

## "Advocating for Military-Connected Survivors of Domestic and Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (DVSAS)"

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### **Meet The Team!**

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## "Military-Connected Survivor"

Any of the individuals below who have experienced Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (DVSAS).

#### **Active Duty**

**National Guard & Reserve** 

**Veterans** 

**Civilian Dependent** 

Adult and/or child

#### **Intimate Partner**

- Is or has been in a social relationship of romantic nature
- Current or former spouse
- Shares a child
- Shared a home



## **Project Mission**



To provide trauma-informed and survivor-centered training and technical assistance (TTA) that empowers legal personnel, victim advocates, and allied professionals to support military-connected survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (DVSAS).



Alienation

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Financial/ Benefits

**Post Traumatic** Stress/Disorder (PTSD)

Camaraderie/

Family Bond

# Unique Dynamics/ Challenges

Separations/ Deployments

Retaliation

Retirement/ Discharged

Suicide/ Suicidality



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Fear

## Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Team

"A multidisciplinary team of military, civilian, and community partners that meet regularly to assess, plan, monitor, and evaluate prevention and response efforts."

Prevention and Response

**Capacity Building** 

#### Goals of a CCR Team

**Community Engagement** 

Initiatives and Policies



## **Tools and Resources**

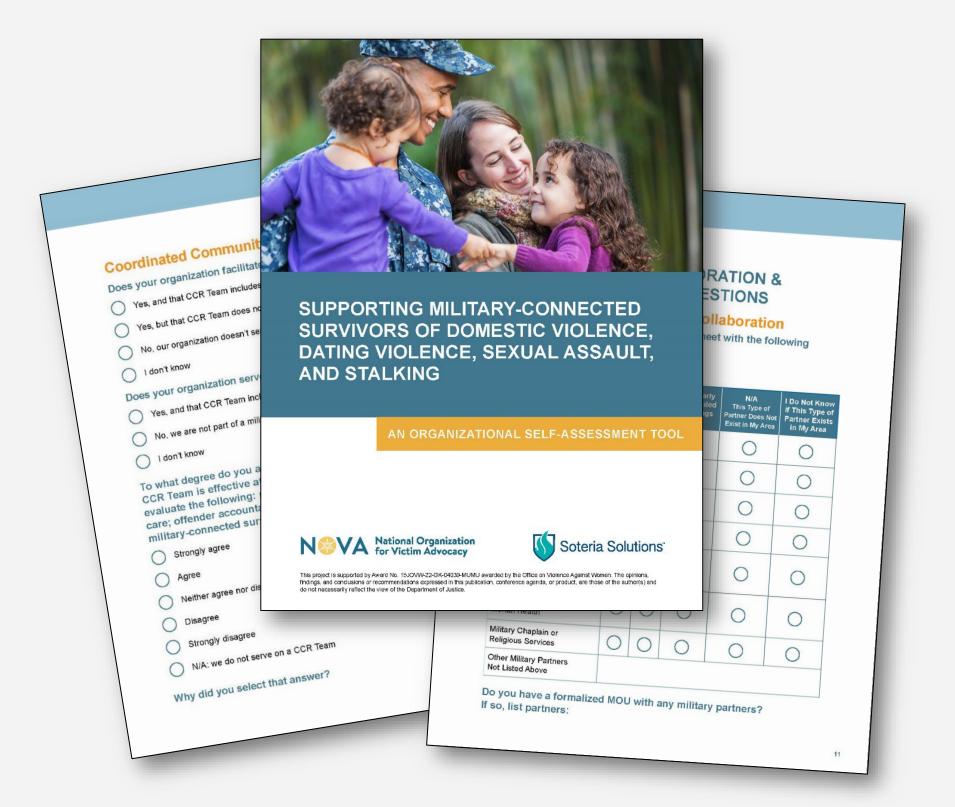


## **Custom Training Topics**

- Supporting Military Households Residing in Rural Communities
- Risk Assessment & Safety Planning: Best Practices for Military-Connected Survivors
- Victims' Rights 101: Military and Civilian Criminal Justice
- Housing Considerations when Working with Military-Connected Survivors
- Military-Connected Survivors Living with Disabilities
- Enhancing Support for Military-Connected Survivors of DVSAS in the Veteran Treatment Court Process
- Tools for a Campus Coordinated Community Response (CCR)
- Fatality reviews



## Organizational Self-Assessment



This tool is meticulously crafted to help civilian agencies like yours assess and enhance approaches to serving military-connected survivors of DVSAS. It provides deep insights into their unique challenges and guides you through a detailed evaluation process to improve services and outcomes.



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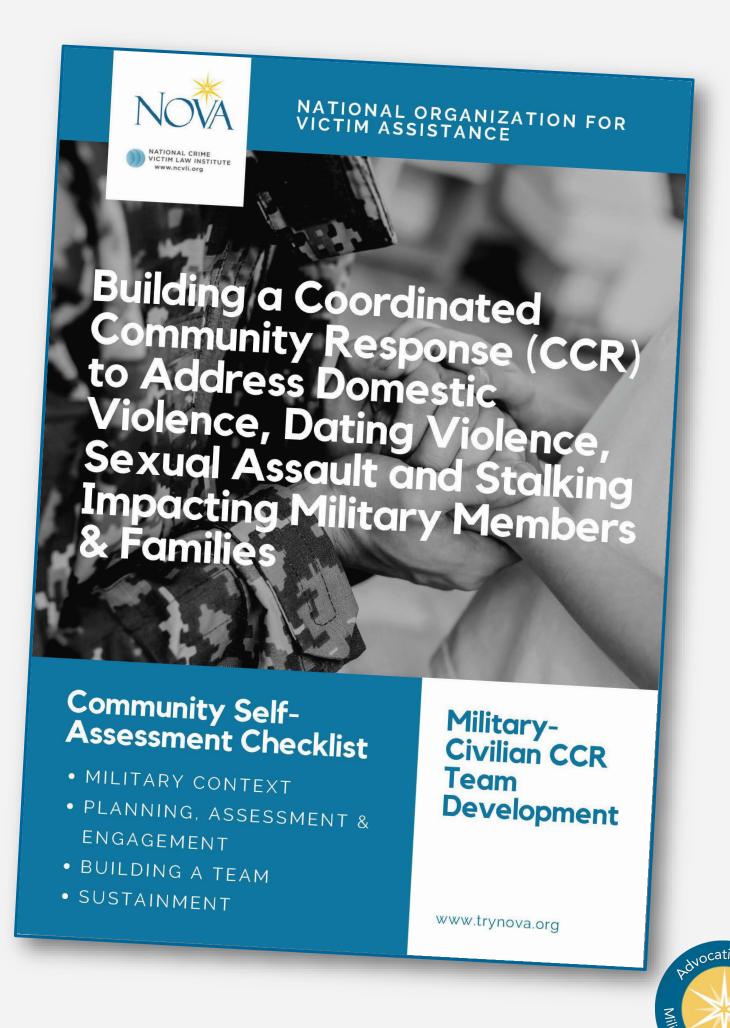


## Military-Civilian CCR Team Development

This checklist provides new and existing CCRTs with a step-by-step guide for assessing, engaging, and elevating the unique needs of military-connected survivors within a community CCR approach.



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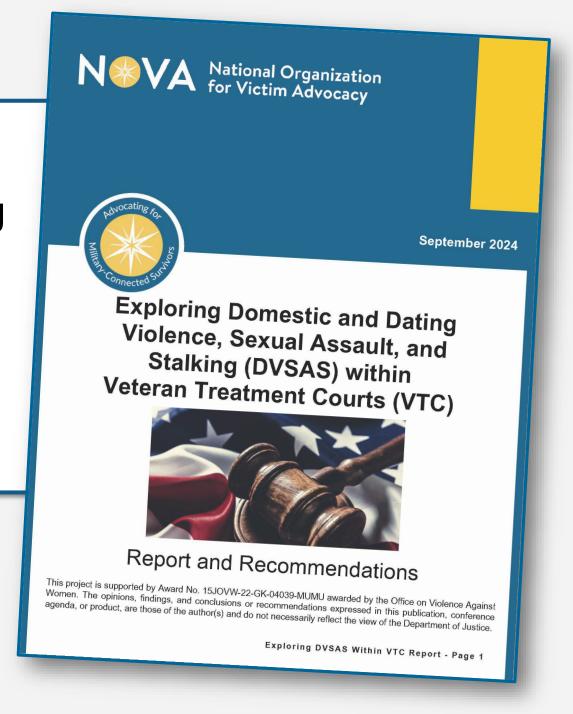


## VTC Listening Sessions Report

The Veterans Treatment Court Listening Sessions Report highlights key challenges, gaps, and opportunities for improving how VTCs address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases involving military-connected individuals, emphasizing the need for standardized practices, survivor-centered support, and enhanced collaboration.



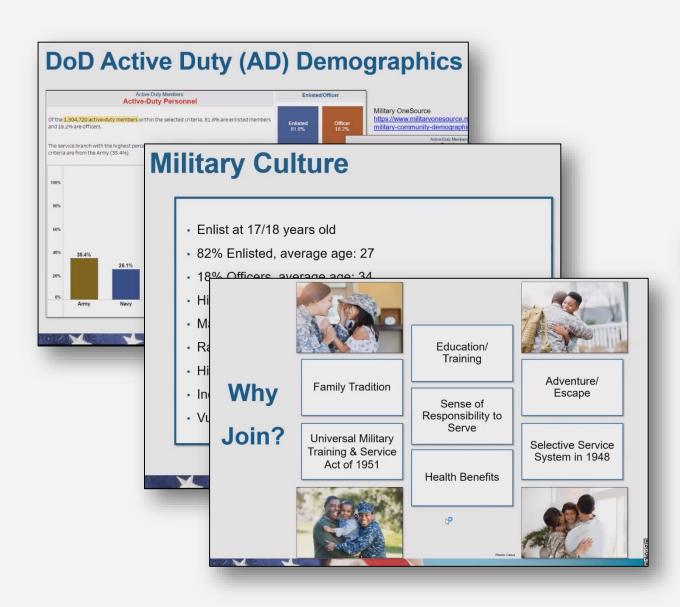
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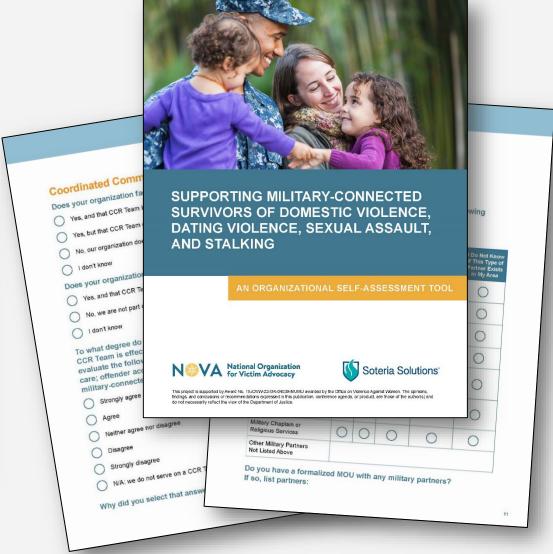


## We're Here to Help!



Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)

#### **Tools and Guides**





Communities of Practice



## **Contact / Questions?**

#### Military Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Team

Project Website: <a href="https://militaryconnectedsurvivors.org/">https://militaryconnectedsurvivors.org/</a> (coming soon!)

NOVA Website: <a href="https://trynova.org/">https://trynova.org/</a>

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Linktree with Free Tools, Webinars, and Updates: <a href="https://linktr.ee/novamilitary">https://linktr.ee/novamilitary</a>



