

# The Military Suicide Research (MSRC): Overview, Accomplishments, and Recommendations for Implementation in Other Nations



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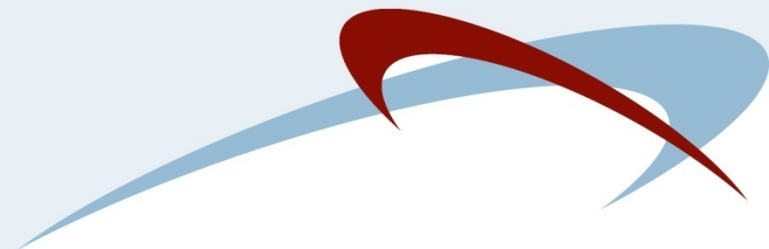
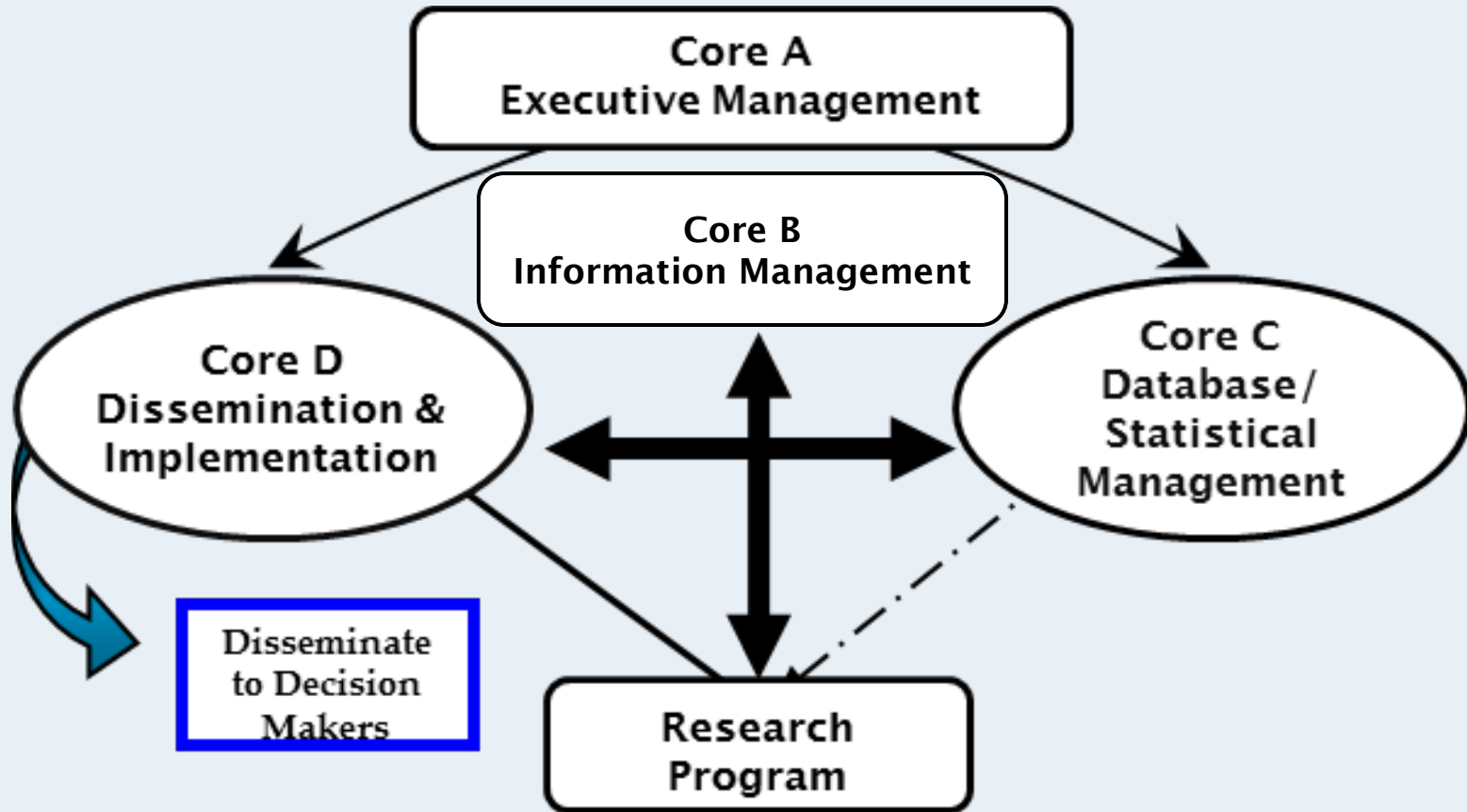
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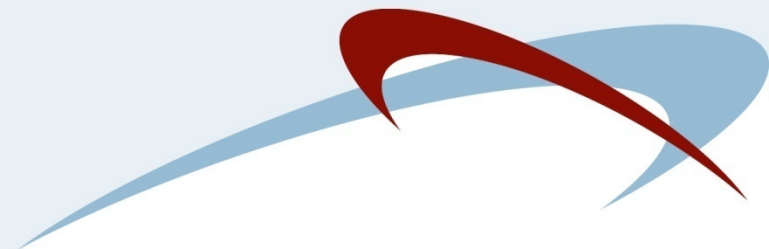
# Background

- The Military Suicide Research Consortium (MSRC) was established by the U. S. Department of Defense in 2010
- To coordinate and oversee scientific research on the full range of the problem of suicide in the military
- Organized into four Cores to facilitate efficient management of the research program and other functions



# Standard Operating Procedures

- Facilitate management of large, diverse organization
  - key staff in 3 locations in the U.S., graduate students and post-doctoral fellows at several additional institutions, suicide research expert members at U.S. and international universities and multiple U.S. military installations
- Developed and regularly updated for all key functions



# Training Program

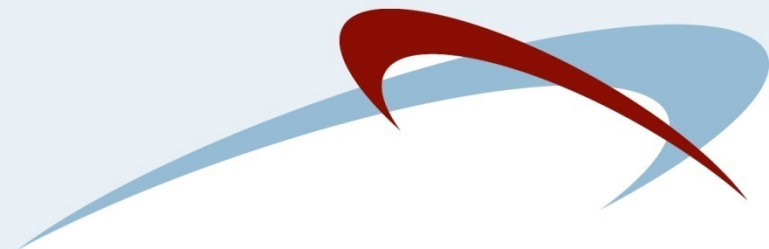
- Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows
  - Includes joint MSRC-Army Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Servicemembers (Army STARRS)
- American Association of Suicidology pre-conference training day
- Dissertation completion awards
- Training and supporting the next generation of U.S. military suicide researchers

# Accomplishments 2010-2015

- Rapid response to white paper requests
- Streamlined approach to soliciting and reviewing proposals
- 24 investigator-initiated studies
- Mobile application, a computer intervention, manuals for treatment, peer-reviewed journal articles, and conference presentations

# 2016 and Beyond

- Solicited letters of intent for two separate calls for proposals
- Two projects in contracting phase
- Reviewing second round of letters of intent, anticipate inviting up to 35 proposals
  - Includes analyses of common data elements
- Significant dissemination and implementation efforts





# Conclusions

- Operationally lean, scientifically rigorous, efficient, and able to significantly leverage available funding
- Wealth of actionable findings
- Model can be adapted to produce similar results for other countries' militaries
- Manual for successfully establishing and running consortia forthcoming

# Questions

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