

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.



From left to right: Dr. Angela Lamson, Meghan Lacks, Dr. Tara Piech, and Airman Durnin

Family Therapy Clinic at ECU honors Air Force Partnership

At the annual Family Therapy Clinic and Redditt House: Medical Family Therapy Research Academy Open House, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base 4th Medical Group (SJAFB) was honored with the Excellence in Collaboration Award. The 4th Medical Group at SJAFB has served as a critical collaborator for one of the first Operation Re-Entry of North Carolina research initiatives. Lt Col Bret Lesueur, Lt Col Tara Piech, MSgt Anthony Smith, and numerous providers and staff were recognized as champions in ensuring that the Medical Family Therapy (MedFT) and Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) integrated care research continues with military couples and families. Five MFT and MedFT students, have had the opportunity to work at the 4th Medical Group over the past two and a half years. Research from this initiative has been published and presented at the national level, including three theses and one dissertation. Chancellor Steve Ballard was on hand to offer his thanks to SJAFB personnel for their continued partnership with East Carolina University's students, faculty, and staff.

Current Research

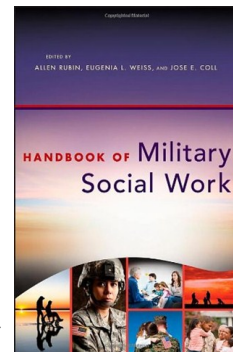
Boston University Medical Center. (2014, January 13). One question may gauge severity of unhealthy drug, alcohol use. ScienceDaily. Retrieved February 13, 2014 from <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/01/140113114821.htm>

In a study by Boston University School of Public Health, researchers found single questions that doctors could ask to find out patients level of dependence on drugs and alcohol. For alcohol dependence, the question asked was how many times in the past year they had consumed five or more drinks in a day (for men), and four or more (for women). To screen for other substance use, the question "How many times in the past year have you used an illegal drug or prescription medication for non medical reasons?" The single questions screening detected 88% of individuals with alcohol dependence and 97% of individuals with substance dependence.

Handbook of Military Social Work

Designed to help social workers and students gain knowledge they need to better serve the population of active duty service members, National Guard and reserve personnel, veterans and their families. The handbook addresses a wide range of challenges, strengths and interventions encountered when working with this unique population.

Rubin, A., E. L. Weiss, and J. E. Coll, eds. 2012. *Handbook of military social work*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.



SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network Military and Veteran Families Program

Since 2001, SAMHSA has funded the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) with a mission is to raise the standard of care and improve access to services for traumatized children, their families and communities throughout the United States. A key component of the NCTSN is its Military and Veteran Families Program (MVFP) that has been working to address the unique needs of children and their families who serve and have served in our nation's armed forces. The NCTSN MVFP has been a leader in bringing innovative products, training and other resources to various child and family serving systems that work with service members, veterans and their families. Access to these free, downloadable resources can be found by visiting the nctsn.org webpage, and on the NCTSN Military Families Knowledge Bank or the NCTSN Learning Center.



For more information on this program please contact: Cicely.Burrows-McElwain@samhsa.hhs.gov

Call for Research Participants

Families Overcoming Under Stress: Combat Injured is looking for participants for their study. Participants must have combat injuries and at least one child in the family. Those interested in participating can go to www.CIFamilies.org or call 301-295-1102 for more information.



The American Legion TBI and PTSD Survey

If you are a provider or know a veteran who has a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), please ask them to complete the survey. The American Legion does a good job of compiling data and releasing reports that have practical value for helping veterans get needed services. Thank you for supporting this outreach. This survey is entirely voluntary. Click on the following link for more information:

<http://www.questionpro.com/a/t/AKtnZQgKR>

Conferences

[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

[11th Annual Hawai'i Conference](#)

Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) Preventing, Assessing and Treating Child, Adolescent and Adult Trauma
March 11-14, 2014
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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

March 21, 2014
Washington, D.C.

[ACA Conference & Expo](#)

March 27-30, 2014
Honolulu, Hawaii

[11th Annual World Health Care Congress](#)

April 22-24, 2014
National Harbor, MD

[47th American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference *Never Alone*](#)

April 9-12, 2014
Los Angeles, California

[The 2014 National Rx Drug Abuse Summit](#)

April 22- 24, 2014
Atlanta, GA

[American Academy of Neurology 2014 Annual Meeting](#)

April 26 - May 3, 2014
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[Second Annual Military and Veteran Social Work Conference](#)

June 6-7, 2014
Saint Leo, FL
Keynote Speaker:
Colonel Ann McCulliss Johnson, MSW

Call for Proposals

[The National Council on Family Relations Conference 2014](#)

Families at the Nexus of Global Change
The deadline is 11:59 p.m. Pacific time,
March 1, 2014

Star Behavioral Health Providers Training

[SBHP](#) is a training program that seeks to train interested clinicians on understanding military culture, deployment cycles, Post traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), substance abuse issue and the impact on families. It then serves to bridge these clinicians with service members and their families who desire and seek treatment with a knowledgeable therapist.

Upcoming Trainings: [Dublin, GA](#) February 25 [Ellenwood, GA](#) March 5 & 6 [Statesboro, GA](#) April 29 & 30

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.

[Director Substance Abuse Counseling Center \(SACC\) NF5](#)
[Social Science Program Coordinator](#)

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.

[Psychologist \(Home &Community Services\)](#)
[Clinical Psychologist \(Recovery Coordinator\)](#)

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

[Social Worker \(Emergency Department Coordinator\)](#)
[Social Worker - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder](#)

0602 Series: Covers jobs for Psychiatrists.

[Staff Physician \(Psychiatrist/Addictions\)](#)

0610 Series: Covers jobs for Psychiatric Nurses.

[Advanced Practice Registered Nurse \(Emergency Department-Mental Health\)](#)
[Nurse Practitioner \(Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program\)](#)

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 March 2014 Newsletter?

Please send it to Dr. Angela Lamson by March 10, 2014

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