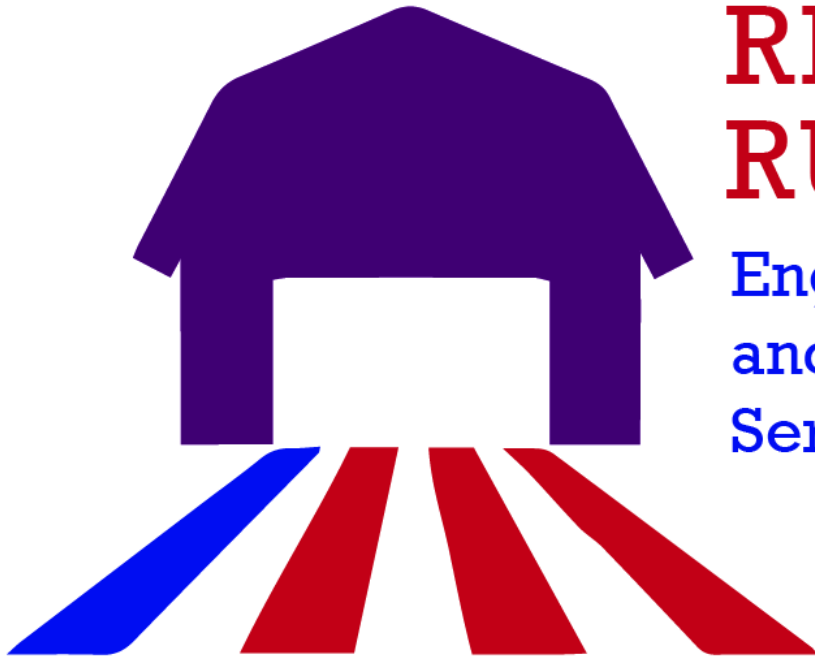


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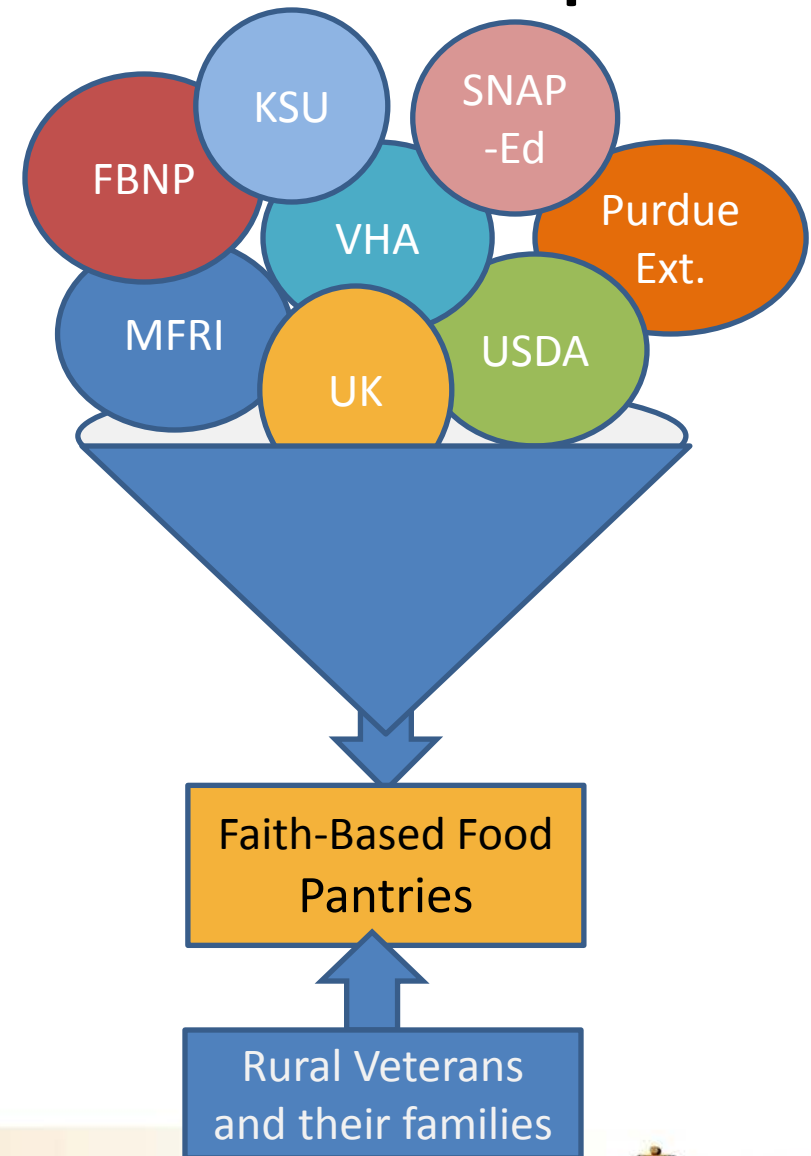
- Why am I here today?
- What is my role in this project?
- Who are funders and partners?
- What is the program about?
 - Mission and Strategic Goals



What do we hope to accomplish?

Reaching Rural Veterans Partnerships

Creating collaborations with VA Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, land grant universities and faith based food pantries in rural communities to provide food, services, support and education to at-risk veteran families living in rural areas



VA Office of Rural Health

RRV Program Mission:

Mobilize and Nourish

RRV Strategic Goals:

Strengthen

Enlighten

Engage

Educate

RRV Program and Performance Outcomes

Reaching Rural Veterans Mission

Mobilize rural communities by improving access to and quality of care through innovative outreach with faith-based food pantries.



Reaching Rural Veterans Mission

Nourish: Veterans and their families are nutritionally and spiritually nourished and become more aware of resources and connections within their community.



Reaching Rural Veterans Strategic Goals

- **Strengthen** the communities **capacity** to provide food, services and resources to Veterans in rural areas (primary goal)
- **Enlighten** local faith communities, food pantries, and other community organizations about Veteran families

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- **Engage** local faith communities and community organizations in providing support and assistance to Veteran families
- **Educate** Veteran families in rural areas about nutrition, preventative care and healthy lifestyle changes.

Agenda

- **Military Culture:** Why is this important?
- How understanding **Deployment/PTSD/Moral Injury** will assist in providing effective programming.
- What are the program benefits for **Engaging Communities**
- What is the **Reaching Rural Veterans Initiative?**



Questions?



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