



(FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MFCC – MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING COLLABORATIVE)

WELCOME!

Welcome to the first Newsletter where we are “trying out” our new logo. The Alliance of Military and Veteran Family Behavioral Health Providers, which was formerly known as the MFCC, is beginning the process of making this collaboration more structured with leadership from the major behavioral health associations in partnership with Service and VA providers, university staff and civilian community providers.

We will refer to this partnership as the “Alliance” and we hope you will encourage your colleagues to join the collaboration also. Currently you will receive this newsletter on a monthly basis, but more activities are planned within the next year as the collaborative is formalized.

The Alliance’s 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.

How to Join the Alliance:

To receive the Newsletter on monthly basis, register here: [Registration for MFCC](#) (once there go to middle of page to register.)

RECENT OR FEATURED RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

U.S. National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health

Articles:

[Service members twice as likely to have affairs: Study](#) - HealthDay, 8/26/2011

But it's not clear if serving in the military played a role in infidelity


[Study links low DHA levels to suicide risk among U.S. military personnel](#) - NIAAA Press Office, August 23, 2011

Background: Scientists at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) led by CAPT. Joseph R. Hibbeln, M.D., teamed with researchers at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md., to analyze a sample of suicide deaths among U.S. military personnel on active duty between 2002 and 2008. The researchers compared levels of omega-3 fatty acids of 800 individuals who committed suicide with those of 800 randomly selected controls — service members who were matched with the suicide cases by age, sex, and rank. They found that all the service members had low omega-3 levels, and that suicide risk was greatest among individuals with the lowest levels of docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), the major omega-3 fatty acid concentrated in the brain. The new study is reported online in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry, and summarized in a [USUHS press release](#).

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

[Training Professionals in the Primary Prevention of Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence: A Planning Guide](#)

This Guide describes how to develop, implement, and evaluate a process for training professionals to engage in sexual violence and intimate partner violence prevention. The Guide is designed to help practitioners tailor individual trainings to different groups of professionals. It provides definitions of sexual violence and intimate partner violence and includes real-life examples to illustrate theory put into practice. In addition to step-by-step guidance on all the tasks necessary for planning a training, the Guide includes tip sheets, worksheets, checklists, and an extensive resource list.

View, download or print [Training Professionals in the Primary Prevention of Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence: A Planning Guide](#)  [PDF 1.5MB]

[Text version \[TXT 158KB\]](#)

Battered Women's Justice Project

Policy Brief: Safety on the Homefront: Adequately Addressing Violence in Families Impacted by Military Service

Glenna Tinney, Military Advocacy Program Coordinator for the Battered Women's Justice Project, recently co-authored a policy brief with Dr. Kathleen West from the University of Southern California, School of Social Work Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans & Military families.

[Click to view brief.](#)

DoD Family Advocacy Program Fiscal Year 2010 Data

This report presents fiscal year (FY) 2010 data related to domestic and child abuse from the Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program (FAP). Included in this document are: an information paper on domestic and child abuse data; briefing slides on the FY 2010 FAP spouse and child abuse data; key findings from the FY 2010 FAP data; and questions and answers on the data. [Click here to see the report.](#)

National Domestic Violence Hotline: Military Calls 2006-2010

The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) has released statistics for the number of calls received from 2006 to 2010 from people affiliated with the military. NDVH reports that military-related calls have more than doubled in that time frame. The report provides a demographic breakdown of the calls and identifies barriers to obtaining services. More information about the NDVH is available at:

<http://www.thehotline.org/>.

[Click here to see the report.](#)

Deployment Health Clinical Center (DHCC)

Seeking Participants for Research Study

Study: Parenting and the impact of deployment, mood, and marital satisfaction

Who: Military and civilian parents of children ages 12-18

How: Complete an online survey (20-30 minutes) To participate or get more information, [click here](#)

DoD/VA Suicide Outreach: Resources for Suicide Prevention

[Release of RAND Report - The War Within: Preventing Suicides in the Military](#)

Afterdeployment.org

[Resources for providers](#) – includes Clinical Practice Guidelines and Client Handouts

Family-Informed Trauma Treatment Center

[Family-Informed Trauma Treatment Center](#)

University of Maryland's School of Medicine, University of Maryland School of Social Work and Kennedy Krieger Family Center are partners in the newly formed NCTSN Category II Center. Over the next four years, the partners will combine their expertise to develop, implement, evaluate and disseminate family interventions for underserved urban families and military families experiencing chronic trauma and stress.

The FITT Center's goal is to develop, evaluate, disseminate and put into practice family approaches that promote safety and recovery for all family members. Living in persistently harsh, impoverished, and violent conditions erodes a family's ability to attend to the daily tasks of living and taxes resources for coping with daily stress. Traumatic exposures to, for example, domestic, school and community violence or child physical and sexual abuse create significant disruptions in emotional stability for all members. Strengthening coping skills, building relationships and connecting to community resources can help families get "back on track." Skill-based therapies that enhance rituals and routines, promote protection, improve communication, and increase connection to community-based services hold promise for supporting family recovery and resilience. The FITT Center aims to increase access to family treatments that are trauma-specific, family-centered, and target all members of the family. We envision that adult caregivers actively working through their own traumas and losses will be better equipped to support child development and recovery, leading to positive child and family outcomes.

The FITT Center approach will be informed by the voices of local family and youth who have dealt with trauma and also by the experiences of local and national traumatic stress experts. Research convincingly demonstrates that all relationships within the family are impacted by their children's trauma experiences and that family response is predictive of child outcomes. A strength-based Family-Informed Trauma Treatment Model is needed to target safety and recovery for the entire family and help each member meet their full potential. The FITT Center model builds upon existing evidence-based trauma treatments and introduces 3 new family interventions aimed at partnering with families to strengthen their coping, recovery and resiliency. The new family interventions are:

1. **Strengthening Families Coping Resources:** A multifamily group developed by Dr. Laurel Kiser at UMB SOM that uses family rituals, routines and traditions to support family coping and posttraumatic recovery and growth. This manualized intervention builds coping resources for increasing the family's sense of safety, helping families function with stability and cope with crises, helping families regulate their emotions and behaviors, and improving family communication about and understanding of the traumas they have experienced. The model includes family work on storytelling and narration, which builds to a family trauma narrative. Please see the [SFCR Promising Practice Fact Sheet](#) for more information.
2. **Trauma-Adapted Family Connections** is being developed and implemented by a team of clinicians and researchers at the University of Maryland School of Social Work led by Drs. Kathryn Collins and Fred Strieder. This comprehensive family strengthening model builds on 10 years of community-based family intervention and research. Trauma Adapted Family Connections is centered on public health and social work perspectives. The program partners with families to develop their skills in ensuring safety in their homes and communities, to provide information about trauma including "normal" behavioral and emotional reactions that are influenced by trauma, to promote parenting skills needed for parents to communicate this information to their children, and to open dialogue in families about the effects of traumatic situations on the family's health and well being.
3. **FamilyLive** is a trauma-focused, intensive family therapy intervention developed by clinicians at the Kennedy Krieger Institute Family Center in response to the complex needs of urban families affected by traumatic stress. FamilyLive addresses the impact of intergenerational trauma on the adult caregiver's ability to provide safety, predictability and emotional security. FamilyLive targets family communication to create an environment in which traumatized children can learn to manage emotions, regulate behaviors, and develop capacity to narrate positive and negative experiences. FamilyLive is being manualized by Sarah Gardner, Kennedy Krieger Family Center.

ON-LINE TRAINING AND EDUCATION AVAILABLE

National Child Traumatic Stress Network

Ready to Remember: Helping Children with Traumatic Grief

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 Time: 10am PST/1pm EST

Location: NCTSN Learning Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma

Sponsoring Agency: National Child Traumatic Stress Network

Description: Presenters will describe childhood traumatic grief and introduce their new book, Ready to Remember: Jeremy's Journey of Hope and Healing. Two special guests will answer presenters' questions about experiencing traumatic grief, processing their grief, treatment, and the coping skills and resilience of their families.

To register for this free online event, please visit the [NCTSN Learning Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma](#). If you are new to the Learning Center, you must create an account (click on "Create new account" in the upper right corner), and you must enroll in the course [Child Traumatic Grief Speaker Series](#), under Continuing Education. Continuing Education Credits (CEs) are available for this course.

Presenters: Judith Cohen, MD, Center for Traumatic Stress in Children and Adolescents, Allegheny General Hospital; Robin Goodman, PhD, ATR-BC, A Caring Hand, The Billy Esposito Foundation, Center for Traumatic Stress in Children and Adolescents, Allegheny General Hospital; Stephanie Handel, MSW, Wendt Center for Loss and Healing; two special guests

Terrorism, Disaster and Children Speaker Series: A Decade of Growth: Reflections on What We Have Learned Since 9/11

Date: Friday, September 9, 2011 Time: 10am PST/1pm EST
Location: NCTSN Learning Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma
Sponsoring Agency: National Child Traumatic Stress Network

Presenters: Marleen Wong, PhD; Robert Pynoos, MD, MPH; Bob Abramovitz, MD with Moderator Melissa Brymer, PhD

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Innovations in Family-Centered Approaches to Trauma and Loss

Date: Friday, September 16, 2011
Time: 10am PST/1pm EST
Location: NCTSN Learning Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma
Sponsoring Agency: National Child Traumatic Stress Network
Description:

Presenters will describe three family-based models of intervention for families who have experienced trauma: FOCUS, Strengthening Family Coping Resources, and Trauma Adapted Family Connections. A moderated panel discussion will allow presenters to elaborate on how each model sustains a family focus and implements interventions to families' responses to trauma.

To register for this free online event, please visit the [NCTSN Learning Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma](#). If you are new to the Learning Center, you must create an account (click on "Create new account" in the upper right corner), and you must enroll in the course [Family Systems Speaker Series](#), under Continuing Education. Continuing Education Credits (CEs) are available for this course.

Presenters: Frederick Strieder, PhD, Family Informed Trauma Treatment Center, University of Maryland School of Social Work; William Saltzman, PhD, FOCUS Project, UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program; Laurel Kiser, PhD, MBA, Family Informed Trauma Treatment Center, University of Maryland School of Medicine; and Charles Figley, PhD, Traumatology Institute, Tulane University

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS LOCALLY

SEPTEMBER 2011

16th Annual International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) *Linking Research, Policy and Practice* <http://www.ivatcenters.org/>
September 11-14, 2011 Location: San Diego, CA

The National Conference on Substance Abuse, Child Welfare and the Courts:
"Putting the Pieces Together for Children and Families"
<http://www.cffutures.org/conference2011>
September 14-16, 2011 Location: National Harbor, MD

American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy (AAMFT) Annual Conference 2011
The Science of Relationships www.aamft.org
September 22-25, 2011 Location: Fort Worth, TX

OCTOBER 2011

Center for Deployment Psychology: Addressing the Psychological Health of Warriors and their Families (Houston, TX)

Dates: Oct 03, 2011 07:30 AM -- Oct 07, 2011 05:00 PM

Course Location: Crowne Plaza Houston-Downtown

Course Description:

Training for Civilian Providers

Addressing the Psychological Health of Warriors and Their Families is a one-week course offered eight times per year throughout the country. This course provides in-depth training on deployment spectrum issues facing our service members, their families, and the providers themselves.


This training event is designed for civilian licensed mental health providers including psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, and marriage family therapists who are actively treating military personnel, veterans, and their families or plan to actively treat this population.

Registration Info:

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

[Please click here for additional information and to register](#)

Course Outline:

 [Houston - October 2011 - Brochure.pdf](#) — PDF document, 208 kB (213160 bytes)

The Family Center's Biennial Trauma Conference October 12-13, 2011

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 - Thursday, October 13, 2011

Location: Baltimore, Maryland

Sponsoring Agency: The Family Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute

Description: Children and families throughout the country are experiencing trauma at an alarming rate. Examples include exposure to violence, abuse, natural disasters, severe illness/ injury and traumatic loss of loved ones. Knowledge regarding the impact of childhood trauma and how to address its negative consequences continues to increase due to efforts like the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN).

Consistent with the perspective of the NCTSN, this conference highlights the importance of collaborative efforts to prevent and treat trauma. It provides an opportunity for community members and professionals to exchange information and engage in the common goal of improving the lives of children and families by strengthening partnerships, knowledge of practices that work and programs designed to keep children safe. The conference will offer information that will improve a community's capacity to address the aftermath of a traumatic event by bolstering their understanding of the impact of trauma. Conference participants will hear from local, regional and national experts on a variety of contemporary trauma issues including self-care. Workshops will offer current research, resources and strategies aimed at increasing the utilization of effective family, community and organizational responses to trauma.

Location: Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland

Keynote Speaker: Mary McKernan McKay, PhD; Professor of Social Work
Director of the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy & Research Silver School of Social Work New York University

Featured Speaker: Steven Gross, MSW; Executive Director and Chief Playmaker
The Life is Good Kids Foundation

To register visit: <http://www.cvent.com/d/fdqhry>

For conference schedule and workshop descriptions [click here](#).

To register [click here](#).

WebSite: [Family Center Trauma Training Academy](#)

Email Contact: lmcbride@conferencemanagers.com

Center for Deployment Psychology: Addressing the Psychological Health of Warriors and their Families

Dates: Oct 24, 2011 07:30 AM -- Oct 28, 2011 05:00 PM

Course Location: Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel

Course Description:

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This training event is designed for civilian licensed mental health providers including psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, and marriage family therapists who are actively treating military personnel, veterans, and their families or plan to actively treat this population.

Registration Info:

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

[Please click here for additional information and to register](#)

Course Outline:

 [Albuquerque - October 2011 - Brochure.pdf](#) — PDF document, 208 kB (213155 bytes)

National Conference on School Success

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 - Friday, October 28, 2011

Location: Denver, Colorado

Description:

Over 30 conference sessions are now on our Conference Website. With four opportunities to attend these sessions over the two-day conference period, you can't afford to miss it! Register now at the early bird special for just \$349.00!

Conference will be held October 26th - 28th, 2011 at the OMNI Interlocken Resort located in Denver (Broomfield), CO.

Why Attend? The best schools do more than teach high-level academics. They create safe environments that engage all students in learning while supporting their development into well-rounded citizens. They give students emotional and intellectual homes, motivate them to strive academically, and reward them with success when they do. These schools, Triple A Schools, promote what NCSE calls the 3 A's of School Engagement: Attendance, Attachment and Achievement. In the same way all three A's must work together in tandem to create engagement, this conference brings together experts from multiple disciplines for the first time to address all three together in the same conference.

Stuff your locker with tools to:

- Address Bullying
- Align Policy & Best Practices
- Develop School & Community Partnerships
- Evaluate Change
- Implement Early Warning Systems
- Improve School Climate
- Increase Community, Parent & Student Engagement
- Prevent Truancy & Dropout
- Reduce Elementary School Absence

WebSite: <http://ncseconference.wordpress.civicore.com/>

Email Contact: ncseconference@schoolengagement.org

NOVEMBER

International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) 27th Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2011 - Saturday, November 5, 2011

Location: Baltimore, Maryland USA

Sponsoring Agency: International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

Description:

Social Bonds and Trauma Through the Life Span

- Learn about cutting-edge research and clinical work in the field of trauma
- Discuss the translation of basic research into clinical interventions and the benefits of collaboration and mutual learning to implement evidence based practice
- Choose between research, clinical and combined tracks, or attend a mixture of them
- Participate in formal and informal networking opportunities
- Receive continuing education credits and visit the bookstore and exhibits

Pre-Meeting Institutes - November 2

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel Baltimore, Maryland USA

Important Dates: Early Registration Deadline: September 22

Online Registration Deadline: October 12

Headquarters Hotel Registration Deadline: October 3

WebSite: <http://www.istss.org/Home1.htm> Email Contact: istss@istss.org

National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

Families and the Shifting Economy <http://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2011>

November 16-19, 2011

Orlando, Florida

The "[Conference Slide Show](#)" gives you a quick and easy look at what's planned and what to expect at the 2011 Annual Conference.

Registration Link:

https://my.ncfr.org/ncfrssa/evtssareg.custinfo?p_event_id=1063

JOB OPENINGS

Department of Veterans Affairs

0101 Series - Social Science, Psychology, and Welfare Series - Current Job Openings - Veteran Affairs

- [Marriage and Family Therapist - Kansas City Metro Area, MO](#) – GS-11, Closes Sept. 6, 2011
- [Marriage and Family Therapist - McAllen, Pharr & Edinburg area, TX](#) – GS-11, Closes Sept. 8, 2011
- [Marriage and Family Therapist - Moline, IL](#) – GS-11, Closes Sept. 11, 2011

0185 Series- Social Worker Current Job Openings - Veterans Affairs

Many openings

0180 Series - Psychologist Current Job Openings- Veteran Affairs – (LMFTs may qualify for some of these positions)- Many openings

Department of the Navy

0101 Series - Social Science, Psychology and Welfare Series - Current Job Openings - Navy

0185 Series - Social Worker Current Job Openings - Navy

0180 Series - Psychologist Current Job Openings - Navy – (LMFTs may qualify for some of these positions)

Department of the Army

0101 Series - Social Science, Psychology, and Welfare Services - Current Job Openings - Army

0185 Series - Social Worker Current Job Openings - Army – Many jobs

0180 Series - Psychologist Current Job Openings - Army – (LMFTs may qualify for some of these positions)

Air Force

0101 Series - Social Science, Psychology, and Welfare Services - Current Job Openings - Air Force

0185 Series - Social Worker Current Job Openings - Air Force (Many openings)

0180 Series - Psychologist Current Job Openings - Air Force (Many openings)

Non-federal job openings

Zeiders Enterprises: [Link to current job openings](#). Includes:

- **Clinical Counselor:** Lemoore, CA; San Diego, CA; New Orleans, LA
Licensure: Clinical license/certification to provide clinical services as an independent practitioner. Acceptable licenses are: LCSW, LICSW, LMFT and LCP. Because of contract requirements, we regret that we are currently unable to consider LPCs for this position.
- **Child Counselor:** San Diego, CA

SERCO - [Link to All SERCO Counseling/Support/Outreach/Job Announcements](#)

CERIDIAN - [Link to current Ceridian Jobs](#) – at drop down menu for functional area, choose Social Work/Health Care.

- Director of Psychological Health positions: Oklahoma City, OK; Minneapolis, MN; Raleigh, NC

Choctaw Enterprises - [Main link to all jobs](#)

- **NPSP Social Worker, Nurse and Marriage and Family Therapist**
Kaiserslautern, Baumholder, Bamberg, Stuttgart, Ansbach, Schweinfurt, Wiesbaden, Mannheim Germany, Schinnen, Netherlands and SHAPE, Belgium
- **Licensed Clinical Social Workers**
Sheppard AFB, TX; Buckley AFB, CO; Andrews AFB, MD; Tinker AFB, OK
- **Family Advocacy Outreach Manager**
RAF Lakenheath, Great Britain
- [Program Manager, Family Programs, Community Outreach/army Strong Community Center - Ft. Bragg, NC](#)
- [Supervisor, Family Programs, Community Outreach, Fort Bragg, NC](#)

Health e-Careers Network - [Main link to all jobs](#)

- [Clinical Social Worker - Fort Carson, Colorado](#)
- [Clinical Social Worker - Ft. Stewart, GA](#)
- [Clinical Social Worker - Leesville, LA](#)
- [Clinical Social Worker - Fort Riley, KS](#)
- [LCSW/LISW Fort Campbell, KY](#)
- [Psychologist - Ft. Sill, OK](#)
- [Psychologist - Ft. Carson, CO](#)

Job Opportunities for Bachelor's Degree Level

Zeiders (Contract)

[Link to Job Openings](#) – There are jobs here at both the Bachelor's and Master's level

- **Work and Family Life Consultant** – San Diego, CA; Marysville (Everett), WA; Oak Harbor (Whidbey Island), WA

Work and Family Life Consultants (WFLC) provide one-on-one consultation, information and referral, classroom training, workshops and seminars in support of the education and training component of Fleet and Family Support (FFS) programs and services. Provide a wide range of programs and services to military personnel and their families residing in San Diego County. Demonstrate knowledge in all FFS programs areas including Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP); relocation assistance program; life skills education; financial education program; deployment support program; and emergency preparedness/disaster response programs. Incumbent is member of the team providing services from the Family Readiness Express (FRE), a recreational vehicle modified to provide services throughout the community. Participates in Return and Reunion program for commands returning from deployment. Some evening and weekend work is required to support family education events. Provide specific information on available resources. Work individually with clients when appropriate.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Associate's degree in education, social/behavioral sciences and two (2) years experience providing adult education and/or work/family life consultation OR

Four (4) years experience providing adult education and/or work/family life consultation

Experience making presentations and facilitating adult training for large and small groups

Reliable personal transportation with appropriate insurance

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience in formulating and executing needs assessment tools

Knowledge of the military and the challenges of the military life style

Experience in providing individual adult education as well as group facilitation

Knowledge of the tenets of adult education and experience in developing training curricula based on the adult learning model

Experience in managing multiple priorities

Ability to use verbal and written communication skills effectively

Experience in conducting program evaluations and using that information to improve program effectiveness

Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite software and experience in using preparing management reports