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SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center

Topics in the News

Webinar: Effects of Chronic Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Caregiver Perspectives and Knowledge Gaps

October 8, 2015; 1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT

Family caregivers of service members that experience chronic effects of mild traumatic brain injury discern that their loved ones experience myriad cognitive, emotional, and behavioral problems. Caregivers often experience many of these same issues, disrupting the family dynamics.

[Learn more and register...](#)

Pittsburgh Mayor Peduto Launches Initiative to Advance Opportunities for Veterans Across the City

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Mayor William Peduto launched Homefront Pittsburgh, an initiative that will focus on veteran and military families, during a service event in Hazelwood on September 12. Homefront Pittsburgh is an effort to ease the transition veterans face from military to civilian life, and ultimately make Pittsburgh a model city for connecting veterans to quality resources that help them to build a career, start a business, and buy a home.

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VA Announces \$12.8 Million in Funding to Help the Homeless

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald announced \$12.8 million in renewal funding through the Grant and Per Diem program to 20 community agencies that currently provide transitional housing with supportive services for homeless veterans under the Transition in Place model.

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Female Service Members in the Long War

September 11, 2001 is a day burned into the consciousness of all Americans old enough to remember that day. For members of the U.S. military, it was also the beginning of more than 14 years of war, variously called the war on terror, Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq), Operation New Dawn (Iraq), and the Long War. The Long War encapsulates the repeated deployments into combat zones in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the Horn of Africa, and to humanitarian assistance operations.

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National Suicide Prevention Month: Update 2015

In 2014, the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's Research Prioritization Task Force released a Prioritize Research Agenda for Suicide Prevention, which emphasized the importance of targeting interventions to specific risk groups as well as vulnerable times and settings. Broad measures and messages aimed at whole populations, as well as an expanding repertoire of treatments, haven't had a measurable impact on the national suicide rate—41,149 in 2014, the most recent year for which we have data.

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Sleep and Spirituality Among the Factors Being Explored in Suicide Research

Suicide is complex. Just as there are many risk factors that can contribute to suicidal behavior, there is more than one treatment or intervention to mitigate those risk factors. At the VA VISN 2 Center of Excellence, where I direct a team of researchers and educators dedicated to preventing suicide, we apply the bio-psycho-social model of understanding health and illness.

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Shouldering a Pack to Help Suicidal Veterans

Carrying loaded backpacks and ruck sacks, roughly 60 walkers from Lehigh Valley's Carry the Fallen Team Tenderfoot walked up to 25 miles to raise awareness about the staggering rate of suicide among combat veterans. The group included men and women, civilians and veterans, all united to aid veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

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'One-Stop Shop' to Open for Wounded Veterans

Veteran and student Garrett Anderson is excited for veterans on the University of Illinois campus to have a "one-stop shop" to find resources, guidance, counseling, and more on campus. The new facility will serve the approximated 350 veterans on campus as well as 150 dependents.

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Providers Can Help Patients Transfer Care with Ease

Doing right by patients who are transferring is as easy as a phone call, according to George Lamb, Defense Centers Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury outreach chief. That's all it takes to make sure service members continue to get the psychological care they need when they change duty stations or leave the military.

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