



MAYOR'S CHALLENGE TO PREVENT SUICIDE AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS and THEIR FAMILIES



In response to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) invitation in December 2017, the city of Las Vegas is participating in the National Mayor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans and their Families. Participation in the Mayor's Challenge provides us with additional tools to advance our public health initiative of developing action items in seven priority areas to prevent suicide among all service members, veterans and their families.



PREVENTION PRIORITIES:

1. Promoting Connectedness
2. Teaching Coping and Problem Solving Skills
3. Identifying and Support People at Risk
4. Create Protective Environments
5. Strengthening Access and Delivery of Suicidal Care
6. Strengthening Economic Supports
7. Lessening Harms and Preventing Future Risk

SERVING:

- Uniformed Service Members
- National Guard
- The Reserves
- Veterans
- Families of all of the above

KEY ACTION ITEMS:

- Identifying veterans from existing partnerships not in VA services.
- Recognize what services are already provided and see if we can leverage them to other populations.
- Promote best practices on problem solving and coping skills.
- Provide mental health training to gun show owners in identifying at risk consumers.
- Connect service members to our community.
- And always reach out to those in need.



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