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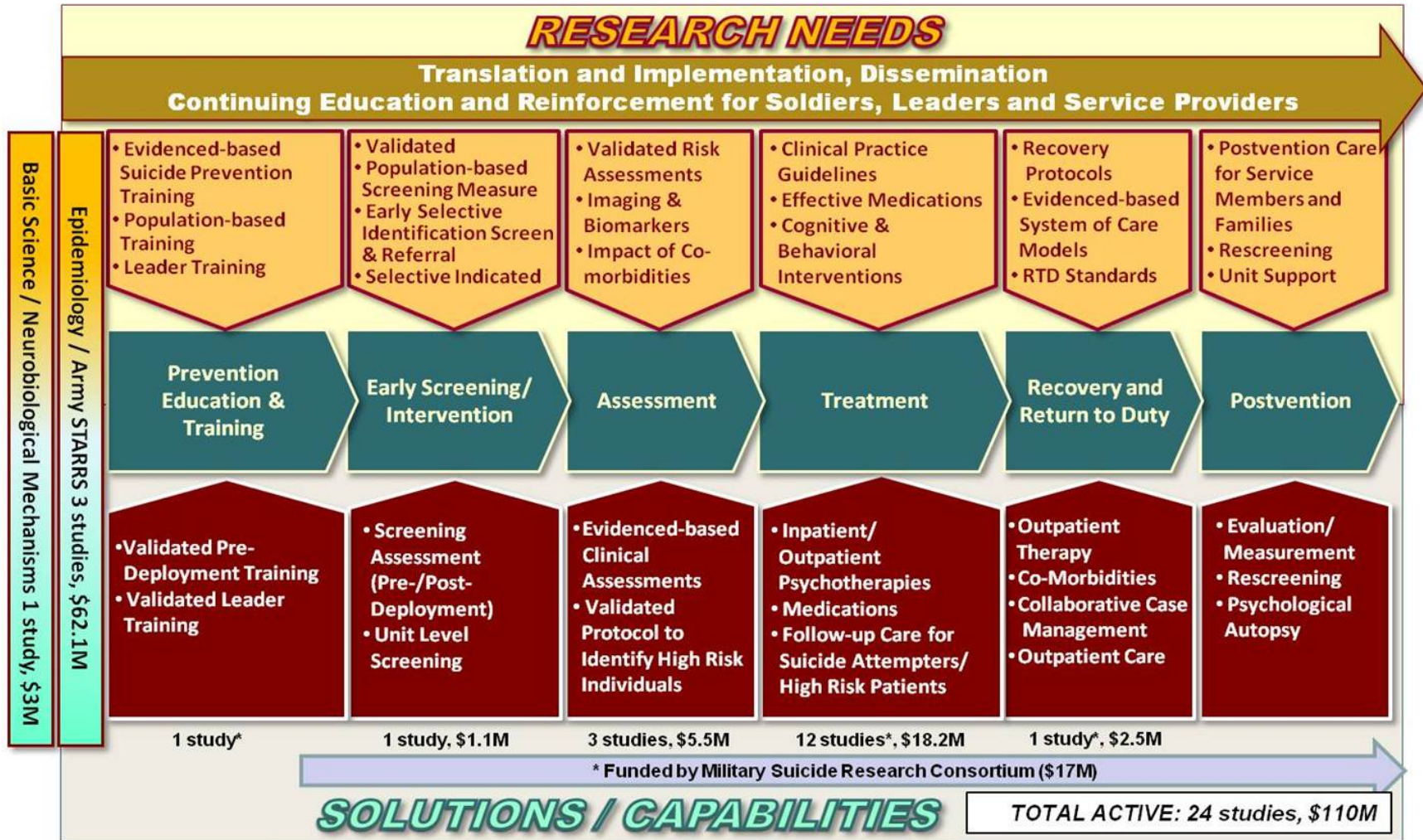
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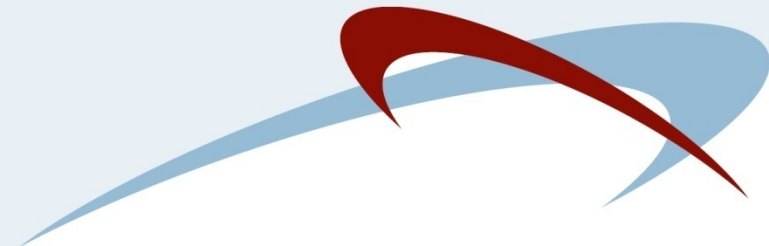


Suicide Continuum of Care Determines Research Approach



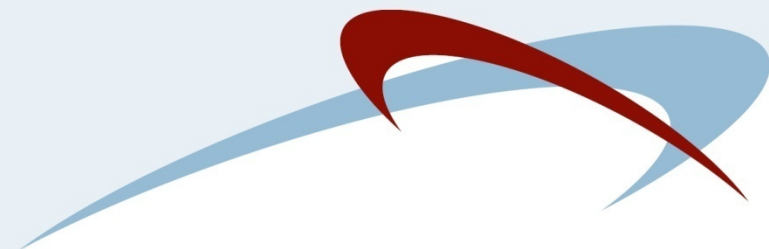
MSRC Mission

- Produce new scientific knowledge about suicidal behavior in the military
- Use high-quality research methods and analyses to address problems in policy and practice
- Disseminate knowledge, information, and findings
- Train future leaders in military suicide research



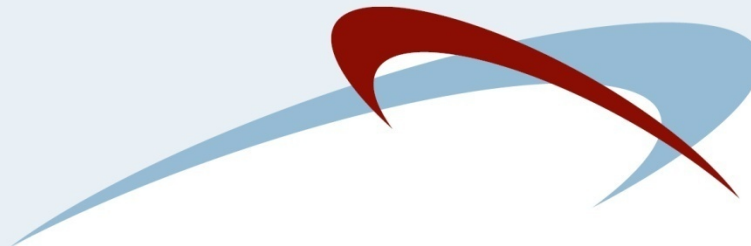
MSRC Common Data Elements

- Collected from 11 validated and reliable measures
- 57 items across key suicide-related domains
 - Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors
 - Suicidal Intent
 - Insomnia
 - Anxiety
 - Alcohol Use
 - Depression
 - Hopelessness
 - Interpersonal Needs
 - PTSD
 - Traumatic Brain Injury
- Approximately 3,323 active duty, Veteran, and civilian participants



MSRC FUNDED RESEARCH

PREVENTION			
Principle Investigator	Study	Site	Population
Nigel Bush, Ph.D.	<i>Usability and Utility of a Virtual Hope Box (VHB) for Reducing Suicidal Ideation</i>	National Center for Telehealth & Technology University of Washington	Phase 1: Usability Testing Active Duty Joint Base Lewis McChord Phase 2: Pilot Veterans VAMC Portland
Katherine Comtois, Ph.D., MPH	<i>Military Continuity Project</i>	University of Washington, Department of Psychiatry	Active Duty Fort Bragg Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Air Station New River Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point



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SCREENING AND RISK ASSESSMENT			
Principle Investigator	Study	Site	Population
Peter M. Gutierrez, Ph.D. Thomas Joiner, Ph.D.	<i>Toward a Gold Standard Suicide Assessment</i>	VISN 19 MIRECC Florida State University	Active Duty Fort Campbell Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Joint Base Andrews
Lori Johnson, Ph.D. David Jobes, Ph.D.	<i>Suicide Risk Assessments within Suicide-Specific Group Therapy Treatment for Veterans: A Pilot Study</i>	Robley Rex VAMC	Veterans Robley Rex VAMC
Michael Allen, MD Theresa Hernandez, Ph.D.	<i>The Psychophysiology of Suicidal States: Temperamental and Physiologic Suicide Risk Assessment Measures and Their Relation to Self-Reported Ideation and Subsequent Behavior</i>	VISN 19 MIRECC	Veterans Denver VAMC

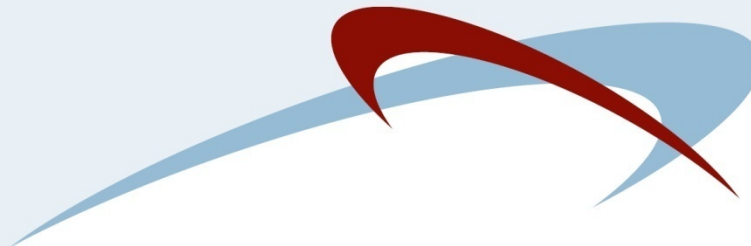


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INTERVENTION			
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Rebecca Bernert, Ph.D.	<i>A Behavioral Sleep Intervention for Suicidal Behaviors in Military Veterans: A Randomized Controlled Study</i>	Stanford University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences	Veterans VA Palo Alto
Craig Bryan, Psy.D., ABPP	<i>Brief Intervention for Short-Term Suicide Risk Reduction in Military Populations</i>	University of Utah National Center for Veterans Studies	Active Duty Fort Carson
N. Brad Schmidt, Ph.D.	<i>Development and Evaluation of a Brief, Suicide Prevention Intervention Reducing Anxiety Sensitivity</i>	Florida State University	Veterans Tallahassee, FL Civilian Population
Lisa Brenner, Ph.D., ABPP	<i>Window to Hope: Evaluating a Psychological Treatment for Hopelessness among Veterans with TBI</i>	VISN 19 MIRECC	Veterans Denver VAMC

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POSTVENTION			
Principle Investigator	Study	Site	Population
Julie Cerel, Ph.D.	<i>Suicide Bereavement in Military and their Families</i>	University of Kentucky	Phases 1, 2, & 3: Veterans Lexington VAMC Phase 4: Adult children, parents, and spouse survivors to active duty or Veteran suicide



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Thank you

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