# **Serving Veteran Students**

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Veteran Students @ LLCC			
	Unduplicated	Veterans	%
	Enrollment		
• FY10	7677	606	7.8%
• FY11	7602	588	7.7%
• FY12	7337	546	7.4%
• FY13	7193	584	8.1%
• FY14	6175	490	7.9%



- Veteran students come to us with high expectations
- Veteran students require high levels of customer service
- Many come with transfer credit
- Many come with high need for support emotional issues, transition issues, mental health issues

## **Services Provided**

- Extensive financial aid/benefits counseling is required
- Integration of state veteran benefits, federal veteran benefits, and federal financial aid.
- Extensive academic advising/career counseling to get on path and stay on path
- Many veteran students also need counseling support for emotional/mental health and transition related issues

## **Feedback from Veteran Students**

- Believe they receive personalized, attentive service at LLCC
- Notes there is a gap between training/experience received in the military and careers available as a civilian
- Complexity of veterans benefit options is overwhelming
- Tuition assistance benefits "provides a ladder from a very dark hole" & makes a difference in the lives of veterans

#### **Financial Impact at LLCC**

- FY06 FY13 \$481,725 ING write-offs
- FY06 FY13 \$1,143,211 IVG write-offs
- Total ING/IVG write offs- \$1,624,937 (FY06-FY13)
- FY13 Write-Off in excess of \$800,000
- Estimated FY14 Write-off in excess of \$1 Million (app. 2.5% of overall operating budget)

#### **Veterans Matter**

- Community colleges provide a vital link to training and education to prepare for civilian careers
- We are fully committed to serving veteran students
- Must find ways to offset the costs associated with IVG/ING funding

