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

Topics in the News

Suicide Prevention Resource Center - Caring for Adult Patients with Suicide Risk: A Consensus Guide for Emergency Departments

This guide is designed to assist Emergency Department (ED) health care professionals with decisions about the care and discharge of patients with suicide risk. Its main goal is to improve patient outcomes after discharge. The guide helps ED caregivers answer these questions:

- How can I effectively intervene while this patient is in the ED?
- Can this patient be discharged or is further evaluation needed?
- What will make this patient safer after leaving the ED?

[Read the guide...](#)

What You Should Know this PTSD Awareness Day

To bring greater awareness to the issue of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), the United States Senate designated June 27 as National PTSD Awareness Day. June has been designated as PTSD Awareness Month by the National Center for PTSD.

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Building Bridges to Employment to Help Veterans Exit Homelessness

Grass-roots collaboration between U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Employment Coordinators and local workforce boards are helping more veterans exiting homelessness find employment, according to Dr. Carma Heitzmann, director of VA's Homeless Veteran Community Employment Services, in a recent interview with National Association of Workforce Boards president and CEO Ron Painter.

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Good News for Veterans Seeking Discharge Upgrades

Vietnam-era veterans who have dealt with the consequences of getting a less than honorable discharge could now receive certain benefits. The change comes after recent decisions by military boards under the Pentagon. Last spring, five Vietnam combat veterans with PTSD filed a class action lawsuit asking that their discharge statuses be upgraded.

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Military Kids: Flexible and Well-Adjusted, Except When They're Not

Maybe you've been at your new duty station for several months or your spouse has been deployed for a while. You have followed all the suggestions friends and experts have given you. Do your research. Make it into an adventure for the kids. Keep a positive attitude.

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Hundreds of Veterans to Participate in National Veterans Wheelchair Games

More than 600 of America's best wheelchair athletes, all disabled U.S. military veterans, are arriving in Dallas, Texas, for the 35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games being held there June 21–26, 2015. The Wheelchair Games is occurring this year during the VA's "Summer of Service" an initiative designed to build upon existing partnerships to grow the number of individuals and organizations serving veterans in their communities.

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\$70M to be Invested in Veterans' Mental Health

A new program funded by Wounded Warrior Project aspires to improve mental health services and care for veterans in the private sector. The charity is using \$70 million to fund an effort that will create outpatient programs at four of the nation's top academic medical facilities, aimed at helping sufferers of PTSD and traumatic brain injury.

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VA Celebrates Military Fathers and Families

Happy Father's Day to all military fathers! We know it's not always an easy job and military families face unique challenges. Moves, deployment, reintegration, and job stress may all affect parent's ability to adapt, adjust, manage challenges, and maintain strong relationships with their children.

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Veteran Shares Joys, Struggles of Reconnecting With Family After Service

For Adam Renteria, a veteran of the U.S. military, there is no job more important than being a father. And after being away for the first five years of his son's life, he says mending his family's emotional wounds was his utmost priority.

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