

USC Social Work

Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans & Military Families

CIR POLICY BRIEF SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Goal

The Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans & Military Families (CIR) strengthens the transition of veterans and their families into the community by conducting and supporting innovative research, education, training and community partnerships that benefit military-impacted populations. **CIR Policy Briefs are intended to inform and promote dialogue among a wide audience**, including academics, community service providers, veterans and policymakers.

Description

To help advance this mission, CIR publishes short briefs (**~1,500 words**) to raise awareness of the policy issues and challenges facing community-dwelling veterans and their families. Each CIR Policy Brief **identifies an issue that merits action or change** in order to benefit military-impacted populations, and **includes a short list of recommended 'next steps'** aimed at addressing identified problems or challenges. A list of all references used to inform the policy brief is included in the document (APA style).

Authors

CIR and the USC School of Social Work have relationships with hundreds of organizations and community partners, including social service agencies, healthcare organizations, elected officials, the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the academic community, foundations and local communities. CIR maintains connections to these groups and taps knowledgeable experts in the field to identify and write about current policy issues and challenges facing veterans and their families.

CIR Policy Briefs may be written by one or multiple authors and are explicitly identified as the work and views of the author(s). Authors do not receive monetary compensation.

Submissions

Manuscripts should be submitted as Word documents and will be edited and re-formatted by CIR for publication. If you are interested in writing a CIR Policy Brief, please contact **Claudia Bustamante** at cbustama@usc.edu or 213-821-3654.

Community Feedback

Each CIR Policy Brief includes the center's general contact information, including a phone number and email address. CIR often receives feedback regarding its Policy Briefs and makes an effort to respond to each inquiry or comment. CIR refers all subject matter inquiries directly to the author(s) for response, but may act as the conduit for such correspondence, if desired.