
MISSOURI COLLEGE STUDENT VETERAN ASSESSMENT FACT SHEET

Partners in Prevention is Missouri's higher education substance abuse consortium dedicated to creating healthy and safe college campuses. The Partners in Prevention coalition (PIP) is comprised of 21 public and private college and university campuses across the state. First implemented in 2012, the Missouri College Student Veteran Assessment (MCSVA) was designed to better understand the role of health and wellness of student veterans in the campus community. The survey also provides information regarding perceptions of campus and community resources allocated for veterans, as well as analyzing the ease of transition from military service to academic and student life. The MCSVA is currently administered online every fall semester to student veterans at participating coalition campuses across the state. PIP analyzes and reports gathered data back to participating campuses for use in both veteran-specific programing and support services.

THE MCSVA EXAMINES:

Mental Health

What are the major sources of student veterans stress?
What strategies have they adopted to cope with stress?

- » The MCSVA examines the mental health and wellbeing of student veterans from a wide range of topics including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, chronic sleep disorders, and major depression. Additionally, the MCSVA seeks to understand the help-seeking behaviors of those coping with these issues and where they have sought assistance, if anywhere.

Sense of Belonging

How connected do student veterans feel on campus? Do they feel welcomed by other students or faculty members?

- » Understanding the relationship between student veterans and their campus community is an integral part of the MCSVA and the problems facing student veterans. Questions ask about both their ease of transition to academic life, their support structure for personal concerns on campus, and whether or not they feel welcomed by both faculty and students.

Demographics

The MCSVA accumulates a large amount of data to best identify participant demographics and allow for better designed programs and resources for student veterans. Among others, these demographics include branch of the military, past deployment status (stateside and abroad), gender, age and years of service.

CONTACT US

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