Paving the Way Home: The Georgia Veterans Initiative



Paving the Way Home Mission Statement

* To MOBILIZE and PREPARE Georgia's Mental Health, Substance Abuse Community Providers and Armed Forces to address the various issues of returning Veterans of OEF/OIF and their Families.



Goals

- Establish an Interagency Coalition,
 Collaboration, and Co-ordination
- Develop Accessible Systems of Services
- Increase Knowledge about available Resources
- Develop a Multi-pronged Effort to Address Stigma

Georgia's Action Areas

- Increasing Access to Services
- Training and Education for Service Providers
- Outreach and Stigma Reduction
- Peer Support and Training
- Expanding and Improving Services

Veteran Workforce Development

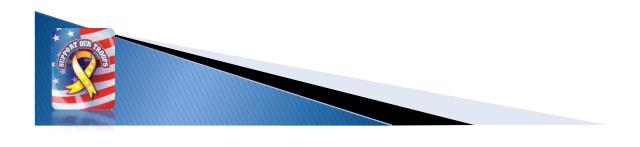
Increasing Access to Services

OBJECTIVE:

Assess current resources and remaining needs

PLAN OF ACTION:

- Assess current resources in Georgia
- Collaborate and Network
- Create a procedures for referrals and information
- Plan to Address Barriers to Services



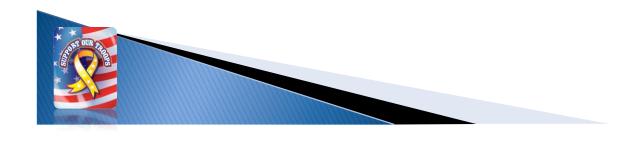
Expanding and Improving Services

OBJECTIVE:

Expansion of services to include screening, treatment, on-going care and follow up

PLAN OF ACTION

- Ensure Proper Screening and Treatment
- Maintain Continuing Care
- Increase Veterans and Families Advocates



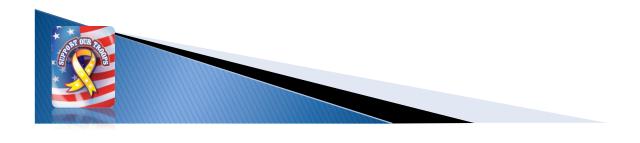
Veteran Workforce Development

OBJECTIVE:

Create a statewide Task Force for Veterans Workforce Development and Work Re-Entry

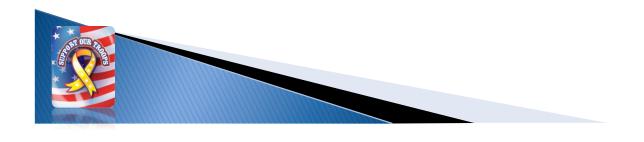
PLAN OF ACTION:

- Model Programs
- Employer Education
- Outreach
- Removing Barriers to Employment
- Employment Training and Education



Statewide Recommendations

- The need of a Statewide Coordinating Council
- Mobile Veteran Assistance Centers to reach rural communities
- Design a website with statewide resources for Service Members, Veterans and their Families



Georgia's Collaborative Partners

- Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Georgia Department of Veterans Services
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Georgia Department of Labor
- U.S. Army, Reserve and Georgia National Guard

- Southeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center
- Georgia Community Service Boards
- Local and Community Agencies
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Service Providers
- Veterans Service Organizations

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