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

### Topics in the News

#### **Not All Veterans Struggle When They Come Home, New Study Shows**

The first-ever examination of civic involvement of veterans shows results that debunk stereotypes of the wounded former service members struggling to adjust to civilian life. The study, which looked at recent census data, found that nearly 60 percent of veterans under 50 vote in local elections, compared to 48.7 percent of non-veterans under 50. It also found that veterans serve an average of 160 hours annually as volunteers, about four full workweeks. Non-veteran volunteers serve about 25 percent fewer hours annually.

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#### **DCoE Summit: 2015 Call for Abstracts**

Submission deadline: May 29, 2015

A call for abstracts is now open for the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) Summit: Continuum of Care and Care Transitions in the Military Health System at Defense Health Headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia, September 9-11, 2015.

[Read more...](#)

#### **STUDY: Supported Employment Among Veterans With Serious Mental Illness: The Role of Cognition and Social Cognition on Work Outcome**

Unemployment is a primary functional deficit for the majority of adults with schizophrenia. Research indicates that over two-thirds of adults living in the community with schizophrenia are unemployed. Despite effective programs to assist with job identification and placement, the ability to attain and maintain employment remains a pressing concern. Neurocognitive functioning is widely acknowledged to be a determinant of work outcome; however, effect sizes tend to be in the small to medium range. The present study sought to further understand the determinants of work outcome among a sample of 104 veterans with schizophrenia enrolled in a supported employment program.

[Read the full study...](#)

#### **Veterans Program Pairs Job Services With Mental Health Treatment**

After Wallace Clayton served in the Army Special Forces in the mid-1970s, he says, he bounced from job to job for more than a decade. He worked in electronics assembly and repair, landscaping and home renovation — and never understood why he was having so much difficulty getting his life together.

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#### **Jacksonville, PGA Tour Invest in Veterans Through Military Job Fair**

The city of Jacksonville, Florida, and the PGA Tour continued their commitment to serving military veterans and transitioning service members with a large-scale military fair.

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#### **Webinar: Same Day Access Isn't As Hard As You Think**

May 11, 2015; 2:30 p.m. EDT

Integrated care is the future, which means that offering timely assessments and medical services without scheduling delay or waitlist is not only a good idea, but will be a requirement. Hundreds of organizations across the nation have made same-day access a reality for their organization, greatly improving consumer engagement and satisfaction, and so can you!

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

#### **Webinar: Clinician's Guide: Assisting Family Members Coping with Traumatic Brain Injury**

May 14, 2015; 1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2014) reports that in one year alone traumatic brain injuries (TBI) accounted for approximately 2.2 million emergency department visits, 280,000 hospitalizations, and 50,000 deaths. Those who survive a TBI may experience short- and long-term effects such as alterations in thinking, sensation, language, behavior, and emotions. TBI affects the entire family. Family members are often at a loss to understand problematic behaviors and assist their loved one in daily routines and during times of stress.

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

### **DCoE Uses Crowdsourcing for Mental Health, TBI Care Challenge**

As Mental Health Awareness Month begins, DCoE opens a crowdsourcing challenge that aims to improve care for service members coping with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or TBI.

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### **TRICARE TV: Mental Health & Children**

Watch this video to learn about TRICARE's behavioral health options.

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### **SMVF TA Center - Children's Mental Health Day**

SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center is proud to support the 10th anniversary of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

[Watch the video...](#)

### **National Center for PTSD: Understanding Sexual Trauma: PTSD Monthly Update, April 2015**

[Read the full newsletter...](#)

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

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