

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

Sullivan, K., Benbenishty, R., Astor, R., Capp, G., Gilreath, T., & Rice, E. (2015). The impact of maternal and paternal deployment on depressive symptoms and well-being among military-connected youth. *Military Behavioral Health*, 3(3), 182-189. doi: 10.1080/21635781.2015.1038402

The purpose of this study was to examine how the gender of military parents moderates the relationship between deployments and well-being and depressive symptoms among military-connected youth. Researchers ran secondary analysis on a dataset of 1,370 military adolescents. For depression, researchers found a significant interaction between deployments and parents' gender. More specifically, the relationship between deployment and depression was stronger for adolescents of female service members. Also, researchers found a significant relationship between multiple deploy-

**Resource for People and Families Fighting Addiction**

DrugRehab.com is an online resource with information for people fighting addiction. The site includes facts about a variety of drug, alcohol, and prescription addictions and information about different treatment and recovery options. This site also includes information on support for families facing addiction. Click [here](#) for more information and to visit the website.

New Online Resource for Caregivers

This resource is for caregivers and clinicians who work with caregivers. The site has been newly updated and expanded and includes complete citations for 229 recent articles (published from 2012-2015), complete citations for 57 books, and links to 61 web sites that provide information and resources to caregivers. Click [here](#) to visit the webpage.

Provider Resource: National Intrepid Center of Excellence

The National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) is a Department of Defense institute that provides evaluation, treatment planning, research and education for service members and their families dealing with comorbid traumatic brain injury and psychological health issues. The NICoE is located in Bethesda, MD and patients are active duty service members with service-related brain injuries and psychological health conditions. The care at this facility is up to four weeks of intensive outpatient services that evaluate physical, neurological, spiritual, and psychosocial health. Patients must be referred to the NICoE by their primary care manager. Please click [here](#) to read more about the institute and for information about the referral pro-



Mental Health First Aid for Military Members, Veterans, and their Families



Mental Health First Aid for Veterans is a live training program that is designed to give people the skills to help someone who is experiencing a mental health crisis or problem. Role plays and simulations are used throughout the course in order for participants to recognize and respond to the warning signs of specific illnesses. This program helps teach family members and others who work with military personnel how to engage Veterans with mental illnesses and addictions. Key components of the program include discussions on military culture, common risk factors, and how to apply a five step action plan to engage Veterans. Also, a review of common mental health resources for Veterans and their families is included. Click [here](#) to learn more about this training opportuni-

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 & 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](#)

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