

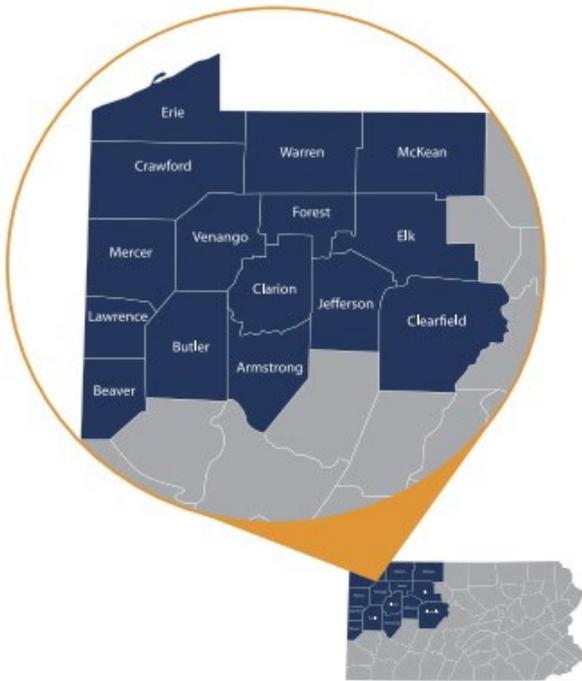
NW PA Veteran Suicide Prevention Program

Monthly Report: July 2022

Program Overview

The **Northwest Pennsylvania Veteran Suicide Prevention Program (NWPVSP)** is a collaborative effort between federal and state-level entities, community-level service providers, and organizational experts in **suicide prevention** to create significant and lasting change in the **15-county NW PA region**. The program aims to **reduce Veteran suicide attempts and death** by an average of 10% over five years (2020-2025). Other program goals include increasing awareness of suicide risk, promoting community connection and resilience, and improving delivery of suicide care.

Report Overview



Key Updates

- Held an **in-person** QPR (Question. Persuade. Refer.) Train the Trainer session, with a total of **19 individuals trained as facilitators** for [QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training](#).
- Attended the Crawford County Veterans Resource Fair and distributed **50 gun locks** to attendees.
- Conducted **one-on-one meetings** with [Advisory Group \(AG\) stakeholders](#).

Key Next Steps

- **Implement action plans** to address feedback from one-on-one meetings with Advisory Group stakeholders.
- Plan to initiate implementation activities in **Region 2 counties** (Elk, Forest, Clearfield, Jefferson).

Region 1 Summary: July 2022

PERU is working to enhance local suicide prevention, intervention, and response efforts and work to address gaps in efforts or services. Implementation is being phased across **three geographic regions** that were selected based on resource availability and existing healthcare and community partnerships. Currently, implementation efforts are focused in **Region 1: Erie, Crawford, Venango, Warren, McKean**.



Stakeholder Engagement Summary

- The July Advisory Group meeting was cancelled due to the Fourth of July holiday.
- All other project meetings were cancelled in July since the implementation team conducted one-on-one meetings with stakeholders throughout the month. The purpose of these meetings was to ascertain **stakeholder strengths, interests, and motivations for partnering with the NWPVSP**.
- Information collected from these conversations will be used to inform changes to stakeholder communication to ensure that all Advisory Group members feel engaged and valued.

Partner Meetings (July 2022)		
Entity Type	Meeting Purpose	# Meetings
County Coalitions/Task Forces	Continued Engagement	4
Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs (DMVA)	Continued Engagement	1
Healthcare	Recruitment	2
Healthcare	Site Engagement	1
Hold My Guns & National Shooting Sports Foundation	Safe Storage Planning	3
Other Community Stakeholders	Continued Engagement	9
State-Level Agencies	Continued Engagement	2
UPMC Western Behavioral at Safe Harbor	Recruitment & Training Planning	3
Advisory Group and Work Groups	Project Planning	2
Totals		27

Resource & Material Development

The program team continues to create **resources and materials** to ensure all stakeholders are informed about the program goals and activities and are afforded the opportunity to provide program implementation input to enhance their engagement with the program. Over the past month, the following materials have been developed:

- **3** website [blog posts](#)
- **1** monthly [newsletter](#)
- **1** educational material on [mental health parity](#)