Building Support for all Who Serve
Strengthening Service Delivery to Military Members, Veterans & Their Families

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The Arizona Coalition for Military Families is a nationally-recognized **public/private partnership** focused on building Arizona’s capacity to care for and support all service members, veterans, their families and communities.

One Great Point!
Can you find the resources right for you?
No Wrong Door...No Wrong Person

MILITARY
- (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Veterans)

GOVERNMENT
- (Federal, Tribal, State, Local)

COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS & VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

EDUCATION
- (Elementary, Secondary, Higher Education)

BUSINESS/EMPLOYERS

MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES/PREVENTION

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS/COMMUNITY HEALTH

LEGAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS

The Arizona Coalition for Military Families facilitates cross-sector collaboration between military, government & community partners. The goal is to build awareness, engage, equip and connect the people and organizations in every sector of our community in support of service members, veterans, their families & communities throughout Arizona.

Right Resource, Right Time

Arizona’s Military/Veteran Population

ACTIVE DUTY
- 5 military installations
- 20,600+ service members

NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVE
- 13,600+ service members

VETERANS
- +/- 600,000 veterans of all eras
- 25% live in rural areas
- High concentration post 9/11

FAMILY MEMBERS
- Spouses, significant others, children, parents, siblings, etc.
Special Populations to Consider

- Aging veterans
- Justice-involved veterans
- Native American veterans
- Women veterans
- Active Duty/Guard/Reserve service members
- Military/Veteran children & youth
- Young adults & college students
- Rural veterans
Veterans & Poverty

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics
Veterans have a lower poverty rate than non-Veterans and the Veteran poverty rate is rising.

Veterans

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Non-Veterans

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Note: The percentage increase in the arrows shows the percentage increase in raw numbers between the two periods. The percent above the bar shows the percent below poverty. The number in the bar below the percent, shows the number below poverty.

Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics.
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit participation depends on meeting low income and asset thresholds. These data augment poverty statistics. Veteran participation in SNAP falls below the non-Veteran rate. Veteran rate of participation, in recent years, has been rising faster than the non-Veteran rate.

Note: The ACS data does not necessarily indicate that the Veteran is the person receiving SNAP benefits. It means the Veteran lives in a household that receives them.

The poverty rate for Veterans ages 18 – 34 years old is higher than those between the ages of 35 – 54 years old. The poverty rate for disabled Veterans is higher than for disabled non-Veterans for both age groups.

**Veteran and Non-Veteran Poverty**

**Ages 18 - 34**
- Overall Poverty Rate: 11.9% (Veteran) vs. 20.5% (Non-veteran)
- Poverty Rate w/ Disability: 14.2% (Veteran) vs. 9.2% (Non-veteran)

**Ages 35 - 54**
- Overall Poverty Rate: 8.5% (Veteran) vs. 33.8% (Non-veteran)
- Poverty Rate w/ Disability: 12.6% (Veteran) vs. 25.4% (Non-veteran)

*Note: The ACS disability definition includes anyone who identifies as having hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care or independent living difficulty.*

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012 1-Year* 
*Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics*
625,000 Service Members & Veterans + Family Members
Opportunities for Building Capacity and Collaboration Around Serving the Military, Veteran & Family Population

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
• Providers, Administrators, Support Staff
• Military/Veteran Culture, Resource Navigation

PARTNER PROCESS
• Guidelines for CARE: Behavioral Health, Prevention, Health Care (coming soon)
• Participation in resource matching technology (under development)
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