



## **No Wrong Doors Conference**

The No Wrong Door training is a tool created to educate communities about our veteran population. This training is appropriate and recommended in a variety of settings i.e., educational institutions, municipalities, health care providers, corporations, etc. Upon completion of this training, the audience has received a glimpse into the lives of our military members learning their strengths and challenges. Explanations of mental health hurdles and other Armed Forces related barriers are expanded upon. In addition, reliable resources are available to offer guidance and materials specific to our veterans and to those who desire to help warriors in need.

### **Topics to cover:**

There are a wide variety of topics you might like to cover in your conference, some of the important once we have used in the past are:

- Military 101 – understanding the military experience
- PTSD/TBI – understanding the difference and the impact
- Veteran Services – what services are provided to support our heroes
- Sexual assault and the military
- A family's role in military service
- Coming Home – it is not quite as simple as it seems
- Moral Injury – wounds to our soul

You will find a copy of our slide deck from one of our No Wrong Doors Conferences here to download. You can use this as a reference to what type of content you might like to use.





**Planning the event:**

The most important part of this type of convening to gather the best presenters for each of the topics you choose and to make sure that the topics you focus on are significant to your community.

Once you have established a host for this training, you can work with them to plan the event. They will play an important role with the logistics of advertising, technical needs, the capacity, and food provision regarding their venue. You will remain in close contact with your host to discuss topics and all aspects of the event.



You will need to be responsible for registering the participants, securing the speakers for the agreed upon topics and securing resources to be on hand to support the topics you will be discussing. Maintaining email contact with the participants includes reminders, provision of directions and any changes.

We chose to provide packets to each participant which included supporting information of the day and a list and contact information of the speakers and the resources. We also provided name badges and proudly denoted our veterans on their badges with their branch of service and a USA flag sticker.

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Our No Wrong Door training was held at a local community college. We established contact with the campus CEO of the school and met with him and his constituents. The topics chosen were Military 101, PTSD/TBI, Military Families, Sexual Assault in the Military, a panel session of Veterans to discuss their experiences, Veteran Resources and we ended the day with a 90-minute QPR: Suicide Awareness Training.

As this was a full day, a continental breakfast and lunch were provided.



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