Prevention Plan of Action 2.0

The newly updated Prevention Plan of Action 2.0 2022-2024 (PPoA 2.0) expands the scope of the 2019 Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention Plan of Action 2019-2023 (PPoA 1.0) to integrated prevention of multiple harmful behaviors, including sexual assault, harassment, suicide, retaliation, domestic violence, and child abuse. Importantly, PPoA 2.0 objectives align with Independent Review Commission (IRC) prevention recommendations as approved by the Department, and DoD 6400.09, “DoD Policy on Integrated Primary Prevention of Self-Directed Harm and Prohibited Abuse or Harm.”

Prevention System

Three organizational factors constitute the prevention system:

1. Human resources – such as equipped and empowered leadership, prevention workforce and military community

2. Collaborative relationships – within and across organizations

3. Infrastructure – prevention-specific policy, resources, and data systems

Prevention Process

The prevention process is a data-driven effort which enables organizations to develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive prevention approach that meets their unique needs and leverages their unique strengths. It involves four main steps:

1. Understand the problem and contributing factors.

2. Develop a comprehensive approach.

3. Implement each activity in the comprehensive approach with fidelity.

4. Continuously evaluate the comprehensive approach to ensure intended outcomes are achieved.

Evolution from PPOA 1.0 to PPOA 2.0

- April 26, 2019: The Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention Plan of Action 2019-2023 (PPoA 1.0) released, a strategy document applying public health science to the military environment in order to prevent sexual assault in the military.
- September 11, 2020: DoDI 6400.09, “DoD Policy on Integrated Primary Prevention of Self-Directed Harm and Prohibited Abuse or Harm” issued to address multiple harmful behaviors. DoDI 6400.09 establishes key elements of integrated primary prevention and DoD oversight of prevention efforts.
- July 2, 2021: Recommendations from the Independent Review Commission (IRC) on Sexual Assault in the Military are released.
- September 22, 2021: IRC Implementation Roadmap released, outlining implementation of Department-approved IRC recommendations.
- May 27, 2022: In alignment with Department-approved IRC recommendation 2.8, Prevention Plan of Action 2.0 2022-2024 (PPoA 2.0) is released.