

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
Organization Mission and/or Charter:	A substance abuse prevention community coalition that provides resources, support and education to the community through prevention and intervention to reduce substance abuse with a primary focus on reducing youth substance use!
Brief background of organization (year established, etc.):	<p>The Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition began in 2003 as a Cross System Substance Abuse Coalition with 5 members to address Methamphetamine. In 2005, the Coalition changed its name to better reflect their broader prevention efforts and strategies to address underage drinking and prescription drug misuse/abuse.</p> <p>Coalitions are made up of sectors of a community, in which each group retains its identity but all agree to work together toward the common goal of a safe, healthy and drug-free community. Coalitions have deep connections to the local community and serve as catalysts for reducing local substance abuse rates.</p> <p>Community coalitions are not prevention programs or traditional human service organizations that provide direct services. Rather they are directed by local residents and sector representatives who have a genuine voice in determining the best strategies to address local problems (CADCA, 2009).</p>
Overview of organization's experience and expertise in delivering services, best practices used, etc.:	Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition works hard in developing strategies and providing resources to reduce substance abuse. For each substance or issue, a strategic plan is developed that identifies community needs, available resources, and action steps to be taken. The strategies developed utilize evidenced-based and research-based practices, logic models that identify the action steps, outcomes as well as incorporating the Seven Stages of Change, an environmental change model.
What area of the state do you serve?	Regional within Arizona
1. Region:	Southern Arizona
2. County/Counties:	Graham
3. City/Local Area:	Safford

4. Tribal Nation(s):

San Carlos Apache Tribe

Brief overview of programs, resources, services, etc.:

Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition's programs and strategies address substance abuse in the County.
We conduct youth programs and education in classrooms.

We provide education, resources, and conduct presentations for local businesses, organizations and other institutions.

We provide resources to our local community

In the near future we intend to provide education, resources and conduct presentations geared towards military families.

General eligibility guidelines for programs, resources and/or services:

Anyone is welcomed to attend our coalition events/meetings and receive resources or services.

Description of target audience:

Our target audience is parents, youth, at-risk youth, older adults and community members.

We have been able to reach more individuals through our coalition's subcommittees that address the following populations/groups:

Youth
Native American Community
Law Enforcement
Recovery/Treatment

We will be adding two subcommittees in the near future:

College
Military

Cost for programs or services to service members, veterans and/or family members (or funding sources if no cost to individuals and families):

There is no cost for services.

Regulatory body that has oversight over organization and/or industry (if applicable) and any organizational memberships (e.g. chamber of commerce, alliances, etc.):

Graham County Substance Abuse Board of Directors

Our organization understands and agrees to the following Guiding Principles:

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:	3
Approximate number of clinical/direct service staff that have received the above training:	1
Conduct a coalition inventory to determine who in your coalition is a service member, veteran or family member.	No
Add military as an additional sector to your coalition.	Planned or in process
Additional detail on how our organization CONNECTS to the culture relating to the above areas, as well as any other relevant information:	<p>We have been able to attend the Arizona Coalition for Military Families Trainings and do our best to be cultural competent in working with and assisting military families. We will continuously seek training opportunities to be competent in serving and assisting with military families</p> <p>We intend to add a military subcommittee to our coalition to provide resources and substance use prevention tools to military families. We hope to bring military families together in our community and provide resources for military parents on having conversations with their kids about substance use/misuse. We would like to be resource and help parents in communicating with their children, and making it easier to initiate conversations. Our goal is to work in collaboration with our local organizations to provide resources for military families in Graham County and help build a drug free community.</p>
Approximate number of employees in organization:	3
Number of individuals trained as Military/Veteran Resource Navigators within organization:	1
Titles/roles of individuals trained as Navigators (e.g. team leaders, clinicians, peer support providers, etc.)	Project Coordinator
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.	In process

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::

We intend to provide resources and information to local businesses to reach service members, veterans and their families. Our goal is to collaborate with our local organizations, agencies, businesses, and schools to create a dissemination plan to provide information to military families.

We will continuously strive to provide information to military families in a way that is clear and concise and clearly states the services offered.

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.):

Email, intranet, handouts and phone calls

Mark each area and provide details in text box below:

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.
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.).

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::

We do our best in providing substance abuse prevention and education to all extended members of the family. We do our best to connect service members, veterans, and their family members with resources in our community. If we not able to connect them with the resources, we contact other Resource Navigators who may be of assistance. We have access to a community resource guide that we are able to reference community resources. We will continue to use different modes of communication to provide information to military families.

<p>We have one or more individuals designated as points of contact (POCs) for the Military/Veteran Resource Network and the military/veteran community:</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Provide coalition members information on upcoming events sponsored by the Arizona Coalition for Military Families.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Allow the military sector leader to report out each meeting on issues impacting military families</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Attend the Arizona Coalition for Military Families Annual Symposium (held in April).</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Our organization participates in relevant events, trainings and initiatives in the military/veteran community.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional detail on how our organization ENGAGES relating to the above areas, as well as any other relevant information:</p>	<p>Our organization does our best to attend trainings and events in the military/veteran community . We attend as many trainings provided by the Arizona Coalition for Military Families as possible to gain more knowledge in working with military families.</p> <p>Through our military subcommittee, we will be able to address the issues in our community that are impacting our community.</p>