

Alliance Newsletter

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Mission Statement: The Alliance seeks to optimize the preparedness of behavioral health providers working to enhance the resilience, recovery and reintegration of Service members, Veterans, and their Family members and communities throughout the military, post-military, and family life cycles.

Current Research

Lloyd, G. M., Munoz, D. R., Tremblay, P. S., Foskett, M. E., Hallett, M. M., & Distelberg, B. J. (2015). iRelate: A comprehensive approach empowering young Marines to succeed at intimate relationships. *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 37, 247-260. doi:10.1007/s10591-015-9333-y

The purpose of this article was to present the iRelate program and preliminary data from the program. The iRelate program is a 3-stage psychoeducational comprehensive intimate relationship training program created by Navy chaplains. This program was intended to prepare Marines for healthy relationships and marriages and to strengthen existing ones. The aims of this program are to increase the general and psychological well-being of Marines, reduce divorce rates and suicide-related behaviors, and increase unit readiness. Results from the pilot study showed that prior to beginning the program, Marines reported high levels of marriage idealism and overconfidence. After the training, Marines developed more realistic expectations for marriage and reported feeling more prepared for their marriage.



Bridging the Gap: Walter Reed Foundation Retreat



What: A free four-day retreat for post 9/11 service members/ veterans and their caregiver or primary social support person. The retreat is facilitated by veterans, former VA/DoD experienced providers, Walter Reed volunteers and nonprofit organizations. Accommodations and food are provided.

Purpose: To improve the well-being of military families through group support, education, stress-management skills, and fun in a beautiful location.

Location: Meadowkirk Retreat Center in Middleburg, VA.

Date: December 9-12, 2015. Registration deadline is November 20.

Click [here](#) to apply or contact vbruner@hotmail.com for additional information.

Military Families Learning Network: Free CEU Webinars on Military Caregiving

The Military Families Learning Network is offering virtual learning events for military service providers. 28, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m. ET – 12:30 p.m. ET

Register [here](#).

Relating! Caring and Culture

When: November 4, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m. ET – 12:30 p.m. ET

Register [here](#).

Recharging! Combating Compassion Fatigue

When: November 18, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m. ET – 12:30 p.m. ET

Register [here](#).

Forward March Training Seminar and Symposium

What: This year's symposium will focus on integrated care and transitions issues with sessions on: veteran treatment court, sexual assault and domestic violence, faith based engagement, suicide, women veterans, substance abuse, wounded warriors' impact on families, children/youth issues, caregiving role and resources, and trauma and resiliency.

When: November 19-20, 2015

Where: Fayetteville, NC

Click [here](#) for additional information or to register.

Unspoken Wounds Conference: Winning the War Within

What: The goal is to bring together dynamic speakers and subject matter experts in the area of veteran and military family services to educate Georgia's workforce in the many evidence-based practices and innovative strategies for meeting the behavioral health, criminal justice, and reintegration needs of Georgia's veterans, service members, and their families.

When: March 13-15, 2016

Where: Savannah, GA

Email Jill Mays at jill.mays@dbhdd.ga.gov for additional information.

The DCoE for Psychological Health and TBI Summit: Recorded Sessions Available

- Recorded sessions from the 2015 Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Summit: Continuum of Care and Care Transitions in the Military Health System are available on demand.
- 36 hours of CE credits are available.
- Registration opens October 13, 2015 and extends through April 2016.
- For questions or additional information, contact usarmy.ncr.medcom-usammc-dcoe.mbx.dcoe-2015-hybrid-event@mail.mil
- Visit [here](#) to register

Conferences

National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference

November 11-14, 2015

Vancouver, Canada

Women Veterans Conference

March 11-12, 2016

Kennesaw, GA

National Council for Behavioral Health Conference

November 11-14,

Las Vegas, NV

Federal Job Opportunities

All federal jobs are posted on the USAJOBS.Gov website. Go to www.usajobs.gov & go to “Advanced Search” & under “Series Search” type in “0101”, “0180” or “0185” NOTE: You can refine your search on the page to limit to VA, Army, Navy, Air Force etc. Tips for using the USAJOBS website can be found [here](#).

0101 Series Jobs: Covers jobs in the Social Sciences, Psychology, and Welfare Services. These jobs may or may not require licensures.

0180 Series Jobs: Covers jobs in the Psychology and Counseling Psychology. Primarily jobs for those with PhD or PsyD, LMFT, or other counseling degrees and licensures.

0185 Series Jobs: Covers jobs for Social Workers ONLY. Must have licensure (i.e. LCSW)

0602 Series: Covers jobs for Psychiatrists.

0610 Series: Covers jobs for Psychiatric Nurses.

Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) Positions

NAF employment is considered federal employment. However, the monies used to pay the salaries of NAF employees come from a different source. Civil service positions are paid for by money appropriated by Congress. NAF money, on the other hand, is self-generated by activities and services that use NAF employees. Visit the following links to apply for NAF positions.

[USMC](#) (Click on Prospective Employees)

[ARMY](#)

[AIR FORCE](#)

[NAVY](#)

Department of Veterans Affairs Jobs

VA Hiring Initiative: The VA is hiring behavioral health providers for positions at VA facilities across the country.

VA Jobs: The VA has created links for providers that make it easy to search for VA jobs in your profession. Please click on the links below in order to see all of the current VA job openings, as listed on the USAJOBS website, for your profession:

[Psychiatrists](#)

[Psychologists](#)

[Social Workers](#)

[Licensed Professional Counselors](#)

[Marriage and Family Therapists](#)

[Psychiatric Nurses](#)

Non-Federal Job Opportunities

The federal government also uses contractors to provide behavioral health services to Service members and others. The government contracts with private contracting companies, who will then hire the individual providers to provide the necessary services. Several contractors known to hire behavioral health providers are listed below, along with links to websites that list job opportunities for providers.

Zeiders Enterprises [Link to current job openings.](#)

SERCO - [Link to All SERCO Job Announcements](#)

Choctaw Enterprises - [Main link to all jobs](#)

SAIC Career Opportunities - [SAIC Job Openings](#)

Health Net - [Link to all job openings at Health Net](#)

Health e-Careers Network - [Main link to all jobs](#)

Magellan Health- [Main link to all jobs](#)

Additional Job Opportunities

Post Doctoral Fellow

Emory University: This is a 2-year postdoctoral fellow position. This position is funded through a private funding sources serving post-9/11 military veterans and families.

Do you have information for the November 2015 Newsletter?

Please send it to Dr. Angela Lamson at lamsona@ecu.edu by November 8 2015