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The Veterans Metrics Initiative

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Need

Nearly 250,000 veterans are projected to leave military service annually over the next four to five years. Tens of thousands of programs are offered by the public and private sectors to assist veterans as they transition and reintegrate. Yet no evidence-based methods exist to determine the actual impacts--if any--of these programs on veterans' long-term well-being outcomes.

Goal

To improve the quality of life for service members, veterans, and their families by conducting collaborative, translational metrics-related research.

Approach

Through *The Veterans Metrics Initiative* (TVMI), CP3 builds and sustains public-private partnership teams of actively engaged Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and civilian researchers and advisors. The teams strategically design and conduct integrated research studies to develop ways to measure the impacts of numerous publicly and privately sponsored interventions on the long-term well-being of veterans and their families. The findings are made available to a broad range of stakeholders to help guide their development, delivery, and use of veteran transition assistance programs.

TVMI Study

In April 2015, CP3 launched *The Veterans Metrics Initiative: Linking Program Components to Post-Military Well-Being* (TVMI Study). This highly collaborative public-private research initiative is generating novel information about veterans' experiences transitioning from military to civilian life, and will examine how components of programs they use to assist with their transitions correlate with long-term well-being outcomes across multiple domains.

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TVMI Study Design

The TVMI Study follows a cohort of veterans, identified within 0-90 days of separating from military service. Six comprehensive surveys will be administered at six month intervals (Waves 1-6) over the first three years of transition from military to civilian life. Each survey assessment records participant well-being across four domains: health (mental and physical), vocation (education and career), finances, and social relationships. Participants also identify transition assistance programs they used, if any. Following each assessment, the research team will identify changes in well-being across various demographic groups, analyze transition assistance programs identified to distill them into their common components, and examine links between common program components used and well-being outcomes.

A total of 9,566 veterans completed the baseline comprehensive survey in the Fall of 2016. The TVMI Study cohort is highly representative of the entire recently transitioned population of all veterans (with over 1,500 veterans from each of the active components (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps), and more than 1,200 reserve component members who recently transitioned from activated status). Included in the study cohort are 1,743 female and 2,703 junior enlisted (i.e., paygrade E1-4) veterans.

Research Outputs

In addition to the generation of important scientific knowledge, the TVMI Study will produce: (1) a validated well-being measures instrument; (2) a menu of common program components shown by the evidence to drive successful veteran outcomes across multiple well-being domains; and (3) a public-use dataset that can be used by others to better understand veteran well-being and program use along the transition continuum.

Public Benefit

The public benefit of the TVMI Study is to help funders, program developers, and veterans and their families identify programs made up of components that the data show effectively address the needs of individual veterans. For example, the TVMI Study outputs will provide a veteran seeking help with social relationships criteria on which to choose one program over another. A funder will be able to support programs that are built with components that the evidence shows will work to achieve the goals that are important to that funder (*e.g.*, improving veterans' health or vocation). Program developers will have information that will guide their energies in putting together effective services to offer to transitioning veterans. Society will benefit by having well-integrated veterans in our communities.

Leadership

The lead TVMI Study researchers are John Boyle, PhD, ICF International; Laurel Copeland, PhD, VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System; Erin Finley, PhD, MPH, South Texas VA Health Care System; Daniel Perkins, PhD, The Pennsylvania State University; Lieutenant Colonel William L. Skimmyhorn, PhD, United States Military Academy; and Dawne Vogt, PhD, Boston VA Health Care System. The TVMI Study program director is Cynthia L. Gilman, JD, Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Inc., Center for Public-Private Partnerships.

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