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Augusta Warrior Project  
Aiken Warrior Project

# Presentation To Recovering Warrior Task Force

January 28, 2014



# Mission

**Improve The Quality of Life For  
Warriors and Their Families in  
the Central Savannah River Area**

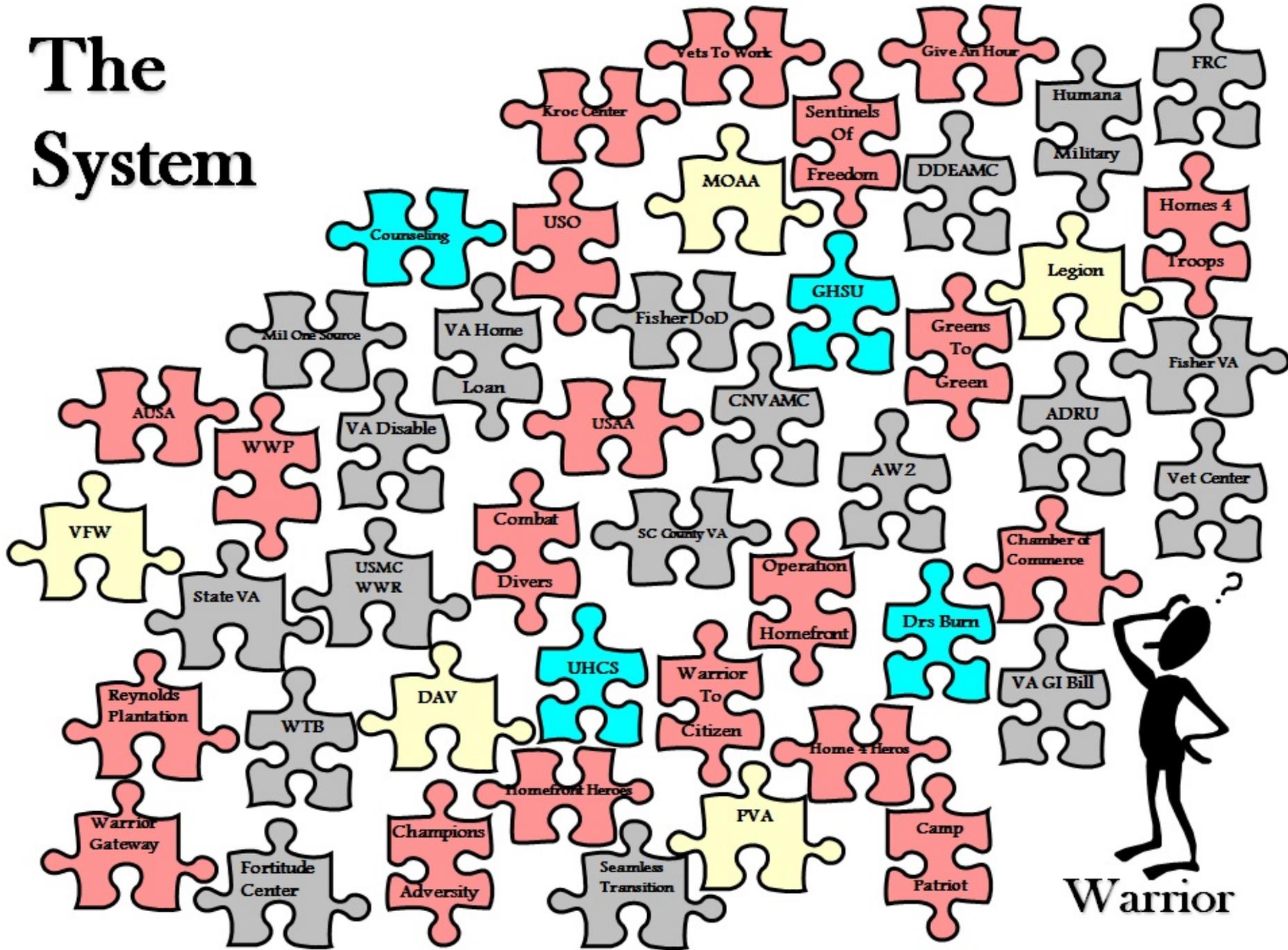
**Central Savannah River Area: 13 Counties of Georgia and  
South Carolina Surrounding Augusta, Georgia**



# Numbers

- **5.5M Military Served Since 2001**
- **2.8M Military Served In Combat Zone Since 2001**
- **600K Rand Estimate of Vets with TBI or PTSD**
- **51K Wounded Military** (Purple Heart Recipients)
- **66K Veterans in CSRA** (2011 US Census)
- **8.7K Post 9/11 Veterans in CSRA** (2011 US Census)

# The System



Warrior



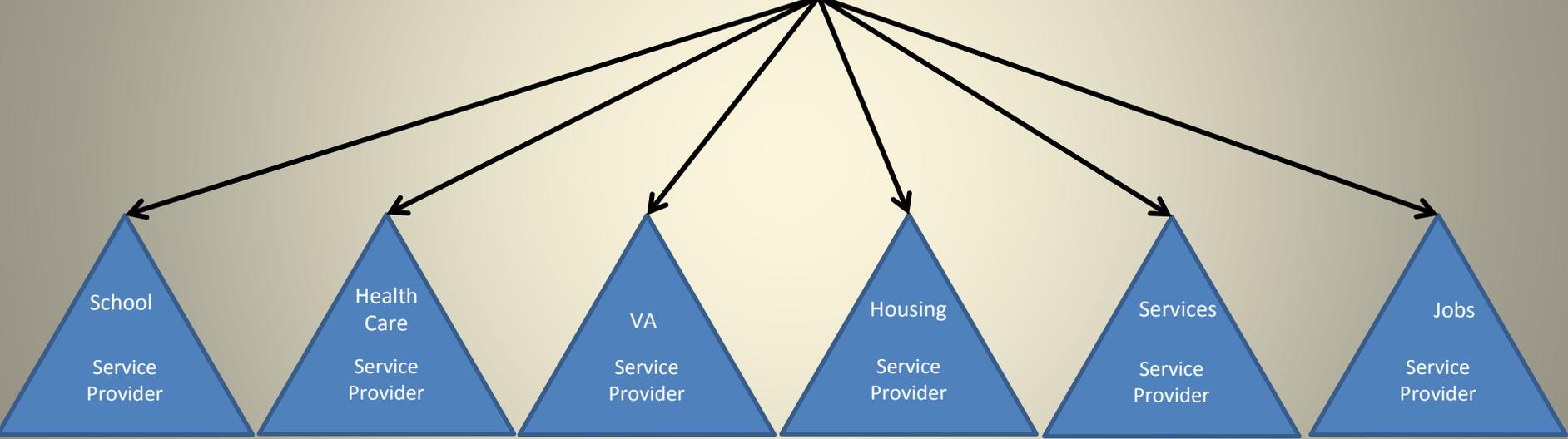
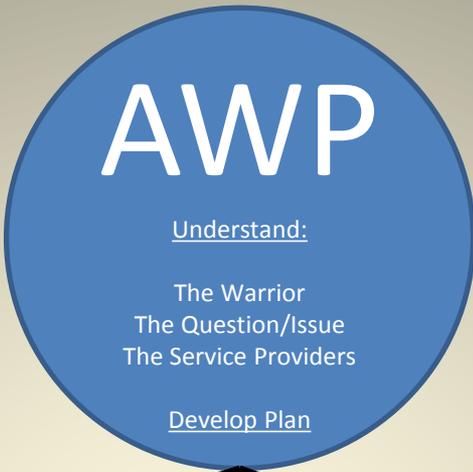
# Our Method: Four Steps

**CONNECT** — Develop a Relationship With Warriors (military or veterans) Of All Eras

**EDUCATE** — Teach The Warrior About Services Available And Develop A Plan

**ADVOCATE** — Ensure The Warrior Has Access To Services To Complete Their Plan

**COLLABORATE** — Work With Organizations That Assist Warriors And Their Families



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 GRU  
 Augusta Tech  
 Aiken Tech

CNVAMC  
 DDEAMC  
 GRU  
 University Hosp  
 Vet Center  
 Doctors

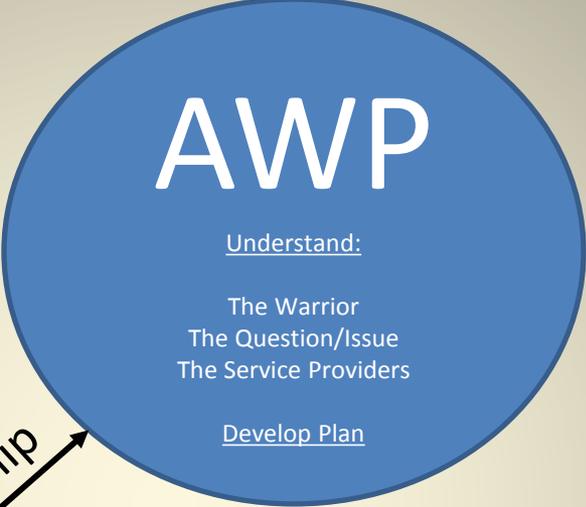
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 SSVF

CSRA EOA  
 Apt Owners  
 VA Homeless Prog  
 Habitat For H  
 Turn Back The Block

Goodwill  
 Salvation Army  
 VA  
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Goodwill  
 VA Voc Rehab  
 GA and SC DOL

**Build A Relationship With Those Who Provide Services**



Build A Relationship



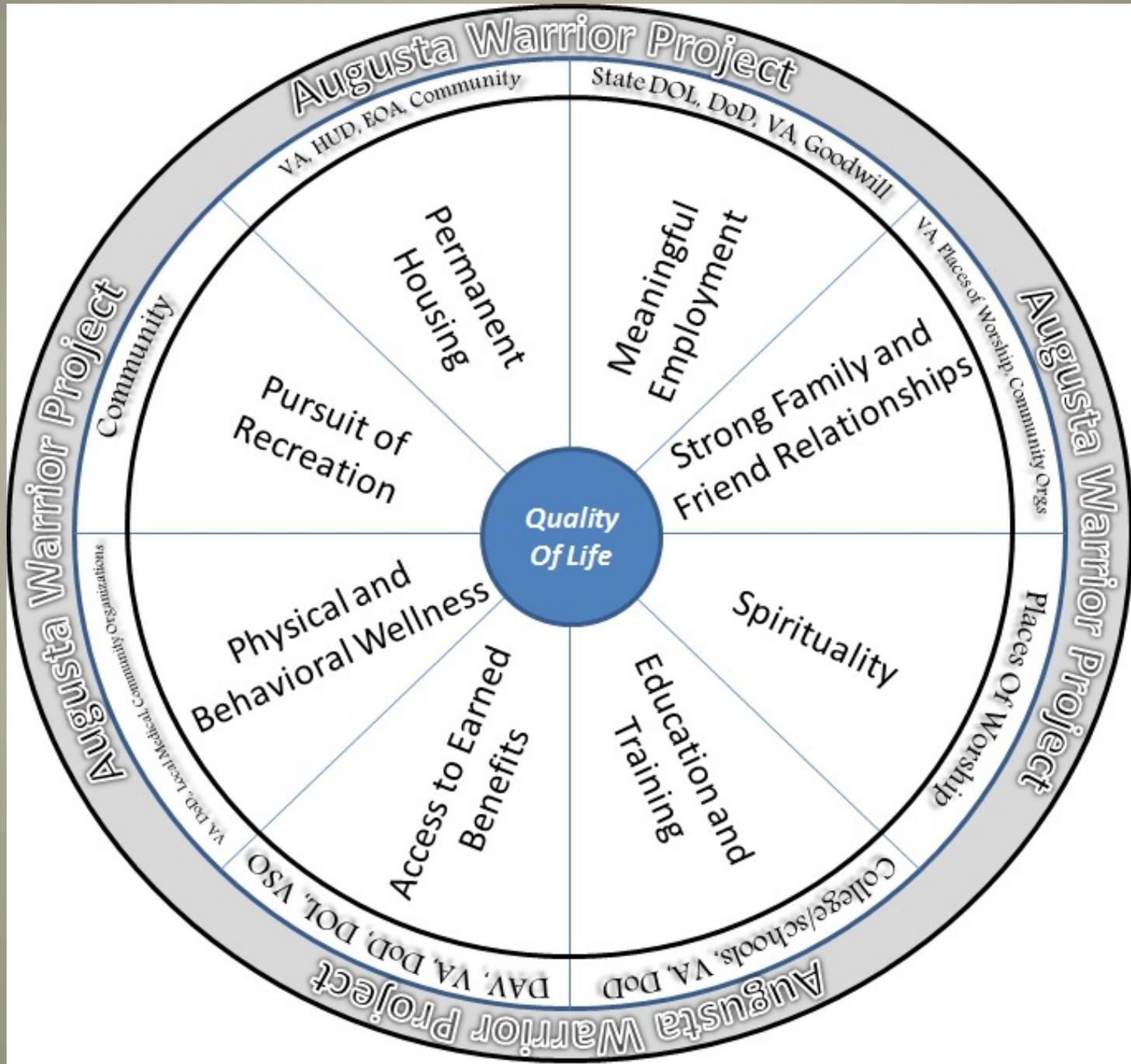
Find The Warrior (military or veteran)  
"BE KNOWN" Campaign

**The Most Critical, Yet Difficult Step**



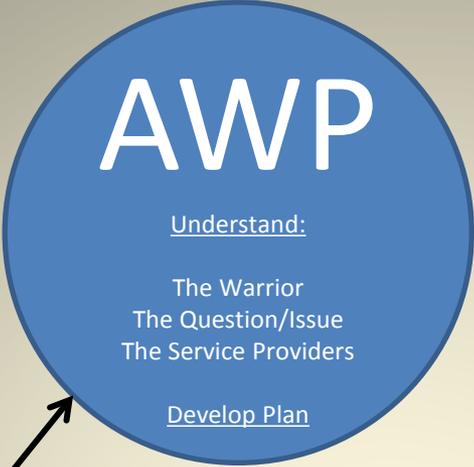
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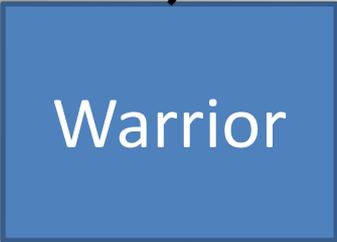
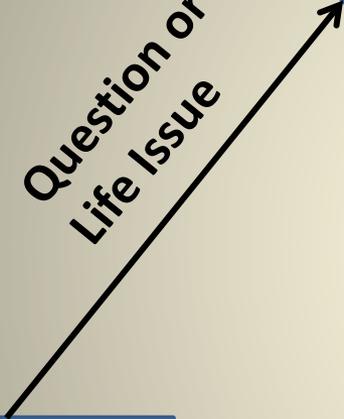


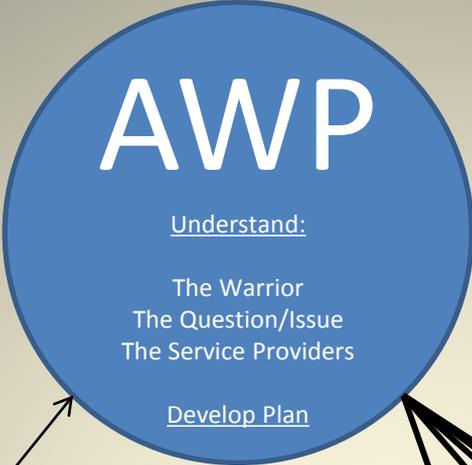


# The Process In Action

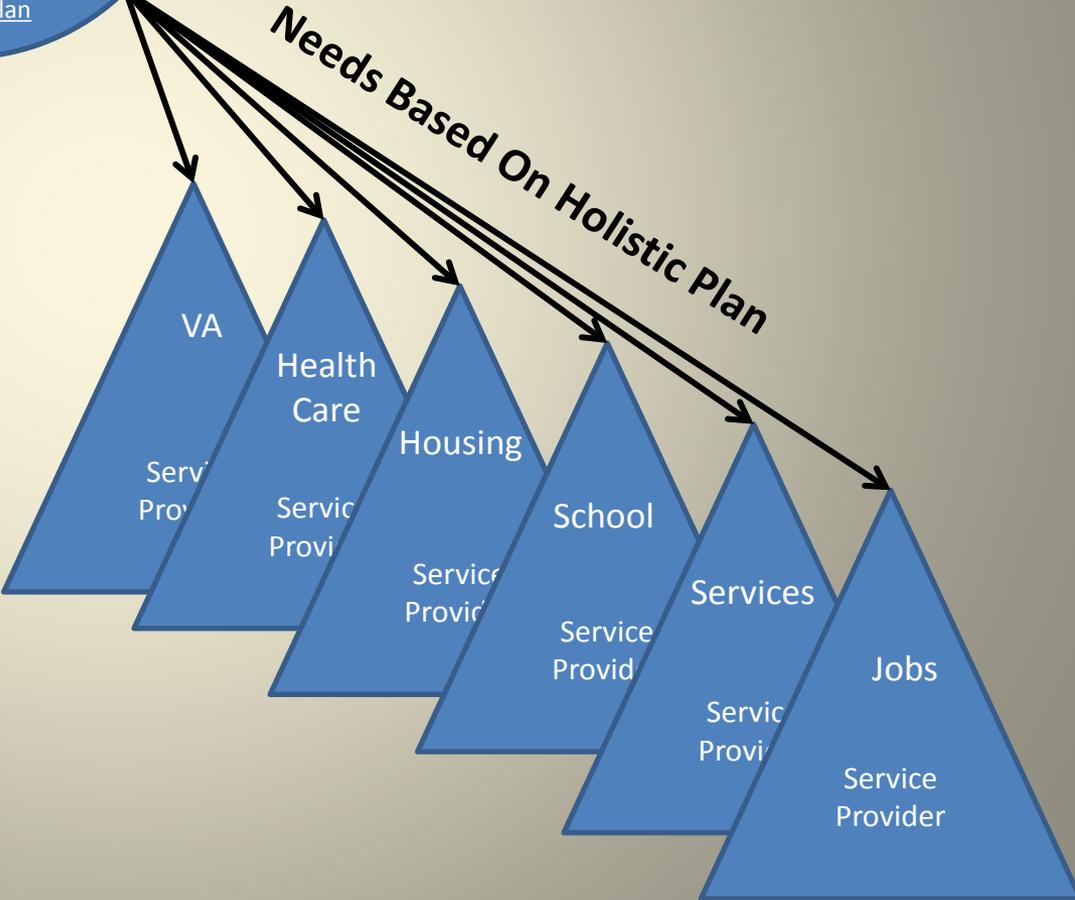


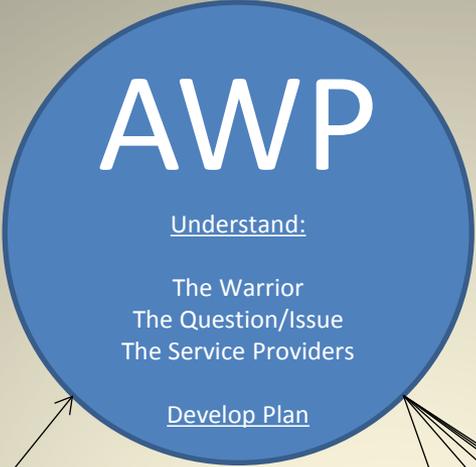
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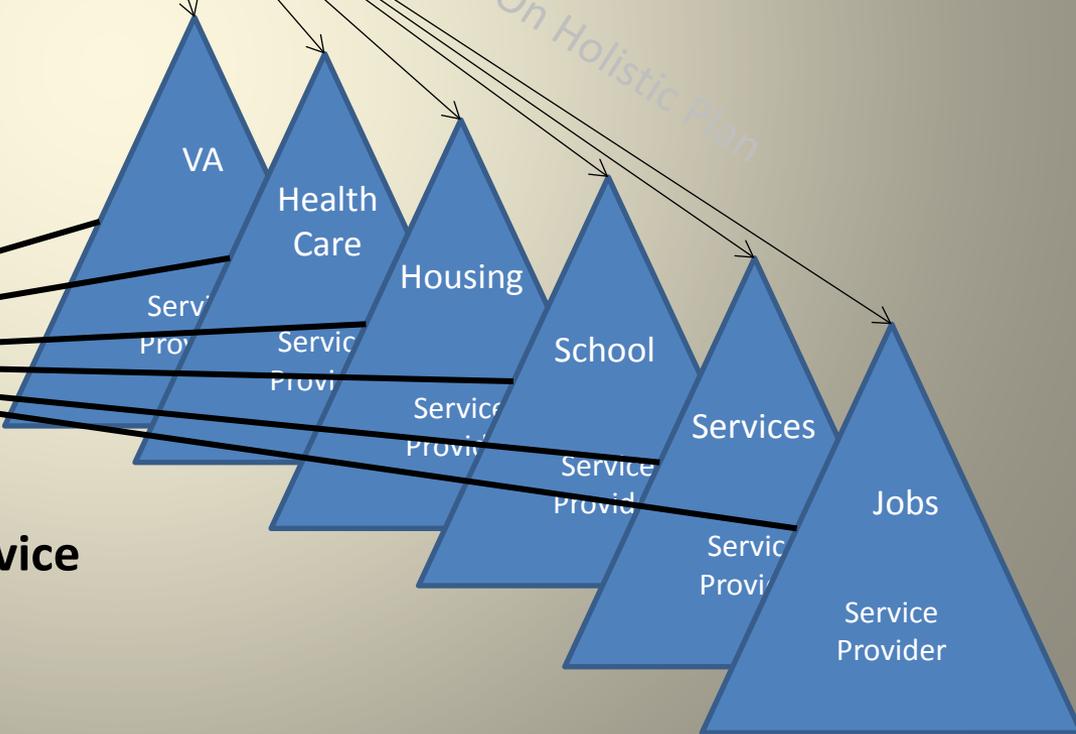
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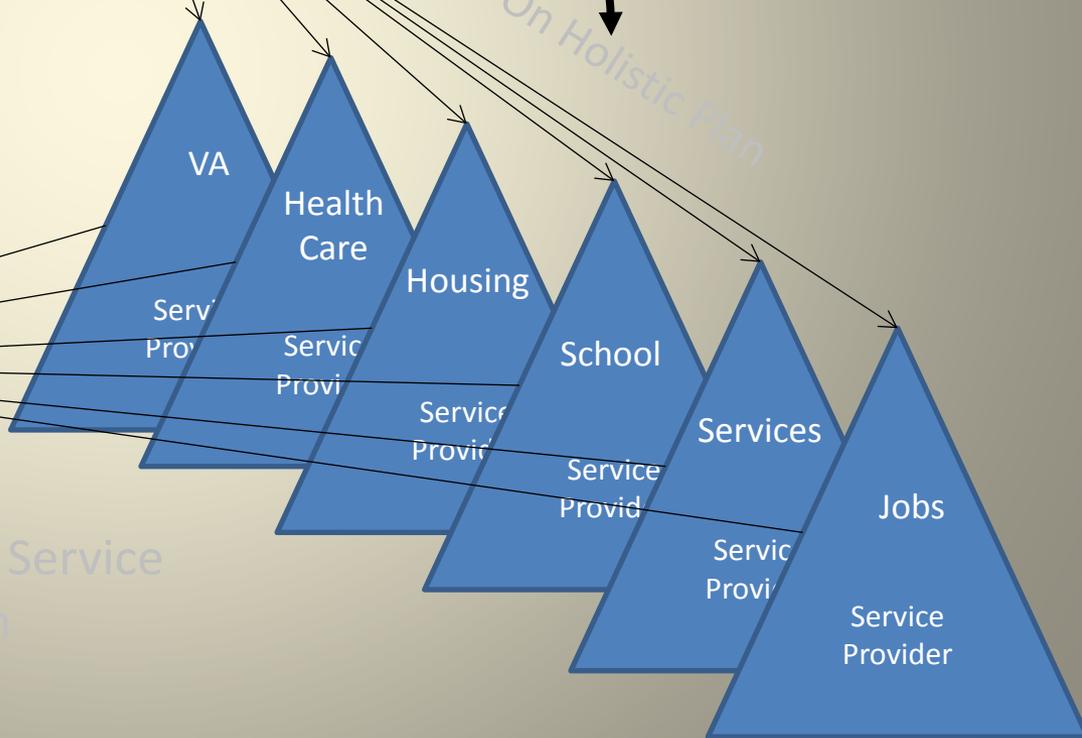
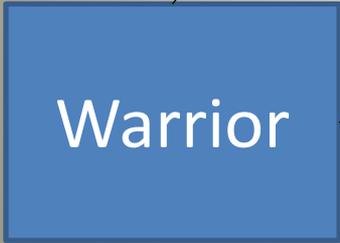
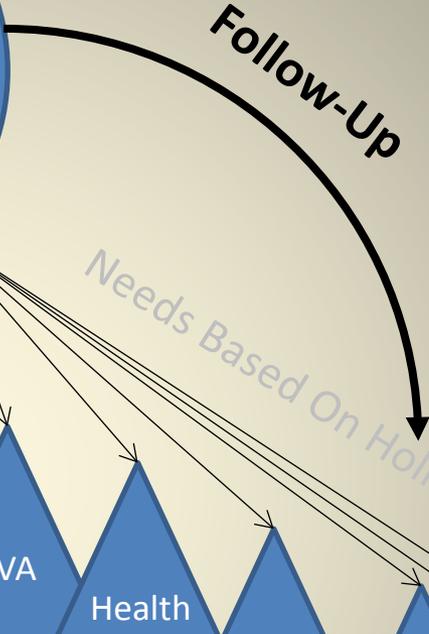
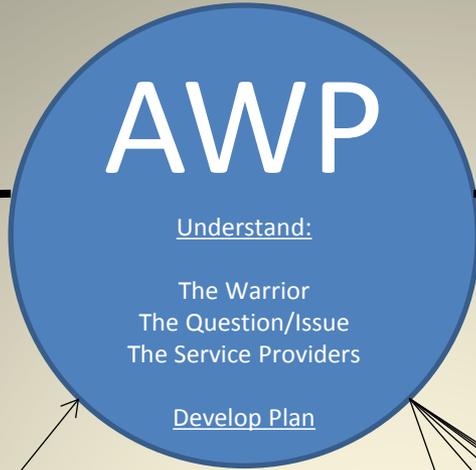
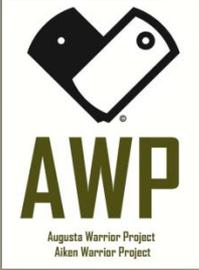


*Question or Life Issue*

*Needs Based On Holistic Plan*

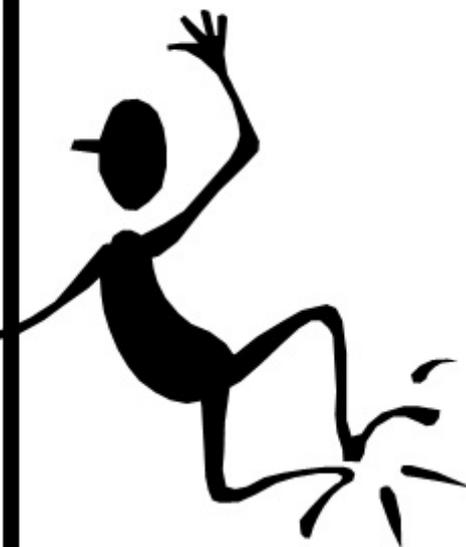
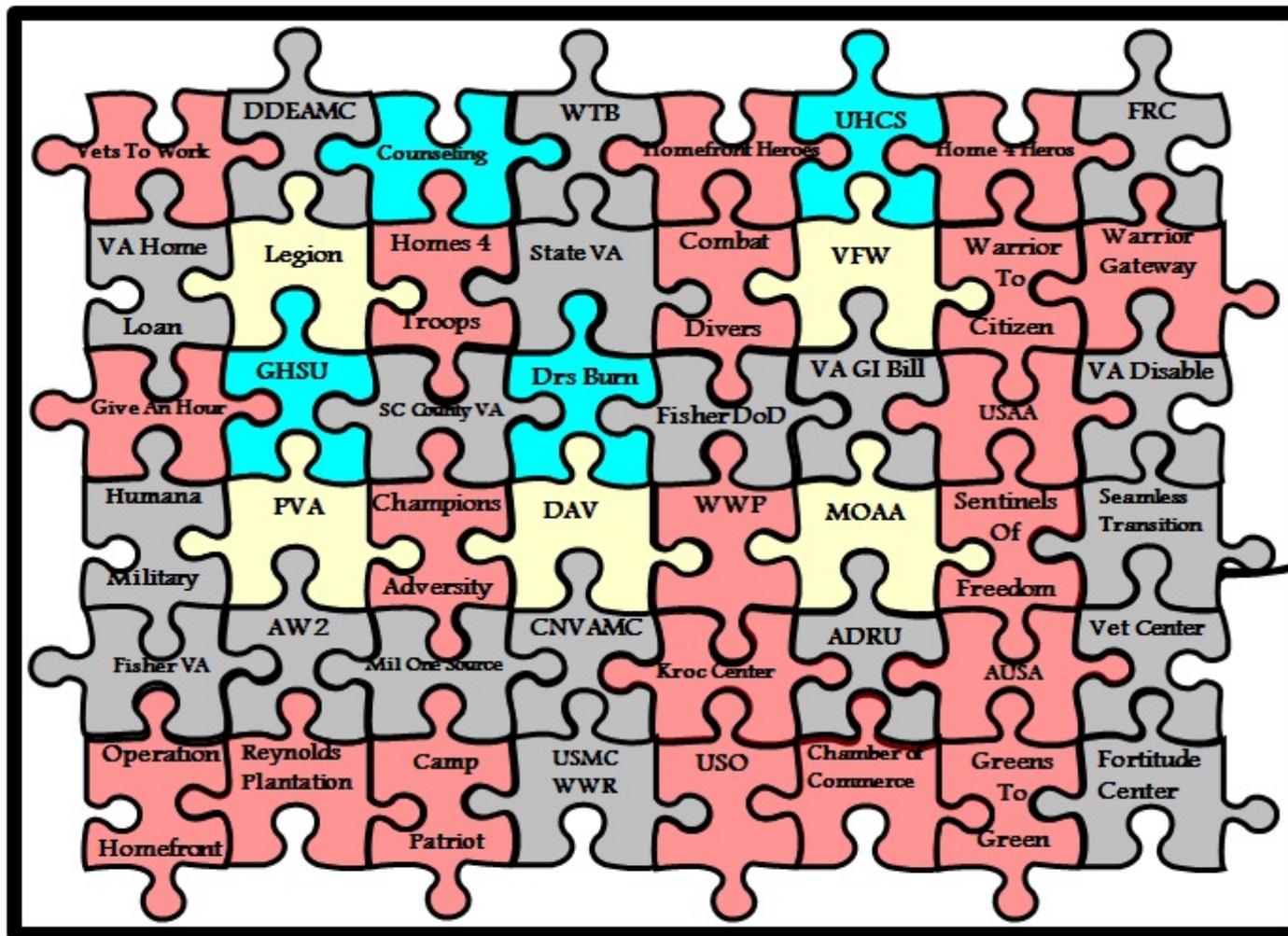


**Synchronized Service Based on Plan**

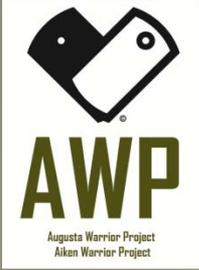


Synchronized Service Based on Plan

# AUGUSTA WARRIOR PROJECT



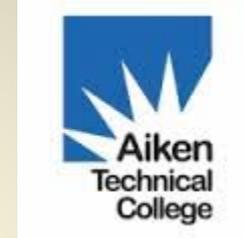
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# Our Work Locations:



Thomson



Aiken



Waynesboro



Peach Orchard



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# Who We Collaborate With:



Central Savannah River Area  
Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.  
Head Start





# Our Results

**Since Feb 2012:**

**220 – Homeless Warrior Permanently Housed**

**536 – Warriors Enrolled In College or Training**

**195 – Unemployed Warriors Employed**

**262 - Increase in Veterans Affairs Enrollment**

**3800 Warriors Connected**



# National Outreach

- **Partnered With Wounded Warrior Project To Replicate The Augusta Warrior Project Model In 10 Communities Throughout The United States Over The Next 24 Months.**
- **Bolster An Existing Organization or Incubate A New Group**
- **Goals For Participating Community:**
  - **Connect with 80% of Community Post 9/11 Warriors**
  - **90% Graduation Rate For Those Using GI Bill**
  - **Reduce Warrior Homelessness By 70%**
  - **Lower Warrior Unemployment By 3% Below Community Avg**
  - **Increase Enrollment in VA Healthcare**
  - **Increase Enrollment in MyEBenefits**
  - **Increase Access To Behavioral Health**
  - **Increase Use Of Government and Non-Government Services**



# Summary

- **Collaboratively Communities Can Solve Almost Any Critical Need**
- **Warriors Need A Sponsor When They Transition, Not Just At Active Duty PCS**
- **National Government And Non-government Organizations Must Work With Communities To Help Warriors And Their Families**
- **Make It Easier For Non-Profits To Help VA and DoD Improve Their Services**