Advancing Community Engagement and Social Well-Being through The Hope Project:
A Pilot Program for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injuries and their Families

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Introduction
- The Hope Project: an illustration of community engagement through partnerships
- Virginia Tech’s role, mission, and goals toward community engagement through The Hope Project

The Hope Project Overview
- The Need
- Conceptual Framework
- Program Description and Philosophy
- Funding

The Need
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is being called the signature wound of the Iraq war.
- An estimated 22% of the approximately 30,000 injured soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have sustained a TBI
- There is a significant need to provide programs to assist individuals transition from post-acute rehabilitation to community (re)integration post TBI - Gap in Services

Gap in Services

Conceptual Framework
- Concept Overview
- Partnerships
- Funding
Brain Injury ISIG, ACRM

Description and Philosophy

Program
Target Population
Location and Duration
Adjunct Services
Goals and Philosophy

Funding
Cash
- Virginia General Assembly
- Warren G. Stambaugh Memorial Foundation
- Rehabilitative Services Incentive Fund
In-Kind
- Virginia Tech
- Arlington and Fairfax Counties

Other Perspectives

Virginia Tech Staff
Virginia Tech Students
Virginia General Assembly
Participants and Family Members

Faculty Perspectives

The project compliments the Adult Education Mission through
- Teaching
- Research
- Service

Summary and Conclusions

- Outreach NOW Themes
- Priorities
- Areas of Potential Outcomes and Impact
- Audience Q & A