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Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs "Suicide Prevention" ISSUES-PROGRAMS

A. Narrative describing the issue:

Alabama has a strong military presence and military service often crosses many generations of our families. As a result, there are thousands and thousands of veterans living in the state. Data from 2018 indicated that 140 of those Alabamians committed suicide in that year. Nationally, the rate of Veteran suicides was an average of 17.6 per day. The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs is working to provide resources to veterans and their friends and families to reduce this tragic number.

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B. <u>Narrative describing the program:</u>

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs campaign is designed to encourage family and friends to be there for veterans suffering PTSD and depression, conditions which can lead to suicide. There is also messaging directed at veterans to encourage them to reach out for help.

C. <u>Program Information:</u>	(list date/time/duration or attach affidavits)			
TITLE OF PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	DURATION	