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

Topics in the News

311VET: New App Answers General VA Benefits Questions

As one of the Veterans Benefits Administration's (VBA's) social media administrators, it's my job to create and curate U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and veteran-centric content on VBA social media channels. This includes program news and updates, tips and how-tos, and in sharing resources to help our community understand how to claim their benefits. This also means I'm the guy you come to when you have questions (and complaints) about VA benefits.

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Why Helping Civilian Providers Understand Military Culture Matters

One size does not fit all when it comes to health care. As some service members and veterans feel more comfortable turning to civilian providers, providers can treat them more effectively if they understand military culture.

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Webinar: Using Meta-Analysis to Determine the Most Effective Treatments for PTSD

October 22, 2015; 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET

This webinar will review the current guidelines for the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder all points in the treatment continuum. It will highlight the significant areas where current major guidelines are not in agreement, including medications versus therapy, individual medications, and behavioral therapies.

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

Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction: Facts for Families and Friends

This publication gives families and friends information about medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction. It describes prescribed opioid medications, their proper use and side effects, withdrawal symptoms, and how medication fit with counseling in the recovery process.

[Read more...](#)

State Releases Anonymous Online Behavioral Health Self-Assessment

Utahns who have a mental health or substance use disorder concern can now access an anonymous self-screening online through the Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. The new site launched October 8, to recognize National Depression Screening Day. Any individual with an internet connection can use the site 24-7 to screen themselves for a variety of mental health and substance use disorders, and then, if needed, have the option of educational resources and referral to a local agency for further evaluation and treatment.

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Training to Tackle Need for VA Mental Health Pros

The Canandaigua VA Medical Center is one of seven VA hospitals nationally helping the VA attract licensed professional mental health counselors to meet a growing demand for mental health care. The Canandaigua VA will offer a new clinical training option to those mental health students for the upcoming academic year.

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Local Tribes Join Coalition to Highlight Native Veteran Homelessness

A coalition of eight Oklahoma tribal nations will join the Office of Veterans Affairs for a stand down to highlight the issue of Native veteran homelessness with an event October 16. Services ranging from health care, mental health services, housing, vocational rehabilitation, flu shots, job and employment services, and social security services will be available as well as other federal, state, and non-profit services.

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Elks Pledge Four Million Dollars to End Veteran Homelessness

The VA is strengthening community and non-profit partnerships to better serve Veterans. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America announced that it has committed \$4 million over a 4-year period to help end veteran homelessness.

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Study: Justice-Involved Veterans and Employment: A Systematic Review of Barriers and Promising Strategies and Interventions

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Suicide Prevention Resource Center's The Weekly Spark: Friday, October 9, 2015

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