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

### Topics in the News

#### **VA Accelerates Deployment of Nationwide Opioid Therapy Tool**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is accelerating the deployment of a state-of-the-art tool to help protect veteran patients using high doses of opioids or with medical risk factors that put them at an increased risk of complications from opioid medications.

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#### **Resource Parent Curriculum Facilitator Training**

Application deadline: April 3, 2015

Duke Evidence-Based Practice Implementation Center and the Center for Child & Family Health, in partnership with the Welcome Back Veterans organization and SAMHSA, are excited to announce the 2015 Resource Parent Curriculum (RPC) Facilitator Training. This free training opportunity (based on the Car for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma, RPC developed by National Child Traumatic Stress Network) provides a robust blended learning curriculum designed to increase the capacity of trained RPC workshop facilitators, and elevate cultural awareness of military families and children who are caring for children who have experienced trauma.

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

#### **Office of National Drug Control Policy Webinar: Synthetic Drugs**

April 8, 2015; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Mary Lou Leary, the Office of National Drug Control Policy's Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, will host a webinar series to outline the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids ("Spice") and cathinones ("Bath Salts"), and to provide details on Federal and local efforts to confront these threats. This webinar will serve as an introduction to New Psychoactive Substances. The discussion will focus on the manufacture, distribution, and health risks associated with these drugs as well as Federal regulatory provisions and enforcement actions. Featured participants will include representatives from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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

#### **Military Sexual Trauma Workshop**

April 10, 2015

Health & Disability Advocates presents a workshop for community-based organizations interested in serving the behavioral and mental health needs of military service members, veterans, and their families. Previous experience or prerequisite is necessary.

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

#### **Risk Patterns Identified that Make People More Vulnerable to PTSD**

Researchers have built a new computational tool that identifies 800 different ways people are at increased risk for post-traumatic stress disorder, permitting for the first time a personalized prediction guide. Results from the study out of NYU Langone Medical Center are published online in the journal BMC Psychiatry.

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#### **Chaplains Set to Complete Psychological Health Training Pilot**

Thirty-six chaplains will complete the pilot year of a psychological health education program in May. The Mental Health Integration for Chaplain Services program, a 1-year certification program, helps chaplains recognize and understand the psychological health concerns many service members and veterans of this generation face.

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### **Horse Power: Wounded Warriors Receive Healing, Support through the Air Force Academy's Equine-Assisted Therapy**

Just as service members come from all walks of life, so do the 30 Academy-owned horses an Army veteran and wounded warrior said comforted him when he took part in the Warrior Wellness program at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

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### **Office of Rural Health: Caring for Rural Veterans**

This 3-minute video tells the story behind the Office of Rural Health and its mission to support the health and well-being of veterans who live in rural communities – by removing barriers to care.

[Watch the video...](#)

### **Service to School: Enabling Veteran Success in Higher Education**

Veterans are often outsiders to the college system. Many are unaware of options, and even those who are aware do not know how to prepare a winning application. Take one recent example: a young Sgt. Saamo Legoski, who was considering his options when leaving the military. He did okay in high school but not well enough to win admission to any great schools. The natural choice for him was to go to community college. After several community college semesters, he considered other options and had nearly settled on finishing his degree at a for-profit institution.

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### **Operation Homefront Announces Military Child Award Recipients**

Nonprofit organization Operation Homefront announced six recipients -- one from each military service one, for the first time, from the National Guard -- of its 2015 Military Child of the Year Award.

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

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