHSA Governor’s/Mayor’s Challenge is building capacity.

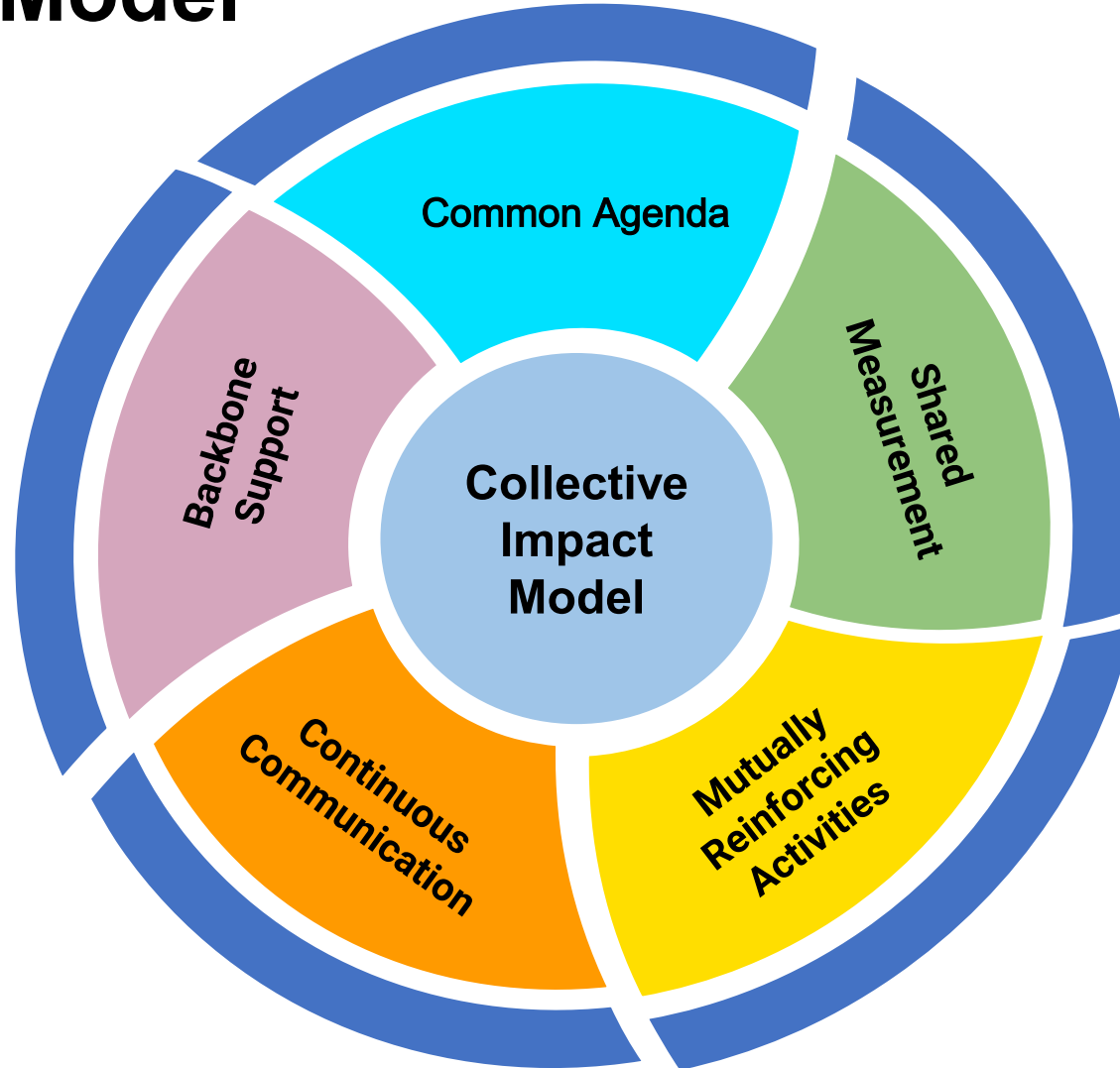
The Scorecard Tool

Theme	I	Score
1	Common Agenda	• A
2	Shared Measurement	• B
3	Mutually Reinforcing Activities	• C
4	Continuous Communication	• B
5	Backbone Team	• A

- Evidence-based **scorecard tool**
- Developed as part of the **CDC Veterans Evaluation Demonstration Project**
- Based on the key elements of the **collective impact model**
- Can be used to **assess the current readiness** for implementation of state-level veteran suicide prevention programs

Collective Impact Model

Collective impact brings people and organizations together, in a structured way, to achieve social change.





Methods

Survey

Survey sent to Governor's and Mayor's Challenge leads in key states.

Interviews

In-depth interviews performed with **six** leads regarding best practices, lessons learned, and program requirements.

Analysis

Qualitative analysis performed to identify **key themes**.

Development

Findings from **five** main components are being compiled into a second iteration of the scorecard tool that will be utilized to assess **capacity, readiness, development, progress, and gaps** with regards to statewide suicide prevention efforts.



Next Steps

- Findings will inform development of the **next iteration of the scorecard tool** (format based on CDC capacity assessment tools).
- Scorecard will **assess** capacity, readiness, development, progress, and gaps with regards to statewide suicide prevention efforts.
- After development of the scorecard tool, perform an **in-depth review** of each state's suicide prevention program.
- Allows for a **shared understanding** of the readiness for implementation of state-level veteran suicide prevention programs across the country.



Questions?/Thank you!

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