



# DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



## Prevention Plan of Action

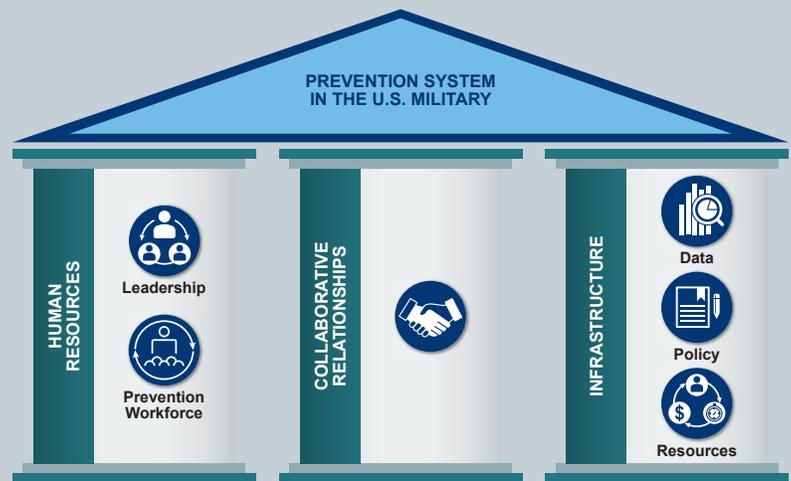
### The Department's Renewed Strategic Approach to Prevent Sexual Assault

The Prevention Plan of Action (PPOA) identifies actions necessary to measurably and systematically reduce sexual assault in the military. Effective sexual assault prevention requires an **optimized prevention system** that has the capacity to execute the necessary steps of the **prevention process**.

#### PREVENTION SYSTEM

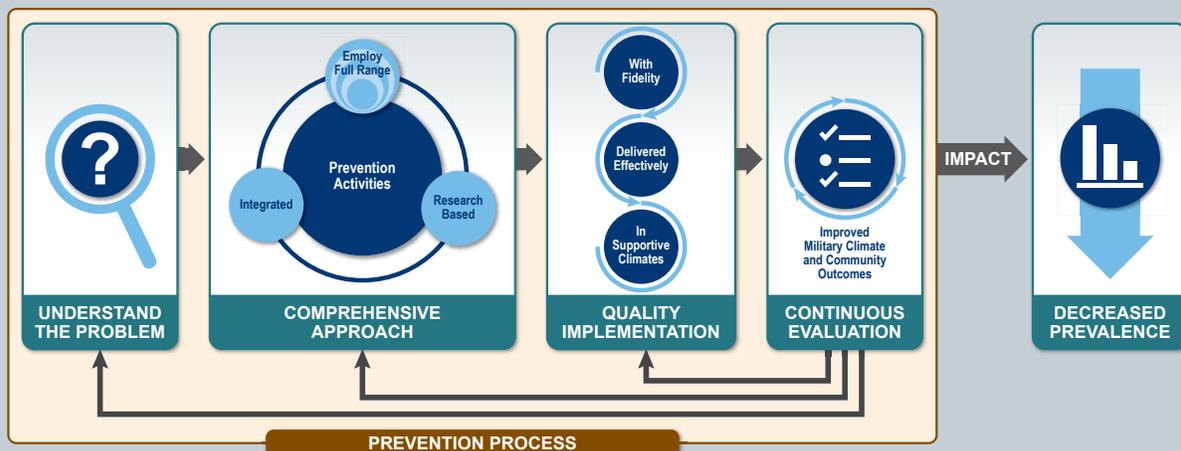
Three domains for sexual assault prevention:

- 1 **Human resources** – people, and the knowledge and skills they require
- 2 **Collaborative relationships** – networks and interactions that help build capacity
- 3 **Infrastructure** – systems and structures necessary for success



#### PREVENTION PROCESS

Data-driven steps that enable organizations to develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive prevention approach that meets their unique needs and leverages their unique strengths.



#### SPECIFIC STEPS IN THE PREVENTION PROCESS:

- **Understand the problem**, contributing factors, and local needs;
- Develop a **comprehensive approach** using research-based activities in an integrated way that employs the full range of prevention strategies, such as policies, programs, and practices;
- **Implement** each activity in the comprehensive approach with fidelity according to its original design and in an environment that supports the activity, such as with leadership buy-in and trained staff; and,
- **Continuously evaluate** the comprehensive approach to ensure short, intermediate, and long term outcomes that contribute to reductions in sexual assault prevalence.