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

Topics in the News

Veterans Unemployment Rate Drops To Lowest Point Since 2008

The unemployment rate among military veterans has dropped to its lowest point since 2008 last year, as U.S. government hit a high for hiring former troops, according to federal data.

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Legal, Ethical, Security, and Privacy Issues Relating to the Use of Behavioral Health Technology Tools in Clinical Care

March 26, 2015; 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. EDT

As behavioral healthcare providers embrace the integration and incorporation of technology into current practice, it is important to understand both the benefits and risks. The presentation will include a discussion of statutory and regulatory guidance regarding security and privacy issues involving telehealth and other types of behavioral health technology tools in the clinical environment.

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Military Children More Likely to Have a History of Suicide Attempts

California high school students who have a parent in the military are far more likely than those from civilian families to have recently attempted suicide, according to a new study.

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New Law: Mississippi Gives Veterans a Break on College Tuition

College education just got a little more affordable for Mississippi's military veterans and their families. Mississippi Governor Bryant signed into law a measure to lower the cost of college tuition for military veterans and their eligible spouses and dependents.

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VA Works to Expand Choice Program Eligibility

In order to expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it will change the calculation used to determine the distance between a veteran's residence and the nearest VA medical facility from a straight line distance to driving distance.

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Initiative Highlights Military TBI

A Head for the Future, a public awareness initiative from the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, aims to change the way you think about traumatic brain injury (TBI). While you might believe that TBI in the military mainly happens in combat, A Head for the Future addresses the fact that most are diagnosed in nondeployed settings.

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Teach Yourself to Meditate Mindfully

Mindfulness meditation is a popular form of meditation that helps treat various psychological health concerns – and it has clinical evidence to show that it works. Although there are many programs led by certified instructors to teach you mindfulness meditation, you can also try the practice on your own.

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Starbucks's Schultz Opens New Front in Helping Veterans Enter Work Force

While many employers have committed to hiring veterans, Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz is leading a

push to train soldiers for civilian jobs even before they leave military service. The Schultz Family Foundation committed \$1.7 million to provide job-skills training to 10,000 service members and spouses as many as six military bases in 2015.

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Suicide Prevention Resource Center - The Weekly Spark - Places to Just Chill Out - March 20, 2017 edition

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Meeting the Intervention Needs of Military Children and Families [Subscription Required]

Since 2001, the United States has seen the largest sustained deployment of military service members in the history of the all-volunteer force. More than two million military children have been separated from service member parents because of combat deployments. Most families have experienced at least one deployment and many have undergone multiple, involving three, four, or even five or more family separations and reunifications. Others have struggled with combat-related psychiatric disorders, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and physical injuries, including TBI, which can affect children and families for years.

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