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

Topics in the News

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback Signs Bill Giving Veterans In-State Tuition

Governor Sam Brownback has signed a bill that would give in-state tuition to all veterans, active duty members of the U.S. military, and their families. Brownback signed the bill on May 29 and said it would help recognize the importance of their service.

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Houston Effectively Ends Veteran Homelessness

Mayor Annise Parker announced that Houston has effectively ended veteran homelessness. Over 35 local agencies collaborated to build a nationally recognized response system that has housed over 3,650 homeless veterans in just over 3 years, and has the resources to house every homeless veteran (or those at risk of homelessness) in Harris and Fort Bend Counties.

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Seizing Opportunities to Serve More Veterans Who are Homeless

To achieve the goal of ending veteran homelessness, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seizing every opportunity to move homeless veterans into permanent housing as quickly as possible. One of those ways was to change a procedural hurdle that was limiting the ability to provide housing assistance through contract housing providers.

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VA to Conduct Nationwide Series of Events to Celebrate Women Veterans

VA will conduct a series of one-day events to raise awareness and celebrate the stories of women veterans. The events, to be held in five locations across the country, will provide an overview of services and benefits available to women veterans. Experts will be available to answer veterans' questions, and exhibitors will share information on their many resources.

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How Do You Save Someone's Life?

The phone rings. You answer it. The veteran on the other end of the line tells you he's alone in his garage and he's about to put a handgun in his mouth and pull the trigger. What do you do? What do you say? "You always have to remain calm at this job," said Veronica Lucious, a suicide prevention case manager at the Pittsburgh VA. "You want to keep them on the line, you want to keep them talking."

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Encourage the Men in Your Life this Men's Health Month

Celebrated every June, Men's Health Month promotes awareness, prevention, and education of preventable health problems and encourages early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, in 1920, life expectancy for women was one year longer than men. By 2010, however, men were dying approximately 5 years sooner than women. In the United States, men have a higher death rate for most of the leading causes of death, specifically, heart disease and cancer.

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Take the First Steps to Get Help for Psychological Health Concerns

Seeking help for psychological health concerns allows you to play an active role in your own well-being. Once you decide to seek care, you may not know what steps to take next. There are many options for care, and it is important to make a plan that best fits your needs. Experts such as counselors, chaplains, and health

care providers in the Military Health System are excellent resources to turn to for help.

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[REPORT] Report on VA Facility Specific Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND) Veterans Diagnosed with Potential or Provisional Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Cumulative from 1st Qtr FY 2002 through 1st Qtr FY 2015 (October 1, 2001 – December 31, 2014)

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[REPORT] Analysis of VA Health Care Utilization among OEF, OIF, and OND Veterans

Cumulative from 1st Qtr FY 2002 through 1st Qtr FY 2015 (October 1, 2001 – December 31, 2014)

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June is PTSD Awareness Month - PTSD Monthly Update, May

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