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


The purpose of this study was to assess a brief, systemic retreat-style intervention that was developed to address concerns about the utilization of services for veterans coping with traumatic stress. A total of 76 dyads (N = 152) were assessed before and after a 4-day retreat, which included psychoeducation, group and conjoint therapeutic sessions, and recreational relaxation components. Participants reported a reduction in trauma symptoms, but only support persons experienced a significant increase in posttraumatic growth from pretest to posttest. Both veterans and their romantic partners reported an increase in relationship adjustment after the retreat. The authors further discuss opportunities to address the needs of this population by removing barriers to treatment and reducing feelings of isolation, as well as implications for similar treatments.

Free and Discounted Summer Camps for Military Children

Summer is around the corner, and soon the kids will be out of school! If you’re working with military families, there are resources for free or discounted summer camps for military children that you can provide them with. Some resources can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
Self-paced Online Course: Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for PTSD in Veterans and Military Personnel

The Center for Deployment Psychology is offering an interactive online training course providing an overview of CPT, an evidence-based cognitive-behavioral treatment for PTSD described in the guide, *Cognitive Processing Therapy, Veteran/Military Version – Therapist’s Manual* by Resick et al., 2008. Course objectives include: 1) describing the psychological theories behind CPT; 2) summarizing the empirical evidence for CPT’s effectiveness; and 3) providing an overview of the CPT protocol. This course teaches the basic principles and strategies underlying CPT, but it’s creators caution that it should not be considered a substitute for the in-person 2-day CPT training module. For a course outline, click here. To take the course for CE credit for a fee, click here. To take the course for free, without CE credit, click here.

Self-paced Online Course: Provider Resiliency and Self-Care: An Ethical Issue

The Center for Deployment Psychology is offering an interactive online training course providing an overview on how to increase provider resiliency. This course will illustrate how organizations and individuals can implement strategies that promote self-care, reduce compassion fatigue and burnout, and maintain high quality ethical practice. Learning objectives include: 1) describing protective and risk factors associated with burnout and compassion fatigue/secondary traumatic stress as well as variables associated with provider satisfaction and growth; 2) explaining potential ethical issues faced by providers experiencing burnout or compassion fatigue/secondary traumatic stress; and 3) employing strategies to assess provider functioning and increase resilience. For a course outline, click here. To take the course for CE credit for a fee, click here. To take the course for free, without CE credit, click here.

Conferences

**APNA 15th Annual Clinical Psychopharmacology Institute**
June 8-11, 2017
Baltimore, MD

**American Assoc. for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference**
October 5-8, 2017
Atlanta, GA

**Collaborative Family Healthcare Association**
October 19-21, 2017
Houston, TX

**National Council on Family Relations**
November 15-18, 2017
Orlando, FL
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.

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.

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

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Please send it to Dr. Angela Lamson at lamsona@ecu.edu by May 8, 2017