

Alliance Newsletter



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.

Spotlighting Our Members

We are looking for a great opportunity to SPOTLIGHT some of the amazing work that is happening around the world with Alliance members. Please send pictures and a story about the about unique clinical or research initiatives that involve Military or Veteran Family Behavioral Health Providers to Dr. Angela Lamson at lamsona@ecu.edu.

Professional Development

[SAMHSA's 10th Prevention Day: The Power of Prevention: Strengthening Behavioral Health and Public Health for the Next Decade](#)

February 3, 2014
National Harbor, MD

[Topics in Deployment Psychology 2014](#)
(Military only)

Center for Deployment Psychology
February 3-12, 2014
Bethesda, Maryland

[Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Workshop](#)

Military/DoD/GS behavioral health providers who provide therapy services to Service Members on a military installation
February 5-6, 2014
Fort Gordon, Georgia

[35th Annual Training Institute on Behavioral Health and Addictive Disorders](#)

February 10 - 13, 2014
Clearwater Beach, Florida

[NPA 19th Annual Psychopharmacology Update](#)

Feb 12 - Feb 16, 2014
Paris Las Vegas Hotel & Casino

[Military Behavioral Healthcare Conference](#)

February 19-21, 2014
Arlington, Virginia

[16th Annual Rehabilitation Psychology Conference](#)

February 27-March 1, 2014
San Antonio, Texas

[Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Workshop](#)

March 4-5, 2014
Fort Lewis, Washington

[AAMFT Institutes for Advanced Clinical Training](#)

March 5-9, 2014
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

[Illinois Council on Family Relations 2014 annual conference](#)

"Family Safety & Security"
March 07, 2014
Illinois State University

[Understanding the DSM-5 and the ICD: What Every Practitioner Needs to Know](#)

March 7, 2014
University of Memphis

[APA Clinician's Corner: The Heat of the Moment in Treatment: Mindful Management of Difficult Clients](#)

Washington, D.C.
When: Friday, March 21, 2014

Current Research

Kintzle, S., Yarvis, J. S., & Bride, B. E. (2013). Secondary Traumatic Stress in Military Primary and Mental Health Care Providers. *Military Medicine*, 178(12), 1310-1315. doi:10.7205/MILMED-D-13-00087



This study investigated primary and mental health care providers for military service members in two hospitals and how effected the providers were with secondary traumatic stress. Secondary traumatic stress symptoms are characterized by the same symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and in some cases may result in the individual being diagnoses with PTSD as a result of their exposure to another individual's trauma. Out of the 70 participants, 8% were found to have moderate to severe secondary traumatic stress. More than half of the participants reported having at least one symptom, with the most reported symptoms being numbing responses, trouble sleeping and intrusive thoughts.

Educational Webinars

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services offers monthly webinars for health professionals focusing on the behavioral/mental health needs of veterans, service members, and families. The webinar on January 29th at 3-4pm EST is focusing on using stories as an evaluation tool. More information about these webinars can be found [here](#).

AAMFT and Joining Forces

The AAMFT and many other mental health organizations have teamed up with the White House and other national healthcare associations to support the Joining Forces initiative. Launched in 2011 by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, Joining Forces is a national initiative in the United States to mobilize all sectors of society to give our service members, veterans, and their families the opportunities and support they have earned. A significant component of this initiative is meeting the behavioral health needs of service members, veterans, and their families.

AAMFT and other professional associations have been working with Joining Forces to increase the education and training of MFTs and other providers in PTSD and TBI. AAMFT has created this [webpage](#) to highlight all of the information, training, and resources available to providers who are working to meet the behavioral health needs to service members, veterans, and their families.

Becoming a TRICARE Provider

TRICARE is the health care program for uniformed service members, their families, and survivors. TRICARE uses military treatment facilities (also known as direct care) as the main delivery system and augments direct care with a network of civilian providers and facilities to provide timely access and high quality service while maintaining the capability to support military operations.

The program is available worldwide and managed regionally in six separate TRICARE regions jointly by the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) and TRICARE Regional Offices.

Information on becoming a TRICARE Provider can be found at this [site](#).

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](#). A few jobs are highlighted below.

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

[Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor](#)
[Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor](#)

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.

[Suicide Prevention Coordinator \(Psychologist\)](#)
[Psychologist– Associate Director for Research, Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Care](#)

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

[Senior Social Worker \(Suicide Prevention Coordinator\)](#)
[Supervisory Social Worker \(Associate Chief of Staff for Mental Health\)](#)
[Social Worker \(Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans\)](#)

0602 Series: Covers jobs for Psychiatrists.

[Physician \(Psychiatrist\)](#)
[Psychiatrist \(MHRRTTP\)](#)

0610 Series: Covers jobs for Psychiatric Nurses.

[Clinical Nurse \(Psychiatric\)](#)



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](#)

Do you have information for the February 2014 Newsletter?

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