

Mayor's Challenge

To Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families

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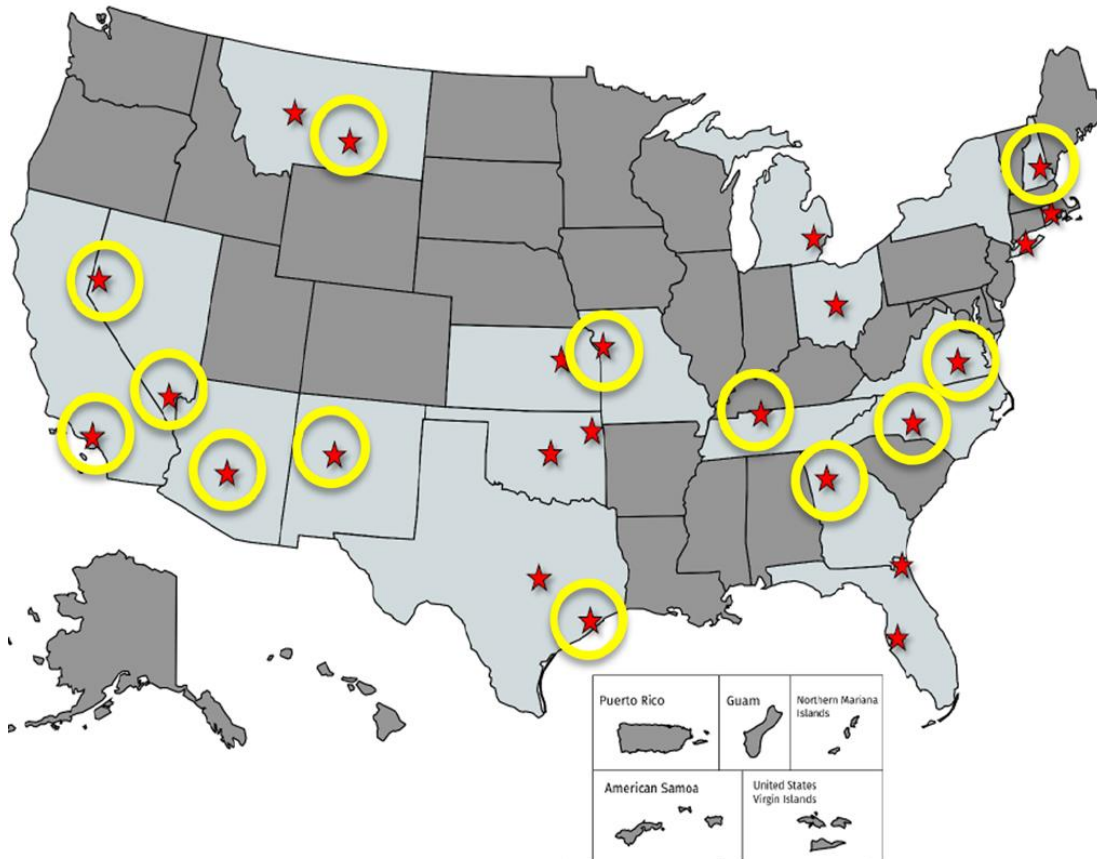
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Background and Context

- **Launch:** in March 2018, VA, the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and cities formally launched the Mayor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide.
- **Goal:** eliminate veteran suicide by using a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention that empowers communities to take action.
- **23 Cities and Localities today:** include Albuquerque, New Mexico; Billings/Helena, Montana; Houston; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Phoenix; and Richmond, Virginia.
 - Selection of cities and counties is based on: veteran population data; suicide prevalence rates; and capacity of the city to continue the localized work of suicide prevention in the Mayor's Challenge.
- **Deliverables:** Cities together to form interagency teams; develop action plans; and implement cross-sector strategies and policies to increase suicide prevention resources for veterans in their communities.

Locations of Impact



★ Mayor's Challenge Sites

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| Albuquerque, NM | Los Angeles, CA |
| Atlanta, GA | Manchester, NH |
| Austin, TX | Mecklenburg County, NC |
| Billings, MT | Oklahoma City, OK |
| Clarksville, TN | Phoenix, AZ |
| Columbus, OH | Reno, NV |
| Detroit, MI | Richmond, VA |
| Helena, MT | Suffolk County, NY |
| Hillsborough County, FL | Topeka, KS |
| Jacksonville, FL | Tulsa, OK |
| Kansas City, MO | Warwick, RI |
| Las Vegas, NV | |

○ Crisis Intercept Mapping Sites

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Public Health Approach



Initiative Leads

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VFWC UCLA/VA
Veteran Family Wellness Center



Team Members

CA National Guard
 City of Hope
 Inner City Law
 LA County Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs
 LA County Sheriff's VMET
 LA HOPE Team
 LAPD SMART Team
 LAWA
 Long Beach VA PD
 METRO
 Office of CA State Senator Anthony Portantino
 Office of Congressman Ted Lieu
 Office of LA County Board of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 Psycharmor
 Salvation Army
 SAMHSA
 State of CA Office of Mental Health Services
 Oversight & Accountability Commission
 USC
 We Are the Mighty



Metro



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Los Angeles World Airports



Highlights of Progress

Surveillance

- Collaboration with ME/Coroner's Office
- Replicate Teen Suicide Review Board

Prevention

- Universal Screening Measures, "Just Ask"
- Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN)

Lethal Means

- Proposed legislation: Bill by Senator Portantino
- CA 1st Suicide Prevention Commission

Education

- Increased Training Efforts (MCT + VMET + CRT)
- Mayor's landing page & Suicide Prevention Summit

Postvention

- *Survivor's of Suicide Prevention Certification*
- Tragedy Assistance Program - Follow Up Services

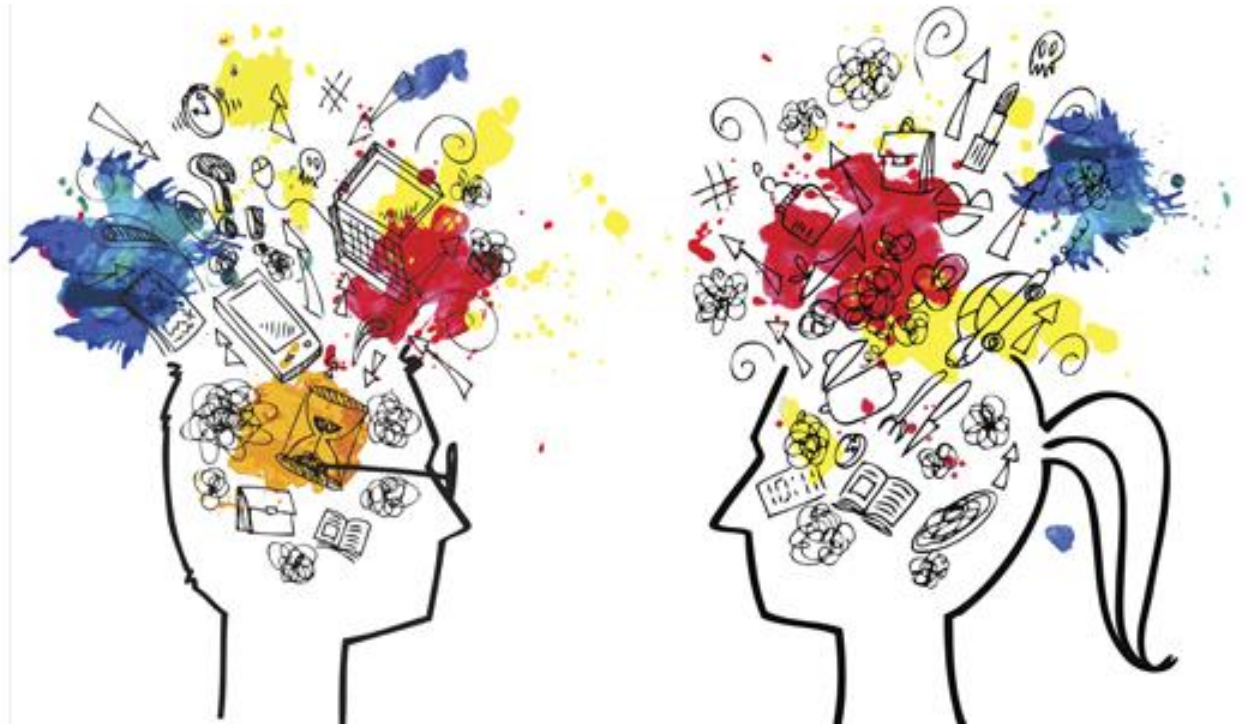
Employment

- DC Veteran Workforce Development Conference
- City of LA Department of Personnel Veteran Survey
- 2nd Phase of 10,000 Strong Veteran Hiring Initiative

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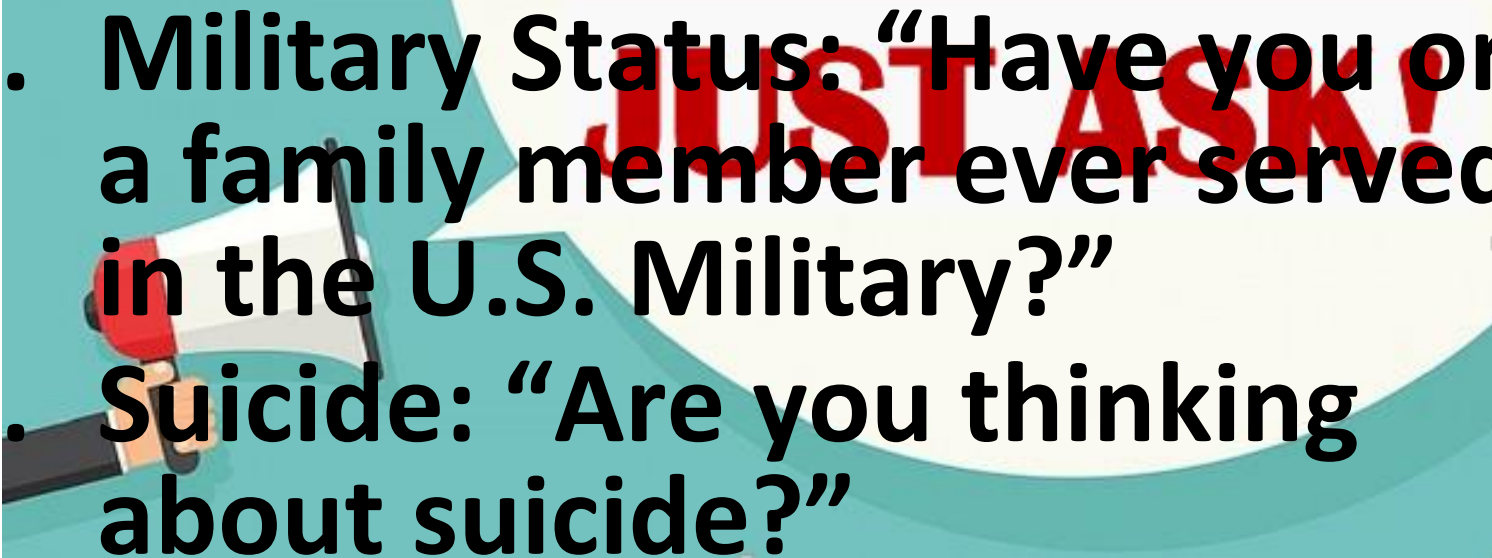
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What Can YOU Do?



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- 1. Military Status: “Have you or a family member ever served in the U.S. Military?”**
 - 2. Suicide: “Are you thinking about suicide?”**

Call To Action

