



# Hispanic & Latino Veterans & Substance Use Disorders

65% of Veterans who experience an SUD also face issues with mental health illness.<sup>1</sup>



Veterans who come home after serving in a combat zone, 80% experience issues with alcohol, and 27% experience issues with an SUD.<sup>2</sup>

There are 1.3 million Latino Americans in the U.S. - by 2030 there will be a 2.6 million who may need access to care for an SUD or Mental Health Disorder.<sup>3</sup>

Veterans who are suffering from and SUD are 3-4 times more likely to receive a diagnosis of depression.<sup>4</sup>

25% of Veterans have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder<sup>5</sup>



The effects of PTSD can affect sleep, employment, social relationships, driving and the ability to deal with day to day life.<sup>6</sup>



## PTSD Therapy Goals

- Improve the symptoms
- Teach skills to deal with trauma<sup>7</sup>
- Restore self-esteem



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