

Combat to Community®

A veteran culture training program for
First Responders, Providers, Advocates,
Educators, and Employers



Learn to build **community relationships** &
serve veterans more effectively.

Combat to Community® (C2C) is an accredited curriculum developed by our Policy team that is proven to help providers and advocates:

- define how cultural factors of military service may impact the veteran's transition to their community, education and employment, and their mental and behavioral health;
- incorporate new skills to identify and engage veterans;
- apply new treatment approaches, practices, and procedures; and
- identify veteran-specific resources and referrals.

C2C has been provided to over **15,000 professionals** nationwide, including *law enforcement, first responders, mental health and social service professionals, legal providers, educators, and employers.*

About the program

Visit our website for more information:
swords-to-plowshares.org/c2c

Is continuing education credit available?

- Continuing education credit is available to CAADE professionals, LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs licensed in California.

What does a typical training look like?

- C2C is an interactive, conversational-based training, with presentation, videos, scenario exercises, and interactive discussions. Our instructors are veterans themselves and are able to provide first-hand knowledge of military and veteran experiences.

Topics may include:

- The military lifecycle
- Key elements of military culture
- Deployment and combat experience
- Battlemind: the mental orientation developed during military service and combat zone deployment and how it translates to post-deployment issues
- Military-connected stress, injuries, and service-connected conditions
- Military separation and transition to community, school, and work
- Culturally-informed approaches for interacting with veterans
- De-escalation and grounding techniques for crisis situations
- Accessing care in the community and resources for providers
- **Veteran subpopulations:** Women veterans, LGBTQ+ veterans, veterans of color, aging veterans, unhoused veterans, veterans involved in the legal and penal system

C2C did an excellent job with their presentations. The videos were great tools to help me as a civilian understand better their mindset and possible triggers once they return from combat. They gave wonderful suggestions about how to actively listen, paraphrase what is being told to me and try to better understand where they are coming from in their feelings and perspective.

— Behavioral health provider from 2021 training

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Interested in requesting trainings for your organization?

Contact us at policy@stp-sf.org and provide us with details on your organization.

We can tailor the content and length of the trainings to the audience, requested topics, and number of attendees. We offer one time or recurring sessions. Trainings may be presented remotely via Zoom or in person, depending on COVID-19 guidelines, your location, and travel needs.