

COLLABORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITIES OF CARE:

THE NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON RETURNING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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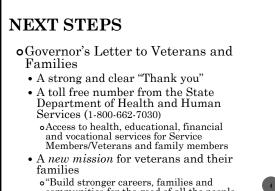
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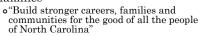
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- On September 27, 2006, key leaders of North Carolina State Government, VA, and DoD met with representatives of state and community provider and consumer groups
- Governor Michael Easley charged Summit participants to develop new ideas that would help veterans succeed in getting back to their families, their jobs and their communities
- The Summit was only the start of a process, not its end!

SUMMIT GOALS

- Exchange information about respective agencies' assets and goals
- •Identify strategic partnerships
- Articulate an integrated continuum of care that emphasizes access, quality, effectiveness, efficiency, and compassion
- Optimize access to information, support, and, when necessary, clinical services across systems as part of a balanced public health approach





NEXT STEPS

- Form bridges between DoD, VA, state and local mental health, primary care and family support programs
 - PDHA/PDHRA/Yellow Ribbon Programs
 - State-Wide AHEC Outreach Series
- Coordinate with TRICARE and Military OneSource
- · Increase the number of TRICARE providers
- ${\bf o}$ Enhance interchange between military and VA chaplains and local faith communities and train local faith and lay leaders
 - Clinical Pastoral Education Training
 - Rural Health Initiative

NEXT STEPS

- Explore and develop other partnerships at the local, state and national levels
 - American Psychological Association
 - American Psychiatric Association
 - American Pediatric Association
 - American Academy of Family
 - Practitioners • Sesame Street Talk, Listen, Connect

 - 4-H Operation Military Kids
 - Military Child Education Coalition
 - Zero to Three

NEXT STEPS • Still More Potential Partners • National Military Family Association • Military One Source • National Guard Family Assistance Centers • VA Office of Rural Health • National Rural Mental Health Association • Citizen Soldier Support Program • The VA National Center for PTSD • International Society for Traumatic Stress

- Studies
- SAMHSA's Paving the Road Home Report/Process
- The Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress
- National Child Trauma Network

GOALS

- Enhance outreach
- o Increase appropriate referrals
- ${\bf o}\, Reduce \; stigma$
- ${\bf o} \ {\rm Promote\ healthy\ outcomes/Resilience/Recovery}$
 - Strengthen families
 - Decrease military attrition
 - Decrease disability
- Increase consumer and provider satisfaction • *Transform* the post deployment health
 - system

THE BOTTOM LINE

There should be *No Wrong Door* to which OEF/OIF veterans or their families can come for help



