

# NASMHPD Winter 2007 Commissioner's Meeting



# Awareness of Problem



- A different war: OIF/OEF
  - 53% of military are Reserves and Guardsmen
  - Tour of duty
  - Battlefield
- Returning Veterans seeking state services
- Spouses and children without adequate coverage
- PTSD/TBI as signature injuries

# North Carolina Data



- 4<sup>th</sup> largest military population- active and reserve
- 12,000 mobilized reserves/3,000 actively deployed
- Guard and Reserves located in all 100 counties of the state
- VA centers; 6 Vet Centers

# Governor's Summit 9/2006



- Identification and communication of available resources
- Make resources easily accessible to population-engagement
- Enhancing resiliency and improving readjustment
- Enhancing services and training mental health workforce

# Communication



- Governor's Letter to returning vets
- VA welcome home programs
- PSAs
- Website: [www.nccarelink.gov](http://www.nccarelink.gov)  
Veteran's neighborhood
- 1-800 number

# Readjustment Support



- Battlemind Training
  - Faith based contacts
  - Primary care contacts
- Families and Children
  - Supporting military children in schools
  - LINN- pilot project
  - National Guard Family Readiness Program

# Mental Health



- Provider Training Programs- AHEC, VA, MH
  - Battlemind
  - TBI
  - PTSD
  - SA
- Provider Recruitment- TriCare
- Provider Identification



# Legislative Response

- Governor's proposed budget approved
- Dedicated position to monitor Vet initiative
- Expansion money to expand Careline 24/7
- Expansion money for training and support programs

# Pilot Programs



- Intensive follow-up training for family and child stress/trauma
- Citizen Soldier Demonstration project in rural area for Veterans and their families



- Home
- Veteran's Summit 2006**
- Summit Agenda
- Final Report
- Discussion Groups
- Speaker Bios
- Resources
- Summit Presentations

## ■ Veteran's Focus Home

### Upcoming trainings:

PTSD, Substance Abuse and Returning OEF/OIF NC Guard and Reserve Veterans  
 NC Association of **addiction** Residential Facilities (NCAARF)  
 Worth Bolton  
 Burlington, NC  
 May 9, 2007

PTSD, Substance Abuse and Returning OEF/OIF NC Guard and Reserve Veterans  
 NC School of Alcohol and Drug Studies  
 Worth Bolton  
 Wilmington, NC  
 July 31-August 1, 2007

PTSD, Substance Abuse and Returning OEF/OIF NC Guard and Reserve Veterans  
 Addiction Professionals of North Carolina  
 Worth Bolton  
 October 25, 2007

Trainings sponsored by the UNC School of Social Work, the Governor's Institute on Alcohol & Substance Abuse, and Mid-Atlantic ATTC.