

Military Transition Support Project (MTSP)

WHAT IT IS & HOW TO HELP

Why MTSP?

It is estimated that 15,000 sailors and marines stationed in San Diego leave service each year, and that half of these veterans and their families will stay here. As a result, San Diego County is home to the third highest population of veterans in the United States. Studies show that **returning Iraq and Afghanistan military personnel are well trained, team oriented and hardworking, but face significant challenges in the transition to civilian life.**

What is MTSP?

The **Military Transition Support Project (MTSP)** has been an unprecedented year-long collaboration among San Diego's military, government agencies, elected officials, nonprofits, businesses, and philanthropic institutions to **develop a comprehensive plan to better coordinate community resources for veterans and to connect those resources to service members** as early in the transition process as possible.

Key Elements of the MTSP Community Plan

1. Utilize a holistic Veteran Wellness framework
2. Linkage to community based supports prior to leaving the military
3. Access to a comprehensive resource directory of social services and employment opportunities
4. Connection to veteran peer navigators
5. Improved connection between public, nonprofit, and philanthropic resources

Central to the **MTSP Community Plan** are a web-based portal affiliated with 2-1-1 San Diego that would aggregate employment, education and vetted social service information, and highly trained, veteran "navigators" to provide personal assistance to those needing additional support.

Moving from Plan to Action: How to Help

Now the **MTSP Community Plan** needs partners, endorsements and financial commitments from **businesses, private philanthropy and the public sector** in order to be implemented and to ultimately provide our returning military men and women and their families with the comprehensive, coordinated support they need. Here's how you can help:

Provide Funding

Long-term funding is necessary to support building out the plan's key elements – starting with an initial beta test with Navy Region Southwest. To provide financial support, contact: Christy Wilson, Executive Director, **Rancho Santa Fe Foundation**, christy@rsffoundation.org, (858) 756-6557

Join the Network of Service Providers

The MTSP provider network is comprised of public, private and nonprofit sector partners that offer resources and services to San Diego's veterans -- from education to employment to health services and beyond. **If you want to be included in the MTSP provider network and are from:**

- A **public agency**, contact: Bill York, Chief Operating Officer, **211 San Diego**, wYork@211sandiego.org, (858) 300-1237
- A **nonprofit organization**, contact: Joe Buehrle, Collaborative Director, **San Diego Military Family Collaborative**, jbuehrle@saysandiego.org, (858) 496-0044
OR
Bob Muth, Coalition Chairman, **San Diego Veterans Coalition**, rmuth@sandiego.edu, (619) 260-5950
- A **private business**, contact: Jennifer Henry Storm, Executive Director, **San Diego Regional Economic Development Foundation**, jh@sandiegobusiness.org, (619) 234-8484

Show Your Support

If your business or organization would like to be formally acknowledged as a supporter of the MTSP Community Plan, contact: Michelle Slingerland, Director of Communications, **San Diego Grantmakers**, michelle@sdgrantmakers.org, (858) 875-3331

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FUNDING & OVERSIGHT

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