



Focus Group Discussion Topics:

With Vets:

- How would you describe your role as a veteran in the community?
- How would you describe what it is like to be a veteran in your community?
- What did you find most challenging when you returned to your community?
- What things did you find most comforting/supportive when you returned to your community?
 - Do you think the community should play a role in helping returning veterans? IF so, what does that look like?
 - Did you have access to colleagues when you returned to your community?
 - Did your family have the necessary support systems while you were away?
 - What strategies did you use to adjust to changes upon your return?
- Was there support that was not available that you wish was?
 - Like what?
- Upon your return, were there things you wanted the community to better understand about you, veterans in general?
- Is it important for you to get together with peers?
- Do you get together with peers?
- If you knew that a communities gardens have been shown to: provide safe spaces, contribute to enhanced social interactions, improved physical and mental health...how might a community garden be used to address the needs of veterans?? (NOT THE BEST LANGUAGE BUT SOMETHING THAT INTRODUCES THE GARDEN CONCEPT)

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