



2019 VA/DoD
**SUICIDE
PREVENTION
CONFERENCE**
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Call for Abstracts

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD)
are seeking abstracts for the

2019 VA/DoD Suicide Prevention Conference

Aug. 26–29, 2019

Location to Be Determined

This year's theme — ***Many Roles. One Mission.*** — emphasizes the impact individuals and communities can have in preventing suicide. Eliminating service member and Veteran suicide is one of the top DoD and VA priorities, but we cannot do it on our own. We need allies and advocates across communities nationwide to join us in making suicide prevention a priority. We all have different roles to play, but we are united by our shared goal: to deliver compassionate support and care.

We are seeking submissions that innovatively and creatively address one or more of the following strategic directions:

1. Healthy and Empowered Service Members, Veterans, Families, and Communities

VA and DoD seek to create supportive environments that promote the health of service members and Veterans and reduce suicide risk as well as associated risks. A wide range of partners can contribute to suicide prevention, including organizations and programs that promote the health of children, youths, families, working adults, older adults, and others in the community.

2. Clinical and Community Preventive Services

Clinical and community-based programs and services play a key role in promoting wellness, building resilience, and preventing suicidal behaviors among service members and Veterans. Preventing suicide requires that support systems, services, and resources work together to help service members and Veterans successfully navigate life's challenges.

3. Treatment and Support Services

Service members and Veterans at high risk for suicide require clinical evaluation and care so that behavioral and medical conditions can be identified and treated.

4. Surveillance, Research, and Evaluation

Public health surveillance refers to the ongoing, systematic collection, analysis, interpretation, and timely use of data to reduce morbidity and mortality. Research and evaluation are activities that assess the effectiveness of particular interventions, adding to the knowledge base in service member and Veteran suicide prevention.

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Submission Instructions:

Go to the conference's Whova page at https://whova.com/web/vspc_201908 to submit your abstract **by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on March 29, 2019.**

Step 1: Click the "Register" button. *Please note: This will not register you for the conference.*

Step 2: Click the drop-down menu and select 1. Then, click the "Register" button.

Step 3: Complete the submission form with a description of your proposal. Then, click the "Submit" button in the bottom right-hand corner of the page.

Step 4: Once you have completed the registration and submitted the abstract proposal, you will receive a confirmation email with next steps.

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The 2019 VA/DoD Suicide Prevention Conference, organized and hosted by VA and the DoD, is the nation's only conference that specifically addresses the issue of suicide in the military and Veteran communities. Suicide is a complex issue, and there are multiple contributing factors. During the conference, VA and DoD suicide prevention coordinators, leaders, allies, and subject matter experts from across the country will convene to share comprehensive and public health-based strategies to prevent suicide in communities nationwide.

We hope you will join us in August. Look for more detailed conference information to appear on the Whova page in the weeks to come. **If you have any questions, please email them to VADoDSuicidePreventionConf@va.gov.**