

TWC Workforce Forum

**Texas Veterans Network in Partnership
with Workforce Solutions**

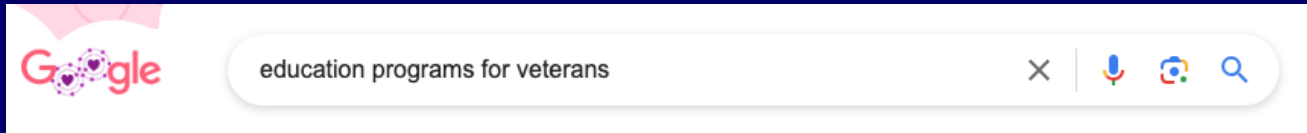


THE PROBLEM

The oversaturation of transition resources, providers, and programs for the military community leads to confusion. Additionally, the lack of accountability, vetting, and validation of various models results in poor client experiences and outcomes.

Supporting agencies and service providers struggle to collaborate effectively at scale, while community and regional initiatives are hindered by the absence of comprehensive coordination with state and federal agencies, sustainable funding, and high turnover of leadership.

THE NEED



This is what service members & their families face when they Google assistance programs.



THE NEED

Pentagon is failing to connect at-risk exiting service members with support agencies

A new Government Accountability Office report says that the Department of Defense isn't verifying if at-risk troops actually get the help they need reentering civilian life.

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MILITARY LIFE

“It can be difficult for service members to reenter civilian life after their time in the military. For certain military members, who the Department of Defense deem as “at risk,” the military links them with other government agencies that can provide additional help, such as the departments of Labor and Veteran Affairs. The military calls it a “warm handover.” **But data from the last two years shows that around 10% of troops transitioning to civilian life who were deemed at risk didn’t get the assistance the military is supposed to provide.**”



THE SOLUTION

The TEXAS VETERANS NETWORK powered by Combined Arms (TVN) is raising the standard of how we support and empower those who've served our country. Our platform unifies veteran-focused nonprofits, agencies and communities with data-fueled insights, and creates an unmatched level of transparency. Connecting the right resources to the right people at the right time, enabling the veteran community and their families to continually thrive.


The Texas Veterans Network




Data Driven


THE TEXAS VETERANS NETWORK:
MAKING TEXAS THE FIRST INTERCONNECTED STATE FOR VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES
 APRIL 2020 - JAN 2024



53,588
UNIQUE INDIV. SERVED



310
MEMBER ORGS.
17 HRS AVG. RESPONSE



17 HRS
AVG. RESPONSE TIME

OUR IMPACT

FINANCIAL

13,411

RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

7,921

RECEIVED HOUSING ASSISTANCE

\$1,191 AVG. RENTAL ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC

9,707

RECEIVED EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

\$68K AVG. STARTING SALARY

HEALTH

6,118

RECEIVED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

8,804

RECEIVED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE/BENEFITS

SOCIAL

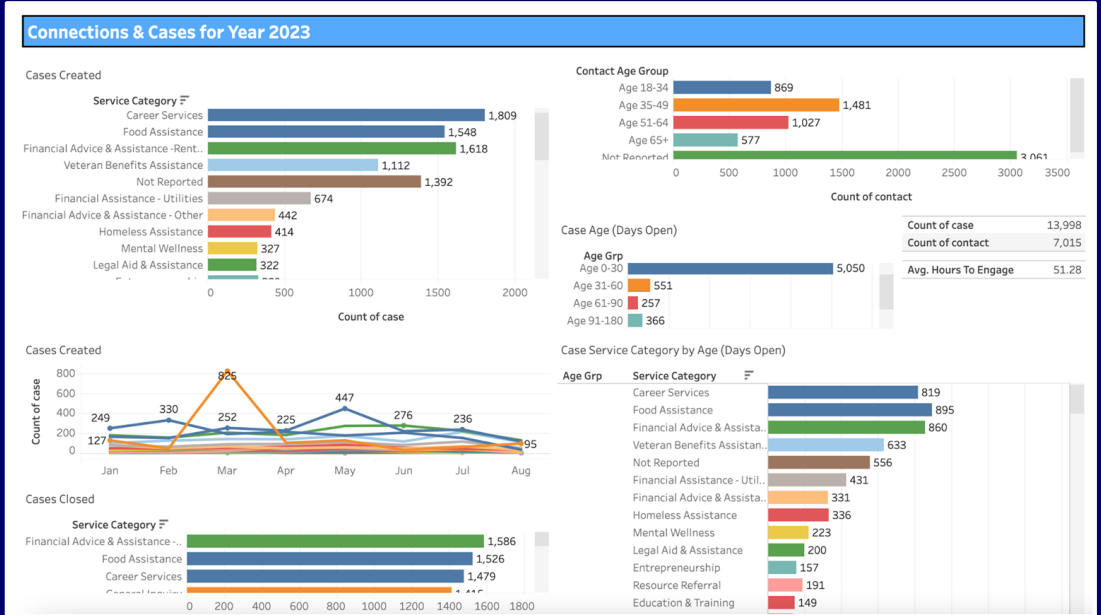
28,571

VOLUNTEER HOURS

6,041

PARTICIPATED IN EVENTS

TEXASVETERANS.NETWORK



Technology

At the forefront of veteran well-being, Combined Arms technology links arms with national, state, and local veteran service organizations.

We empower veterans with barrier-free access to holistic resources, fostering a global network of support and healing.

We empower veteran service organizations to elevate their client experience with access to our technology.



How It Works



Clients create a profile in the Combined Arms network. Results from the profile can guide the client to services they need.



When a Client makes a connection with a specific service, that organization is contacted directly by the Combined Arms network.



After the Client has worked with the organization, feedback, and outcomes are gathered. The Client can request more services at any time.

Who do we serve in Texas?

Veterans

Retirees

Reservists

Active Duty

National Guard

Dependents

Caregivers

SIVs & Allies

Available Resources

VA Benefits Claims

VA Healthcare Navigation

Physical Wellness

Legal Services

Career Services

Education Programs

Homeless Services

Volunteer Opportunities

Burial Services

Alternative Therapies

Financial Assistance

Social Connections

Mental Wellness

Housing Assistance

SUCCESS STORIES

A FEMALE VETERAN CONNECTED WITH TVN SEEKING HOUSING SUPPORT FOR HERSELF AND HER SON DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. SHE WAS CONNECTED WITH SAFEHAVEN OF TARRANT COUNTY, ALLOWING HER TO SECURE A NEW HOME. FURTHERMORE, SHE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT FOR HER VA CLAIM, AND HER SON WAS LINKED TO A COUNSELING PROGRAM TAILORED FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THESE RESOURCES CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE VETERAN AND HER SON'S JOURNEY TOWARDS REBUILDING THEIR LIVES.

A ARMY VETERAN FACED FRUSTRATION AFTER BEING LAID OFF DURING A RELOCATION. HOWEVER, THROUGH TVN'S INTAKE TEAM, HE FOUND A PATH FORWARD. THANKS TO HIS CONNECTION TO TVC EMPLOYMENT, HE SECURED A JOB, AND HE AND HIS SPOUSE ACCESSED VITAL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT RESOURCES. THIS SUCCESS STORY SHOWCASES HOW TVN'S HOLISTIC APPROACH POSITIVELY IMPACTS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, FOSTERING RESILIENCE AND WELL-BEING DURING CHALLENGING TRANSITIONS.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS



Workforce Solutions

EMPLOYER FORUM

COMBINED ARMS

HOUSTON VETERAN'S
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS



**“THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE INVITATION TO YESTERDAY’S MEETING!
I LEARNED SO MUCH, AND I WAS EXCITED THE SHARE MY EXPERIENCE
WITH SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE TO
BETTER SERVE VETERANS AND VETERAN OWNED AND OPERATED
BUSINESSES. I’D LIKE TO COORDINATE SOME MEETINGS WITH SEVERAL
KEY MANAGERS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. ”**

**JULIET STIPECHE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL GULF COAST**



JOB FAIRS

COMMUNITY
RESOURCE EVENTS



LIFE-CYCLE RECRUITMENT

**PARTNERED
WITH
OUTSIDE
THE BOX IDEAS**



“HOUSTON ARMY RECRUITING BATTALION ENJOYS A FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS. NOT ONLY DO WE CONDUCT RECRUITING OPERATIONS - ALREADY ENLISTING 6 APPLICANTS THROUGH THEIR CAREER FAIRS (THIS FISCAL YEAR), BUT WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ALSO PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR OWN SERVICE MEMBERS WHO ARE RETIRING FROM THE ARMY HERE IN HOUSTON.”

U. S. ARMY HOUSTON RECRUITING BATTALION, LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC) RAIS SANCHEZ





VETERAN HIRING EVENTS



"OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS, PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TO EMPLOYERS, VETERANS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THIS COLLABORATION DEMONSTRATES THE POSITIVE RESULTS THAT STRATEGIC TEAMWORK CAN ACHIEVE, SERVING AS A MODEL FOR SIMILAR PROGRAMS STATEWIDE AND HIGHLIGHTING THE TANGIBLE IMPACT PARTNERSHIPS CAN HAVE IN SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES."

**JOHN SMITH
SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL MANAGER
TEXAS VETERANS NETWORK | COMBINED ARMS**



**“MAY THE JOBS BE
WITH YOU”**

ANNUAL HIRING EVENT



RED, WHITE, AND YOU

STATE-WIDE IN NOVEMBER



TEXAS VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



TASK & PURPOSE

- **THE TVLP IS A RESOURCE AND REFERRAL NETWORK CONNECTING RETURNING VETERANS OF U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS VETERANS OF ALL ERAS WITH THE RESOURCES AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO LEAD PRODUCTIVE LIVES AND ENJOY THE FULL BENEFITS OF THE SOCIETY THEY HAVE WILLINGLY SERVED.**
- **BUILD STRONG LASTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH VSOS, CSOS, FBOS, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND EMPLOYERS.**
- **LOCATED IN ALL 28 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS AREAS.**
- **LOCATED ON FORT CAVAZOS, FORT BLISS AND JOINT BASE SAN ANTONINO. HAVE ACCESS TO ALL TEXAS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**
- **BEST WAY TO REFER A VETERAN TO US IS BY PHONE CALL OR EMAIL TO US DIRECTLY. OUR WEBSITE HAS A FULL DIRECTORY.**

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://TWC.TEXAS.GOV/JOBSEEKERS/TEXAS-VETERANS-LEADERSHIP-PROGRAM](https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/texas-veterans-leadership-program)

TASK & PURPOSE

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TVC AND TVLP:

- SERVICES JOBS FOR VETERANS STATE GRANT AND WP



PROGRAMS:

- WE HIRE VETS
- COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HEROES
- TEXAS SKILLS TO WORK



COMMON RESOURCES NEEDED:

- EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
- VA
- TVC
- CVSO
- HOMELESSNESS/AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS BENEFITING VETERANS



QUESTIONS

