

Military/Veteran Resource Network Application - Prevention Coalitions

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What sector is your organization part of?	Community
Type of organization (check all that apply)	Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Coalition Child & Family Services/ Prevention Crisis / First Responder Education (primary / secondary) Community-Based Partner / Civic Group
Organization Mission and/or Charter:	AZYP mission: In partnership with communities, AZYP cultivates healthy foundations for youth and promotes strong families. Vision: Healthy Youth, Healthy Families, Healthy Communities
Brief background of organization (year established, etc.):	Arizona Youth Partnership (AZYP) was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned Pima County citizens who sought to ensure access to services by rural communities in the county. Over the years, AZYP has expanded services to 10 counties across Arizona.
Overview of organization's experience and expertise in delivering services, best practices used, etc.:	AZYP employs a root cause approach to fighting poverty by encouraging healthy choices and promoting self-sufficiency in youth and families through evidence-based prevention programs and community involvement.
What area of the state do you serve?	Statewide (including multi-state/national)
2. County/Counties:	Apache Coconino Gila La Paz Mohave Navajo Pima Pinal Santa Cruz
Brief overview of programs, resources, services, etc.:	Youth and family programs and strengthening community health

General eligibility guidelines for programs, resources and/or services:	There are no eligibility guidelines to participate
Description of target audience:	Youth and families
Cost for programs or services to service members, veterans and/or family members (or funding sources if no cost to individuals and families):	No cost for programs.
Regulatory body that has oversight over organization and/or industry (if applicable) and any organizational memberships (e.g. chamber of commerce, alliances, etc.):	AZYP Board of Directors
Our organization understands and agrees to the following Guiding Principles:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Military service often fosters resilience and strength in service members, veterans and family members. 2. Military service impacts the individual and the family. A “military family” can include a service member or veteran, their spouse/significant other and children, as well as parents, siblings, extended family and friends. 3. The military is a distinct culture. While service members, veterans and their families experience the same life circumstances and events as civilians, both positive and negative, they also have a unique set of life experiences relating to service, deployment and reintegration that are distinct from civilian life. 4. As a community, we are committed to providing the best care and support to all those who serve. Since changes in military status affect eligibility for programs, resources and benefits, we seek to build a continuum of care that addresses the needs of the entire military, veteran and family population. 5. No one organization can meet all needs for the entire military and veteran population. Stronger collaboration between military, government and community partners supports service members, veterans and their families in connecting to the right program, resource and/or benefit at the right time. Organizations should also focus on collaboration to maximize available resources and minimize duplication of effort. 6. There should be no wrong door to which a service member, veteran or family member goes to for help. Each individual and organization should have at least the basic knowledge on the military/veteran systems of care to assist in connecting that individual or family to a more appropriate resource so that no one is turned away. 7. As a network of individuals and organizations who provide care and support to the military and veteran population, our goal is to assist service members, veterans and family members in being informed consumers who are empowered to make decisions to access those programs, resources & benefits that will meet their needs. 8. Every service member, veteran and family member has an individual experience and perspective which should be acknowledged and incorporated into the provision of care and support.

Our organization understands and agrees to the following Ethical Considerations:

1. The interest of the service member, veteran and family member should come first, above the interest of the provider or organization, financial or otherwise.
2. Any potential conflicts of interest should be disclosed up front.
3. Respect the service member, veteran and/or family member by providing accurate information that will assist them in making informed decisions about the care and support they access.
4. Organizations should only offer programs, services and resources that they are equipped or trained to deliver. Outreach and engagement of the military and veteran population should be within the scope of the role and function of the individual (training & experience) and the organization (policies, practices, procedures).
5. Organizations that outreach to the military/veteran population have an obligation to equip their personnel and organizations with the training necessary to understand: a) the unique aspects of the military experience b) the issues affecting these individuals and their families and c) the specific military/government programs and benefits available to this population. Organizations should consult with subject matter experts when necessary.
6. Outreach and messaging to the military and veteran population should be truthful, not misleading nor designed to incite fear, should always accurately and appropriately cite sources and present information in context.
7. Organizations should be cautious about promising outcomes. Information should clearly state if a program or service is evidence-based or independently documented to be effective. Statements about the effectiveness of programs or services should include information on success rates and the documented source of this information.
8. Coordination of care and follow up is essential when service members, veterans and family members are accessing multiple systems of care. Partners need to be actively engaging with other providers and systems as appropriate, while still respecting the confidentiality of the individual or family.

Key personnel (leadership, staff, volunteers, etc.) have basic knowledge and/or training related to:

The military.
Veteran and family population and unique aspects of military/veteran culture.
The effects of military service, deployment, reintegration and transition on service members, veterans and their families.

Total number of clinical/direct service staff:

55

Approximate number of clinical/direct service staff that have received the above training:

2

Conduct a coalition inventory to determine who in your coalition is a service member, veteran or family member.

Yes

Add military as an additional sector to your coalition.

No

Additional detail on how our organization CONNECTS to the culture relating to the above areas, as well as any other relevant information:

AZYP is DHS core instrument adult and youth perceptions of harm and through AZDHS survey we added in for demographics if they are a service member, veteran or family member of a veteran.

Approximate number of employees in organization:

55

Number of individuals trained as Military/Veteran Resource Navigators within organization:	2
Titles/roles of individuals trained as Navigators (e.g. team leaders, clinicians, peer support providers, etc.)	Community Development Coordinator Director of Community Initiatives
Communications (print, web, etc.), content and messaging focused on the military and veteran population:	Uses appropriate terminology and imagery Describes services/resources offered. Clearly indicates any costs.
Our organization tracks the number of service members, veterans and/or family members served.	No
Encourage coalition members to post information for service members, veterans and their families on websites or in their office or place of business.	Yes
Additional detail on how our organization ASKS the right questions at the right time relating to the above areas, as well as any other relevant information::	AZYP we encourage our coalition members to put the ACMF logo on the websites.
All staff and volunteers have basic awareness of key gateway resources (crisis lines and the Military/Veteran Resource Network) and can provide information to individuals and families as needed. When and how was this information distributed to all employees (e.g. email, intranet, handout, etc.):	Trish Ford - Community Development, through staff meeting
Mark each area and provide details in text box below:	<p>If you have specific programs that potentially serve the military, veteran or family population, staff and volunteers have training and/or experience on providing effective care and support to this population.</p> <p>Staff and volunteers know to refer individuals and families to a Resource Navigator to connect to the range of available military, government and community resources (e.g. housing, mental health, physical health, etc.).</p>

Promote to businesses and organizations in the community that you are a Military/Veteran Resource Network partner and that you have Resource Navigators available to assist service members, veterans and their families.	Plan to do
Our services, when possible, incorporate the needs of both the service member or veteran, as well as the immediate and/or extended family when delivering services:	Yes
Additional detail on how our organization RESPONDS effectively relating to the above areas, as well as any other relevant information::	AZYP has participated in Navigator Training
We have one or more individuals designated as points of contact (POCs) for the Military/Veteran Resource Network and the military/veteran community:	Yes
Our organization partners as appropriate and needed with public and private sector organizations to strengthen quality and coordination of care for service members, veterans and family members.	Yes
Provide coalition members information on upcoming events sponsored by the Arizona Coalition for Military Families.	Yes
Allow the military sector leader to report out each meeting on issues impacting military families	Yes
Attend the Arizona Coalition for Military Families Annual Symposium (held in April).	No
Our organization participates in relevant events, trainings and initiatives in the military/veteran community.	Yes

Additional detail on how our organization ENGAGES relating to the above areas, as well as any other relevant information:

AZYP has attended trainings on working with service members, veterans and their families.