



## 2022 STATEWIDE SYMPOSIUM IN SUPPORT OF SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

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### DAY 1 – SYMPOSIUM – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

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<b>0730 – 0800</b>	Log in to the virtual conference center: <a href="http://www.AcmfEventCenter.org" style="color: white;">www.AcmfEventCenter.org</a>						
<b>0800 – 0915</b>	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> Opening Ceremony   Be Connected Leadership Partners & the Path Forward						
<b>0915 – 0925</b>	<b>BREAK – Transition to Breakout Session</b>						
	<b>TRACK</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>DOMESTIC &amp; SEXUAL VIOLENCE</b>	<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>FOOD INSECURITY</b>
<b>0925 – 1010</b>	<b>BRIEFING I</b> <i>Choose one</i>	<b>Removing Barriers: The Process of Going From Unsheltered to Housed</b>  Penny Miller, LCSW, Phoenix VA Health Care System & Barbara Goe, U.S. VETS	<b>Transportation Programs United: Successes and Barriers in Rural Transportation</b>  Kent Ellsworth, Verde Valley Caregivers Association & Christopher Vertrees, Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization	<b>Transition Truths &amp; MilSpouse Survival Strategies</b>  Anthony Reed, PhD, Transition Assistance Program & Sonia Vasquez, Arizona Coalition for Military Families	<b>The Intersection of Traumatic Brain Injury and Intimate Partner Violence</b>  Jonathan Lifshitz, PhD, Phoenix VA Health Care System & Brain Injury Alliance of AZ	<b>VA Benefits Overview</b>  John Guse, Michael Watson, PhD, & Kimberly Kordik, MACCJ, Phoenix VA Regional Office	<b>Resources to Address Food Insecurity in the Military Connected Community</b>  Isabel Kozak, DNP, ANP-C, RN & Kristen Ellis, RDN, Phoenix and Southern AZ VA Health Care Systems
<b>1010 – 1020</b>	<b>BREAK – Transition to Breakout Session</b>						
	<b>TRACK</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>DOMESTIC &amp; SEXUAL VIOLENCE</b>	<b>FAITH &amp; SPIRITUALITY</b>	<b>CAREGIVING</b>
<b>1020 – 1130</b>	<b>Briefing II Road to Solutions</b>  <i>Choose one</i>	<b>Removing Barriers to Housing</b>  Joanna Carr, Arizona Housing Coalition & Joselyn Wilkinson, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services	<b>Interactive Solution Session on Developing a Successful Rural Transportation Pipeline</b>	<b>Interactive Solution Session on Creating Financial Stability for Military Spouses</b>	<b>Interactive Discussion on Brain Injury in Intimate Partner Violence: Making Connections</b>	<b>Veteran Spiritual Healing: Building Spiritual Strength</b>  Irene Harris, PhD, New England VA Health Care System & Linda MacLeish, LPC, E-RYT, Franciscan Renewal Center	<b>VA and Community Caregiver Support Programs</b>  Laura Priest, MPA, LCSW & Carol Combs & Jennifer Hopek, LCSW, Northern AZ, Phoenix & Southern AZ VA Healthcare Systems
<b>1130 – 1140</b>	<b>BREAK – Transition to General Session</b>						
<b>1140 – 1200</b>	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>						
<b>1200 – 1230</b>	<b>Virtual Community Networking Lounge</b>						



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DAY 2 – SYMPOSIUM – THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022							
<b>0730 – 0800</b>	Log in to the virtual conference center: <a href="http://www.AcmfEventCenter.org">www.AcmfEventCenter.org</a>						
<b>0800 – 0900</b>	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> Expanding the Ecosystem of Support						
<b>0900 – 0910</b>	<b>BREAK – Transition to Breakout Session</b>						
	TRACK	HOUSING	TRANSPORTATION	EMPLOYMENT	DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE	BENEFITS	FAITH & SPIRITUALITY
<b>0910 – 0955</b>	<b>BRIEFING III</b>  <i>Choose one</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Best Practice from a Successful Coalition to End Homelessness: Tucson &amp; Kingman</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pat Farrell, Jerry Ambrose Veteran Council, Karen Charles, LCSW &amp; Jocelyn Muzzin, LCSW, Northern AZ &amp; Southern AZ VA Health Care Systems</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Navigating the VA Transportation Program for Veterans, Caretakers &amp; Agencies</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cristopher McHugh, Northern AZ VA Health Care System &amp; Marzette King, Phoenix VA Health Care System</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Veteran Friendly or Veteran Awesome?!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Michael Brice, BW Cyber LLC, &amp; Anthony Gilbert, Raytheon Missiles and Defense</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Military Sexual Trauma: Resources &amp; Support Available at the VA and in the Community</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dylan Richard, PhD, Phoenix VA Health Care Systems &amp; Doreen Nicholas, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Navigating the Newly Implemented VA Presumptive Conditions: Process to Apply for Related Benefits</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>John Guse, Michael Watson, PhD, &amp; Kimberly Kordik, MACCJ, Phoenix VA Regional Office</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faith Communities and Veteran Support: Forming a Military/Veteran Ministry</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mike Wold, Institute for Healing of Memories</i></p>
<b>0955 – 1005</b>	<b>BREAK – Transition to Breakout Session</b>						
	TRACK	HOUSING	TRANSPORTATION	EMPLOYMENT	DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE	SELF CARE & WELLNESS	TRAUMA INFORMED CARE
<b>1005 – 1120</b>	<b>BRIEFING IV</b> Road to Solutions  <i>Choose one</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Solution Session on Coalition Building and Expansion to End Homelessness</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Solution Session on Combining Transportation Solutions &amp; Telehealth Care</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Discussion on Creating Veteran Affiliated Employee Resource Groups to Retain Veteran Talent</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Solution Session Creating a Coordinated Network of Support for Military Affiliated Domestic &amp; Sexual Violence Survivors</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Importance of Reconnecting 24+ Months into the Pandemic and Our Altered State of Living</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Georg Hishaw, MD, Southern AZ VA Health Care System</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to Support Trauma Informed Providers</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Courtney Baker, PsyD &amp; Amanda Van Hofwegan, LCSW, Phoenix VA Health Care System</i></p>
<b>1120 – 1130</b>	<b>BREAK – Transition to General Session</b>						
<b>1130 – 1200</b>	<b>GENERAL SESSION - Closing</b>						
<b>1200 – 1230</b>	<b>Virtual Networking Lounge for Career Seekers</b>						