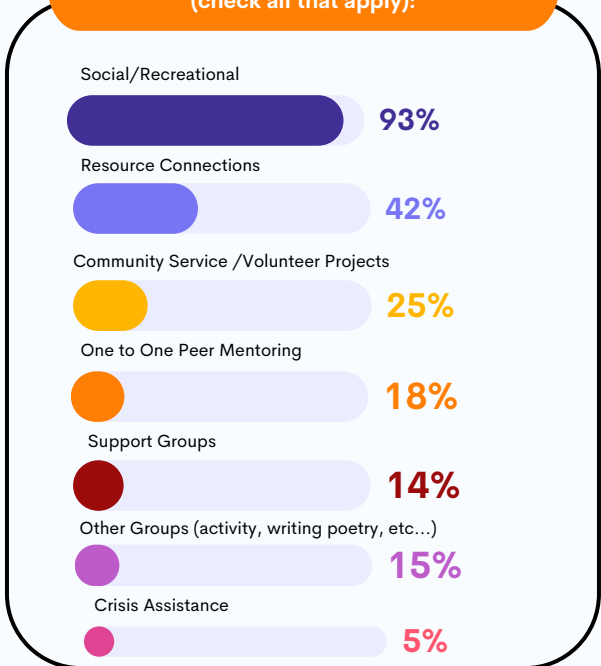
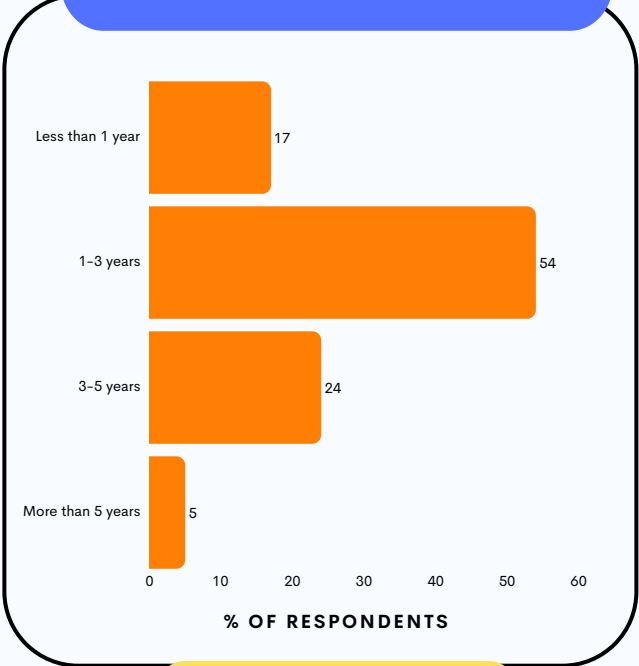


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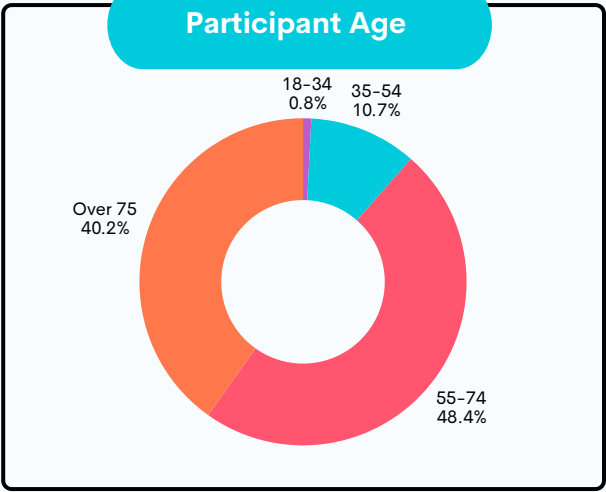
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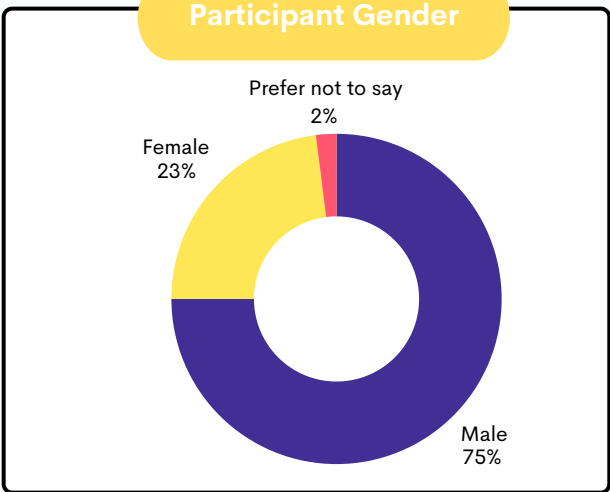
Length of Program Involvement



Participant Age



Participant Gender



- 97% of participants are satisfied with the program
- 95% of participants are comfortable discussing their needs with staff or peers
- 98% of participants feel welcome at the program.
- 98% of participants feel a sense of camaraderie/connection with other veterans as a result of the program.

NARRATIVE FEEDBACK

(SUMMARIZED FROM PARTICIPANT WRITTEN RESPONSES)

Program Appreciation

CAMRADERIE AND FELLOWSHIP

Veterans consistently emphasized the value of being around others who understand them. Many used the words “camaraderie” and “fellowship” to describe the experience of connecting with peers who share a common bond.

SOCIAL CONNECTION

Meeting new people, building friendships, and getting together with others was frequently mentioned as one of the most meaningful parts of the program.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Participants value the chance to support other veterans in need.

SHARED PURPOSE

Participants reported the program fosters a sense of unity and shared mission among participants and staff.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Numerous respondents believe program provides valuable resources and support tailored to veterans' needs, including assistance with community and family resources.

Program Improvement

ACCESS EXPANSION

Some participants expressed interest in wanting more evening and weekend events, better transportation options, and programming in different regions to make access more obtainable for those living in different areas of the county.

MORE VARIETY

Suggestions included new types of activities like kayaking, comedy shows, computer classes, and bowling tournaments as well as events that allow guests.

PARTICIPANT QUOTES

"GREAT GROUP TO BE WITH, GOOD SUPPORT, GREAT GET TOGETHERS."

"I LOVE GETTING TOGETHER WITH OTHER VETERANS AT EARLY BREAKFAST."

"IT IS NICE TALKING TO THE VETS FROM OTHER AREAS."

"THE CAMARADERIE AND CONNECTION"

"FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER VETERANS."

"CONNECTING VETERANS AS A FAMILY."

"IT'S A SAFE SPACE WHERE VETS TRULY UNDERSTAND, LISTEN, AND WALK WITH EACH OTHER THROUGH HEALING."

"VERY SUPPORTIVE GROUP"

"THE ABILITY FOR VARIETY IN PROGRAMMING, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES WHICH GIVES US FLEXIBILITY TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS WITH WHAT THEY NEED FOR PEER SUPPORT."

"GREAT FORUM FOR VETERANS TO CONNECT WITH LOCAL PEERS."

"THEY BRING THE VETERANS TOGETHER IN SETTINGS THAT ARE CONDUCTIVE TO FINDING SUPPORT."

"COMPANIONSHIP"

"NO MATTER WHAT WE RESPECT AND HELP EACH OTHER."

"WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT THE PFC DWYER PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM IS THE GENUINE BROTHERHOOD."

"THE JOY OF BEING AROUND OTHER VETERANS."

"BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH OTHER VETERANS WHO ARE DEALING WITH SAME PROBLEMS I AM."

"HELPS GET ME OUT AND ACTIVE WITH OTHER LOCAL VETS."