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# The Expiration Term of Service (ETS) Sponsorship Program

**Bridging the gap from active duty to civilian life**

# What problem does ETS address?

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- The troubling and increasing suicide rates of Servicemembers as they transition into civilian life
- The period of significant risk for these young (18–34-year-old) Veterans is in their first year after separating from the military
- Studies indicate that 44% to 72% experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life



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# What is the goal of ETS?

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- The ETS Sponsorship Program assists service members in transition to civilian life and the post-military community of their choice.
- Engaging transitioning Servicemembers prior to them exiting the military (typically 6 months out)
- Connecting them to **certified sponsors** in their post-military hometowns and community organizations to assist with their transition
- Enrolling them in needed VA and community services



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# What areas does a sponsor assist with?

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- Employment
- Education
- Housing
- Legal concerns
- Service benefits
- Medical and mental health care issues



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# ETS in New York State

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ETS has been expanded across 3 sites (18 Counties) in NYS with the assistance of the Office of Mental Health's SPCNY through our [CARES-UP](#) initiative

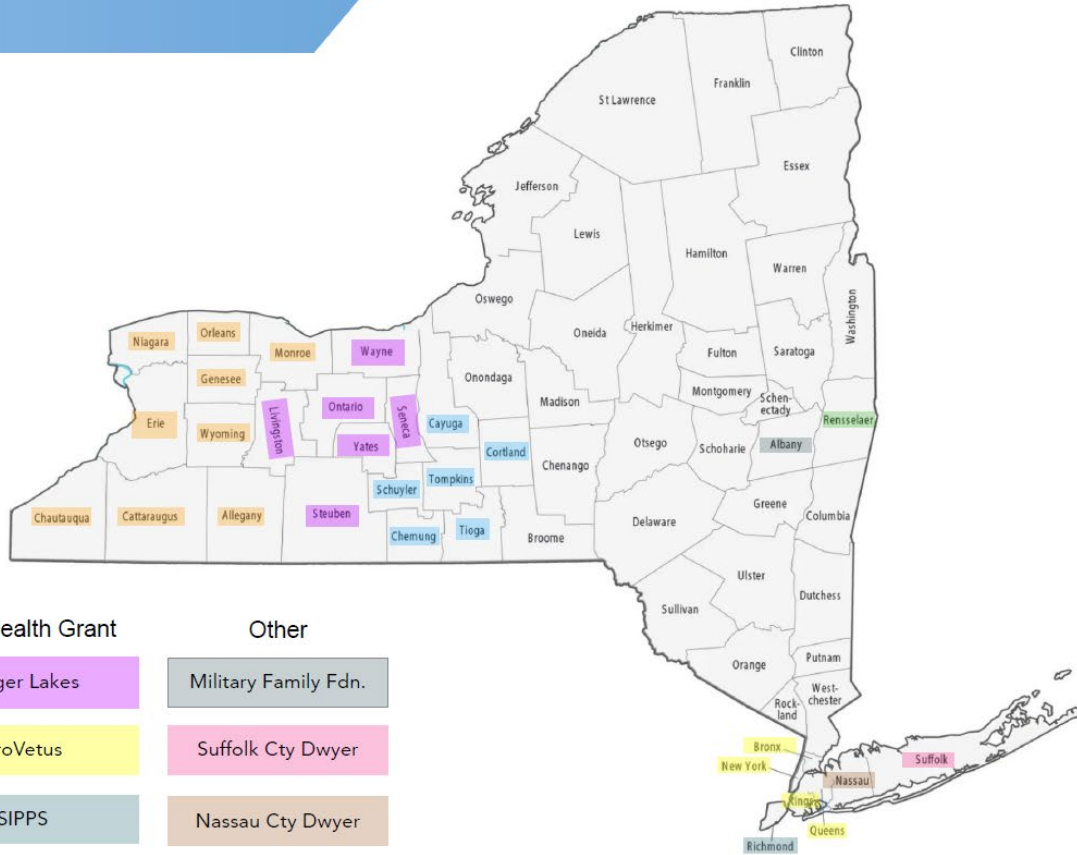
- **C**hanging the Conversation
- **A**wareness
- **R**esilience
- **E**mpower Peers
- **S**kills Building/Suicide Prevention
- **U**niformed **P**ersonnel

- Recently the [NYS Health Foundation](#) awarded funding to expand ETS into New York City and 13 counties in the Finger Lakes region
- A number of other ETS sites exist across the state and more are expected to develop in the coming years



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NY CARES Grant

WNY Heroes

Tioga County VSO

Rensselaer Dwyer

NYS Health Grant

Finger Lakes

ProVetus

SIPPS

Other

Military Family Fdn.

Suffolk Cty Dwyer

Nassau Cty Dwyer

## ABOUT OUR SPONSORS

### TOP 10 STATES FOR ETS SPONSOR ENROLLMENT

1. New York
2. Texas
3. California
4. Washington
5. New Jersey
6. Wisconsin
7. Virginia
8. Florida
9. Arizona
10. Massachusetts

## SERVICE MEMBER OVERVIEW

### GENDER



80% 20%

### MARITAL STATUS

Single	33 %
Married	51 %
Divorced	6 %
Unspecified	10 %

### TOP 10 DESTINATIONS

1. Texas
2. Florida
3. New York
4. California
5. Tennessee
6. Arizona
7. North Carolina
8. Virginia
9. Georgia
10. Washington



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