Military Spouses

Support growing employment opportunities for military spouses
Fast Facts

- **92%** of military spouses are women
- **53%** participated in the labor market, compared to 76% of the general population
- **13%** are unemployed—about three times the rate of men and women nationally
- **89%** have some college education
Key Issues

• Unemployment and underemployment
  - 31.6% are employed part-time, but may prefer full time work

• Professional barriers
  - 34% work in occupations that require licenses

• Employers’ expectations of tenure: 2-3 years
  - General workforce: 4.2 years
  - Millennials: 2.8 years
Our Work In Action

Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS)

Military Spouse Interstate License Recognition Options

https://www.veterans.gov/milspouses
Administration Initiatives

• Executive Order: Enhancing Noncompetitive Civil Service Appointments of Military Spouses

• Occupational licensing reform
  ✓ DOL grants
  ✓ Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
Questions