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

### Topics in the News

#### **2015 DCoE Summit: Continuum of Care and Care Transitions in the Military Health System**

September 9-11, 2015

The 2015 Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Summit: Continuum of Care and Care Transitions in the Military Health System will be held September 9-11, 2015. This year's summit combines a "live" in-person event at Defense Health Headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia with a "virtual" online component to reach a wider audience.

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

#### **[WEBINAR] Health Care Options after Losing TRICARE Eligibility**

August 19, 2015; 12:00-1:00 p.m. EDT

TRICARE and Military OneSource are co-hosting a webinar to discuss health care options available to TRICARE beneficiaries once they are no longer eligible for any TRICARE health plan coverage. There are a number of health care options available to service members and their families when they lose TRICARE eligibility. It's important to know what these options are so that you will continue to meet the health care requirement of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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

#### **[WEBINAR] A Peer-Driven Solution to Isolation and Social Exclusion**

September 3, 2015; 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT

"A Peer-Driven Solution to Isolation and Social Exclusion" is the first of three training webinars in Mental Health America's It's My Life: Social Self-Directed Care program. During this webinar, you'll learn how to implement this intervention, which promotes social connectivity through the use of psychiatric rehabilitation, peer support, professional life coaching, and self-direction.

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

#### **How to Talk to a Child about a Suicide Attempt in Your Family**

If there has been a recent suicide attempt in your family, this may be one of the toughest experiences you and your children may ever face. It is important to take care of yourself, so that you are better able to care for your child.

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#### **Caregiver Resources**

The Department of Defense (DoD) provides resources and information exclusively for military caregivers who assist wounded, ill, and injured service members with activities of daily living. DoD's Military Caregiver Support includes the Military Caregiver PEER (Personalized Experiences, Engagement, and Resources) Forum Initiative, the Caregiver Resource Directory, monthly Military Caregiver Virtual Forums, Military Caregiver webinars, events, and specialized resources.

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#### **Outreach Pairs Former Military Members to Combat Homelessness**

Chattanooga, Tennessee Mayor Andy Berke is pushing to house every homeless veteran in the city by 2016, if not by the end of this year. "They need our help," Berke said. "They deserve our help. They fought for us." The city's latest effort is calling on stable veterans who are housed to

mentor those who are homeless.

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### **By the Numbers: VA Making Progress in Reducing Opioid Use in Veteran Patients**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is developing an interdisciplinary, patient-aligned pain management system with the competency to provide safe and effective pain control and quality of life for veterans for the remainder of their lives. One approach for accomplishing this is via academic detailing.

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### **Military Kids, Teachers Find Back-to-School Help Online**

Two of the middle-school boys in the focus group kept refilling their drinks. Others fidgeted. Chairs scraped and voices rose in multiple conversations. But when one boy said he was afraid that his father wouldn't come home from his deployment, the room grew silent and the other boys focused on him.

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### **Syracuse University Explores New Medical School to Specialize in Veterans' Care**

Syracuse University has briefed federal and state officials on a proposal to create a one-of-a-kind medical school on campus to train doctors to care for military veterans at VA hospitals nationwide.

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### **Face of Defense: Guardsman Balances Civilian, Military Lives**

For years, Army Sgt. Brian Calhoun, a photojournalist in the 108th Public Affairs Detachment, South Carolina National Guard, has balanced his day-to-day civilian life and military obligations. "I initially enlisted in the South Carolina National Guard while I was a senior in high school," Calhoun said. "I would go off and train on drill weeks, which made my senior-year experience much different than my classmates'."

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

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