

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the two year review of ServingTogether, a program of EveryMind that connects veterans, service members and their families with multiple resources to assist them in their efforts to address the full array of benefits available to them, honoring their service to our Nation. ServingTogether is the National Capital Region's Care Coordination Center, part of the Institute for Veterans and Military Families' (IVMF) AmericaServes, that enables military, veterans and their families to locate the appropriate service provider in their time of need.

The ServingTogether network is composed of a group of service providers experienced in working with veterans and the military including their families to access services from benefits navigation, mental health support, homeless prevention, employment, as well as emergency services. The coordination includes connection with a Peer Navigator who will work with the veteran, service member or family to resolve issues.

Currently, ServingTogether has 96 participating organizations and has served over 1,000 clients in the DC Metropolitan Area including Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Frederick and Western Maryland as well as Southern Maryland.

I have been advised that no one is turned away and individuals not in the current area of operation will be informed about services that may be available in their area.

If you or someone you know is a veteran, service member or family member of a veteran or service member, help get the word out about this valuable resource.

For more information, please go to

servingtogetherproject.org.