



VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC)

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VetSuccess on Campus

“Success Beyond Service”

The VSOC program aims to help student Veterans and their qualified dependents succeed and thrive through a coordinated delivery of on-campus benefits assistance and counseling leading to completion of their education and preparing them to enter the labor market in viable careers.



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History of VSOC

- University of South Florida – 1st site
- Initial Focus – Outreach & Transition; Graduation & Retention
- Pilot program from 2009 – 2011
- Gradually added sites from 2010 -2013
- Codified under Chapter 36 in 2017
- 2023 – Now over 104 campuses across the nation, with 87 VSOC Counselors Nationwide



VSOC Services

- Community and on-campus outreach
- Benefits Coaching
- Educational & Vocational Counseling (CH 36 aka: PCPG Personalized Career Planning and Guidance)
- Provides CH 31 information for Student Veterans with VA disability ratings and limited case management
- Adjustment counseling
- Programs to improve graduation and retention
- Referrals for more intensive health services
- Assistance to Veterans applying for other VA benefits
- Referrals to campus resources and community organizations as needed



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VSOC Services

OUTREACH:

- Events and activities to promote awareness of VA benefits and services (campus and community)
- Veterans and beneficiaries on academic probation
- New Veterans on campus



VSOC Services

BENEFITS:

- Educational and Vocational Counseling - Chapter 36 (PCPG – Personalized Career Planning and Guidance)
- Veteran Readiness and Employment- Chapter 31
- Montgomery GI Bill - Chapter 30
- Post 9/11 GI Bill (including transfer of benefits and Yellow Ribbon) - Chapter 33
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program - Chapter 1607 (ending November 2019)
- Montgomery GI Selected Reserve - Chapter 1606
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance - Chapter 35
- The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship



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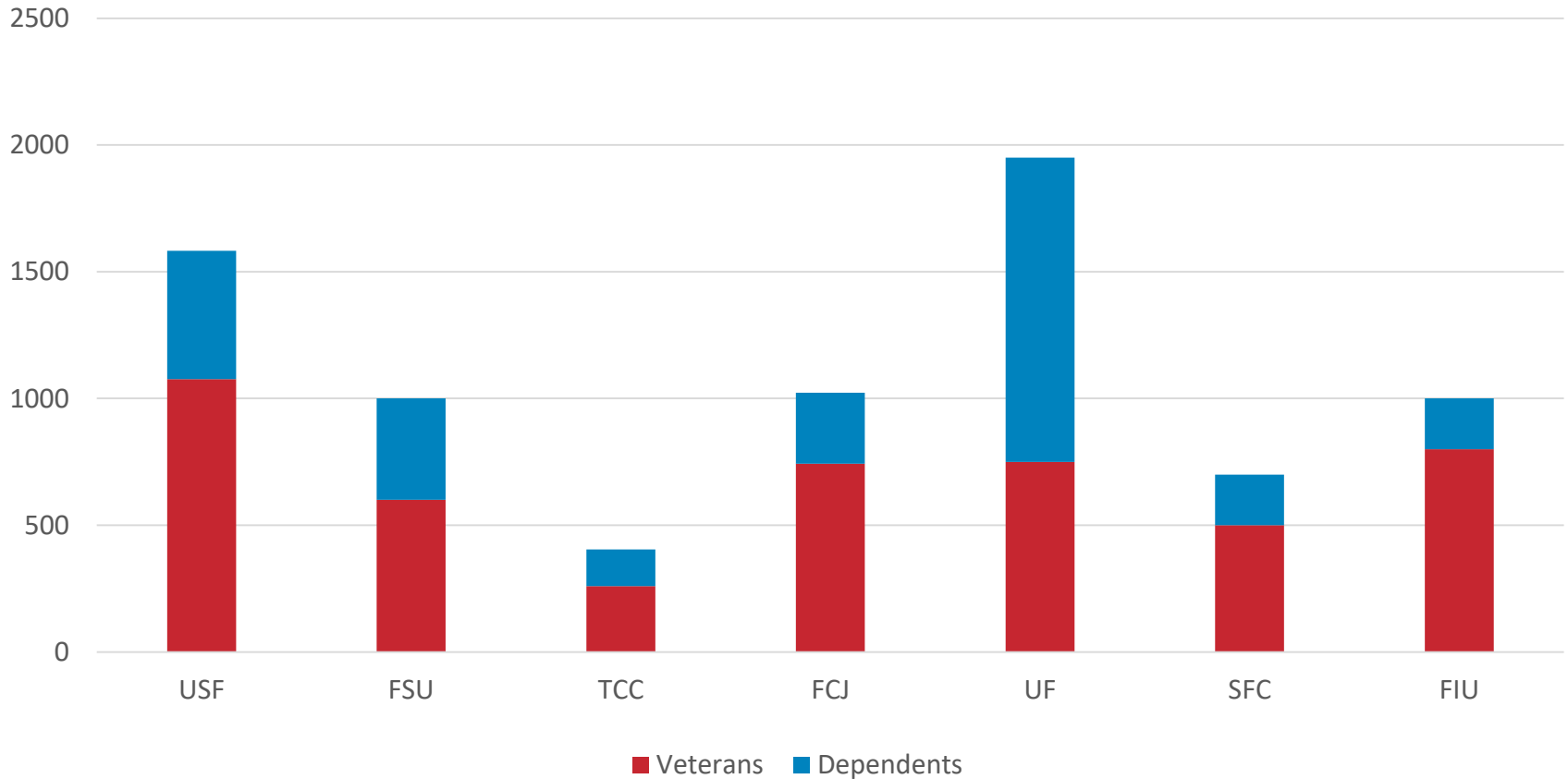
Promoting Retention and Graduation

- Vet to Vet Tutoring
- Vet to Vet Mentoring
- Career Mentoring
- Academic Enhancement & Support Services
- Veteran Scholarships
- Got your 6
- Veteran focused events
- Veteran Graduation Recognition



VSOC Sites and Populations

Veteran and Dependents using Benefits



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VSOC Site Selection

Selection Criteria:

- Student Veteran population of approximately 800 or more
- Willingness and ability to accommodate full-time VSOC Counselor
- Proximity to VR&E out-based office, VA Regional Office, Vet Center, VA Medical Center, or Community Based Outpatient Center

School Criteria:

- Campus leadership support
- Supportive campus with strong Veterans' support services
- Established relationship with VA



VSOC Differences

- Single site campus vs. Multi-site campuses
- Community or State Colleges vs. Universities
- Amount of students at each college
- Dependents
- PCPG (Chapter 36) and VRE (Chapter 31) cases



Questions?



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