ASK THE QUESTIONS

1. Have you or a family member served in the military?
2. Do you have any children?

AGING & SENIOR SERVICES

Helping older veterans feel understood and respected for their military service is key to:

- Providing quality services to aging veterans and their families
- Making effective linkages to veteran and aging programs and resources
- Helping family members access survivors' benefits

WHY ASK THE QUESTIONS?

57% of Orange County, Calif. Veterans are over age 65

As an older-adult service provider, it is important to:

- Identify veterans and their family members
- Build rapport and demonstrate cultural competence
- Ask further questions about the military history
- Explore areas of need and existing support
- Connection veterans and their families to military, veteran, and senior specific programs and benefits.

FOLLOWUP QUESTIONS

- When did you/your family member serve? Which Branch?
- Did you/your family member experience deployment?
- How long did you/your family member serve?
- What is you/your family member's discharge type/status?
- Are you/your family member enrolled to any VA or other veteran services and/or benefits?
- Do you/your family member have any reservations to seek assistance?

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