



2011 Statewide Symposium in Support of Service Members, Veterans & Their Families

June 7-8, 2011 – Desert Willow Conference Center – Phoenix, Arizona

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

The planning partners for the 2nd Annual Symposium invite individuals and organizations to participate in this two-day conference event as presenters. The 2010 Symposium attendees included 275+ representatives of the military, government and community. A similar audience is anticipated for this year's event.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen Arizona's capacity to serve and support the military and veteran population by engaging individuals and organizations from the military, government and community.
- Create a forum for partners to network and connect on a cross-sector basis and to learn about available resources for service members, veterans & their families in the public and private sector.
- Promote the provision of integrated care and support through an inter-disciplinary emphasis on serving the military and veteran population.
- Provide training to increase the knowledge, skills & abilities of community partners and providers in working with service members, veterans and their families with an emphasis on the unique aspects of military/veteran culture.

PLANNING PARTNERS – Arizona Coalition for Military Families, Arizona Department of Economic Security Rehabilitation Services Administration, Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, Arizona Governor's Council on Spinal & Head Injuries, Arizona Heroes to Hometowns, Arizona National Guard, Arizona Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, Child Crisis Center Operation Family Support, Greater Valley Area Health Education Center, Luke Air Force Base, National Guard Bureau Psychological Health Program, Phoenix VA Health Care System, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, US Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office



TRACKS - There are five tracks planned for the event. Each of these tracks will consist of six breakout sessions with a mix of topical presentations, program examples and interactive activities.

- **Health issues** – Addressing the health of service members and veterans with an emphasis on the integration of physical and behavioral health.
- **Individual engagement** – Building knowledge and skills for working one-on-one with the military/veteran population.
- **Family matters** – Information, resources and strategies for supporting military and veteran families around relationships, parenting, kids, family stressors, etc.
- **Military/Veteran 101** – Thorough introduction to the military/veteran population, including military culture, related issues, systems-of-care and resources.
- **Rural focus** – Promising programs and strategies for rural and tribal areas.

TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS - Individuals and organizations are invited to submit proposals for 90 minute sessions for possible inclusion in one or more of the above tracks. Examples of potential submissions include:

- Best or promising programs and practices
- Examples of effective partnerships and collaborations
- Techniques or approaches for working directly with individuals and families
- Boots on the Ground (firsthand perspectives of service members, veterans & family members)
- Interactive demonstrations
- Panels
- Subject matter expertise
- Videos and facilitated discussion



TRACK-SPECIFIC LEARNING OBJECTIVES - When you submit your session you will designate which of the five tracks your session is focused on (only one track per session). You will then identify which of the learning objectives your session meets for that track. Please see the learning objectives for each track below.

HEALTH ISSUES - Addressing the health of service members and veterans with an emphasis on the integration of physical and behavioral health.

- Identify unique factors that can affect the health and wellbeing of deploying and returning service members and their families.
- Apply evidence-based, interdisciplinary, health education, promotion, and resiliency models in public, private and community-based settings.
- Describe how key issues such as PTSD, TBI, substance abuse, suicidality, etc. can impact the care and treatment of service members from an interdisciplinary approach.
- Select appropriate evidence-based treatment protocols for service members diagnosed with service related injuries and conditions.

INDIVIDUAL ENGAGEMENT - Building knowledge and skills for working one-on-one with the military/veteran population.

- Develop skills to effectively interface and connect with service members, veterans & family members.
- Learn and implement techniques to provide support and assistance in the context of combat & operational stress injuries and conditions.
- Increase knowledge and understanding of military and veteran systems-of-care and ability to interface with systems in support of service members, veterans and families.
- Successfully transition individual or family at completion of interaction, either out of care or into the appropriate program or service.

FAMILY MATTERS - Information, resources and strategies for supporting military and veteran families around relationships, parenting, kids, family stressors, etc.

- Describe trends in the military and veteran population and the impact on families.
- Increase knowledge of the dynamics of military families and the impact of service and deployment across family systems (spouses, children, parents, siblings, etc) and components (Active duty, Guard & Reserves).
- Identify specific programs and resources available to assist families with relationship and parenting stressors.



MILITARY/VETERAN 101 – Thorough introduction to the military/veteran population, including military culture, related issues, systems-of-care and resources.

- Describe Arizona’s military and veteran population.
- Identify key aspects of the perspective of military personnel and their experiences with service, deployment and reintegration.
- Increase understanding of the military/veteran systems of care and benefits and how to effectively help service members, veterans and family members in navigating these systems.
- Integrate understanding of military/veteran culture into the provision of care and support to military/veteran population.

RURAL FOCUS - Promising programs and strategies for rural and tribal areas.

- Increase knowledge of existing resources for improving access to care in rural areas.
- Implement partnership and collaboration strategies for strengthening community networks.
- Identify promising approaches for intergovernmental cooperation in support of the military and veteran population.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Go to the online submission page:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011SymposiumCall>
2. The submission deadline is 2/28/11.
3. Email a resume or c.v. for the presenters (if applicable) to info@arizonacoalition.org.
4. All submissions will be reviewed by the planning team. Presenters will be contacted in March. The agenda will be finalized for distribution by April.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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