



The Veterans Metrics Initiative

Wave 1 Program Common Components for the Social Relationships Domain, October 2017
Menu 1E

BACKGROUND



- Wave 1 participants nominated social relationship programs they used since discharge from the military or deactivation from Active Duty. 12% reported using a program in the social domain.
- Programs with verified URLs (n=258) and nominated by three or more Veterans were coded in Summer 2017 using the common components analysis technique.
 - Of the 258 programs coded, 14 programs were in the social relationships domain.
 - Information presented below reflects the proportion of programs with each component.

CONTENT COMPONENTS

Content components assess what a program teaches or what information it provides.

- Community engagement event - 36%
- Leadership and team communication skills - 29%
- Creating and affiliating with a group - 21%
- Volunteering - 14%
- Religious activity - 14%
- Family reintegration post-combat - 7%



PROCESS COMPONENTS

Process components assess how a program conveys information or teaches skills.

- Socializing casually: 7-36% of content
- Reading online: 0-21% of content
- Direct instruction: 0-21% of content
- Mentors or coaches: 0-14% of content
- Outdoor activity: 0-7%
- Networking group: 0-7% of content

BARRIER REDUCTION COMPONENTS

Barrier reduction components assess whether the program provides tangible supports or reduces barriers to accessing the program.

Components for increasing access:

- Lodging provided - 29%
- Reduced or covered fees - 14%
- Transportation to the program - 14%
- Childcare provided - 14%
- Addressed lack of motivation - 7%

Components providing tangible supports:

- Scholarship for education - 21%
- Cash (non-tuition support) - 21%
- Clothes or other physical objects - 21%
- Entertainment admission - 14%
- Discounted pricing for members - 14%



SUSTAINABILITY COMPONENTS

Sustainability components assess how a program keeps participants engaged once formal programming has ended.

- Merchandising - 71%
- Ongoing peer support - 36%
- Participant awards - 29%
- Ongoing coaching - 14%
- Referrals - 14%
- Alumni organization - 14%