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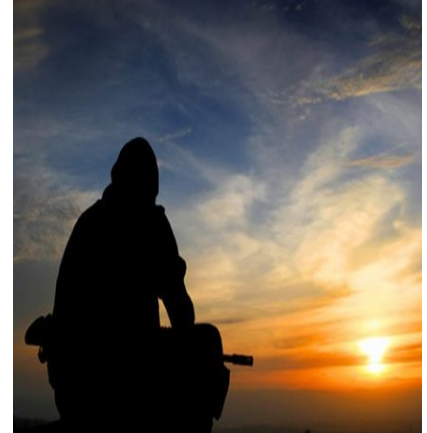
**Mission Statement:** The Alliance seeks to optimize the preparedness of behavioral health providers working to enhance the resilience, recovery and reintegration of Service members, Veterans, and their Family members and communities throughout the military, post-military, and family life cycles.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Current Research**

Harmon, L.M., Cooper, R.L., Nugent, W. R., & Butcher, J. J. (2016). A review of the effectiveness of military suicide prevention programs in reducing rates of military suicides. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 26(1),15-24, doi: 10.1080/10911359.2015.1058139

The purpose of this article was to review the five published studies on military suicide prevention programs and their outcomes. Researchers reported that the suicide prevention program implemented by the U.S. Air Force yielded the greatest evidence of effectiveness. This program incorporates community participation, education, and a dynamic leadership response to risk management. Also, this program emphasized an increase in understanding and eliminating the stigma associated with seeking mental health care and revising policies of military culture. Researchers argued that the findings from this review indicate that in order for suicide prevention programs to be successful, military culture must change to support a more proactive and comprehensive approach to suicide risk. Please see the full article for additional information.

**Provider Resource: Community Provider Toolkit**

This website includes tools for clinicians working with Veterans. The tools included in this toolkit were informed by VA clinicians and staff at the National Center for PTSD and Office of Mental Health Services. Resources in this toolkit include how to assess for military service, a free, interactive course about military culture, mini-clinics focused on a variety of mental health conditions, and information about how to connect with the VA or help your clients receive services through the VA. Click [here](#) to visit the site.

## The DCoE for PH & TBI YouTube Channel

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) YouTube channel is a free resource that contains over 100 videos. Videos are organized into playlists based on the topic area. For example, some of the topic areas included on this account are previous DCoE webinars, suicide prevention, program evaluation and improvement training, and TBI awareness. The channel also includes videos from the 2015 DCoE Summit. Click [here](#) to visit the DCoE YouTube channel.



## Updated Resource Catalog

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) Resource Catalog contains information about resources provided by the Deployment Health Clinical Center, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, and the National Center for Telehealth and Technology (T2). The resources provided in this catalog are intended for providers, service members, Veterans and their families and include a broad array of information about organizational programs, educational materials, product fact sheets, clinical practice recommendations, posters, and mobile applications. The resources and information provided in this catalog are updated monthly. Please click [here](#)

## The Citizen Solider Support Program



The Citizen Solider Support Program (CSSP) is a federally funded grant through the Odum Institute for Research and Social Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The purpose of this program is to strengthen community support for service members and their families. This program includes free online courses on PTSD & TBI, women returning from combat, and family issues. Over 18,000 providers from all 50 states have taken these courses. Please click [here](#) to learn more about this program or to register.

## Conferences

[National Council for Behavioral Health Conference](#)  
March 7-9, 2016  
Las Vegas, NV

[Women Veterans Conference](#)  
March 11-12, 2016  
Kennesaw, GA

[Unspoken Wounds Conference](#)  
March 13-15, 2016  
Savannah, GA

## Federal Job Opportunities

All federal jobs are posted on the USAJOBS.Gov website. Go to [www.usajobs.gov](http://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](#)

## Contribute to our Next Newsletter

**Do you have information for the February 2016 Newsletter?**

Please send it to Dr. Angela Lamson at [lamsona@ecu.edu](mailto:lamsona@ecu.edu) by February 8, 2016