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

### Topics in the News

#### **Move It! For Military Kids**

Team Military Child Education Coalition challenges you to MOVE IT between October 5 and November 20 in support of military and veteran-connected kids and the challenges they face with mobility, family separation, and transition.

[Learn more...](#)

#### **Resource: PTSD Consultation Program – For Providers Who Treat Veterans**

The Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Consultation Program, launched in 2011 to support U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) providers, is now available to providers outside of the VA who are treating veterans with PTSD. The program's services are free.

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#### **Department of Defense Releases Second Quarter 2015 Suicide Information**

The Department of Defense has released the Quarterly Suicide Report for the second quarter of calendar year 2015. The report summarizes confirmed suicide counts for all services and components during the months of April through June of 2015, and includes total suicide counts for 2014, 2013, and 2012.

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#### **Military Sexual Trauma in Recent Veterans**

VA assessed data on Military Sexual Trauma among male and female veterans who served during Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) eras. These findings are from a study that looked at veterans deployed to OEF/OIF and veterans who served elsewhere during the same time period. Of the 60,000 veterans invited to participate in this study, 20,563 responded.

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#### **Prevent Domestic Violence in Your Community**

A key strategy in preventing domestic violence is the promotion of respectful, nonviolent relationships through individual, relationship, community, and societal-level change. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month; enhance prevention efforts in your community.

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#### **Criteria for Achieving the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness**

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and VA have adopted a vision of what it means to end all homelessness and specific criteria and benchmarks for ending veteran homelessness in order to help guide communities as they take action to achieve the goal. Together, these criteria and benchmarks are intended to help to define the vision of ending veteran homelessness within communities and to help align local efforts in support of that vision, with a focus on long-term, lasting solutions.

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#### **Homeless Alabama Veteran Home at Last**

Thirty-eight-year-old April Rencher, who spent 8 years in the Army, didn't plan on becoming homeless. She didn't plan on ending up in rehab, either. "I lost my employment late last year," she said in a tired voice.

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#### **Huntington Regional Office Holds VA's First Virtual Claims Clinic**

VA has fifty-six regional benefits offices – or ROs – located throughout the country. All states have at least one, and a few states have more to handle larger populations. As you may already know, VA ROs periodically hold town hall meetings and claims clinics. These interactive events provide veterans, dependents, and survivors the chance to ask benefits questions and work one-on-one with RO staff about their claims cases and VA benefits. They also give RO management a chance to take feedback from the communities they serve.

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#### **Touched by Addiction, Thousands Pack the Mall to Say Enough is Enough**

Kari Rhodes was on her way home from a birthday celebration with friends in Erie, Pennsylvania, when she received a frantic phone call from her 17-year-old son. The words on the other end of the line triggered a scream like nothing he had ever heard.

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### **Experiencing Depression? Take This Two-Minute Quiz**

Are you feeling more irritable or tired than normal? Maybe you've lost interest in your hobbies or in doing things with family. Although there are many possible reasons for these behaviors, one to consider is depression.

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### **Exceptional Care for Exceptional Family Members**

Family members with special needs require special considerations. When you move, you worry if there will be adequate care and if it is easy to access. There are resources and information available to help you get the best care for your family members. But you must follow the rules for getting care.

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### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

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