Suicide Prevention Initiatives for Student Veterans:

Data and Survey Collection

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Talk about this topic WITH you
Veterans On Campus

300,000, 5% of students
2 Million Coming to our campuses
500 to 600% Increase
Non-Traditional

Older than traditional students, younger than veterans in general
Women represented 27% of student veterans, but made up only 7% of Veterans
Where will they study?
43% at two-year institutions
21% at 4 year institutions
Preliminary Findings
Sense of Belonging

Look at college as more of a commuter, get in and get our
Do not crave traditional engagement
Some do not have a strong adherence to Student Veteran Status
But some do want
   To be recognized as veterans
   Want a Voice
   And want access to other veterans on campus
Older Students
a) Veteran Status
   i) Branch, seems to dissipate as they get farther from service
   ii) Combat
   iii) Non-Combat
   iv) Disability
1) Coming from Risk
   a) 35% of the sample experienced “severe anxiety,“
   b) 24% experienced “severe depression,” and
   c) 20 – 40% reporting PTSD
      i) Only 50% report seeking service
   d) Significant numbers of participants thinking about suicide
      i) (46%), with 20% having a plan,
      ii) 10.4% thinking about suicide “often or very often,”
      iii) 7.7% making an attempt, and
      iv) 3.8% believing that suicide is either “likely” or “very likely.”
1) Statewide Survey
   a) Pilot Data
      i) All 20 4 year state institutions
      ii) 7 Private Colleges
   b) Fall Implementation