

Highlights – July 2019



Key Findings from the ServingTogether One Year In Progress Review

Thank you to those who joined us in person or by webinar on July 11th for the **One Year In Progress Review**.

If you were unable to attend, we invite you to watch the webinar and view the slides to learn more about what the data means and to hear stories about the network's impact so far.

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Our **key findings** from this first full year of operation are:

- **Employment, housing and income supports** are the three main challenges faced by our veterans, service members and families.
- Many in our military community experience **2 – 3 co-occurring needs**, requiring close collaboration between network providers to address those needs.

Based on these findings, ServingTogether is focused on increasing the number of providers in the network to meet the challenges and co-occurring needs of our military-connected neighbors.

And we're issuing this two part **Call to Action**:

- Help us **spread the word** to other service providers about the benefits of being in the network. We want to grow the network to meet the diverse array of needs.
- **Make referrals** into the network to providers who can meet the co-occurring needs that fall outside your scope. Your capacity is increased and the network is strengthened overall.

ServingTogether is grateful to have the support of so many great partners, elected officials, local governments and other stakeholders across the National Capital Region working to meet the needs of our military community.

First-Ever Mid-Atlantic Regional Community of Practice Training Event

ServingTogether conducted the first training session as the Regional Community of Practice Champion for the Mid-Atlantic. We brought together over 140 network providers from the National Capital Region, Greater Pittsburgh, and the Hampton Roads Virginia region to conduct a training on **Recognizing the Effects of Secondary Traumatic Stress and Burnout**, especially as it relates to serving the military and veteran population. A great discussion was held by Panelists, Charlie Brown, and Dr. Steve Zappalla and moderated by speaker, Nick Williams.

We ended the event focusing on Self-Care tips and techniques presented by Jennifer Grinnell, who provided a variety of tools to help guard yourself from secondary trauma and burnout. [Check out the recorded session here!](#)

We look forward to offering more of these sessions later this year and next. Your feedback is important, and we will be using it to plan the next series of trainings. **Want to Attend?** Contact [Christy Kenady](#) to be added to the distribution list for upcoming events!





ServingTogether is pleased to announce that we have selected Jennifer Watson as our new Program Manager!

Jennifer has served as our dedicated Peer Navigator for over 3 years. We are so excited to have her move into the role of Program Manager focused on expansion of our program in Prince Georges' County, Southern MD and Washington DC. Jennifer has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore and a Master's of Science in Forensic Science: High Tech Crimes. Jennifer proudly served in the United States Air Force and is an OIF/OEF service-connected combat veteran. Please help us welcome her into her new role.

This advancement means, we are now seeking a **Veteran & Family Peer Navigator** to help operate our Coordination Center working with military, veterans and their families with connection to resources and services. For more information and how to apply [click here](#).

Join us for the August 9th Open Forum

This month's webinar will include a demonstration of how to create a new referral in Unite Us

[Register Here](#) Webinar ID 617-412-563

ServingTogether and Community Partner Collaborative Meetings for August

Community	Date	Time	Location
Frederick County CVEB	August 6, 2019	9:00 - 10:30am	Mount St Mary's College Frederick Campus 5350 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD
Fairfax County Veterans Collaborative	August 6, 2019	1:00 - 3:00pm	Vienna Baptist Church 541 Marshall Rd SW Vienna, VA
Southern Maryland Veteran Collaborative	August 9, 2019	10:00 - 11:30am	Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, D Wing at 29449 Charlotte Hall Road
Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board (CVEB)	August 13, 2019	7:30 - 9:00pm	Loudoun County Government Center 1 Harrison Street SE Leesburg, VA
Fort Belvoir Collaborative	August 15, 2019	12:00 - 2:00pm	USO Warriors and Family Center Fort Belvoir, VA
Prince George's County Collaborative	August 20, 2019	1:00 - 2:30pm	Prince George's County Office of Veteran Affairs 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Rd Suite L-023
Frederick Veteran Support Network	August 27, 2019	9:00 am - 10:30 am	Mental Health Assoc. of Frederick 226 S. Jefferson St, Frederick MD

In need of assistance? If you are a service member, veteran or family member in need of assistance, please fill out the Get Assistance Form on ServingTogetherProject.org or give us a call at 1-855-738-7176.