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

Topics in the News

National Center for PTSD: Animated Whiteboard Videos on PTSD

The Web revolutionized how people learn and share information. Since launching www.ptsd.va.gov in 1995, we continue to expand our online resources to reach trauma survivors wherever they are and whenever they need help. Check out our new whiteboards; short animated videos that combine narration with hand-drawn images. The series can also be found and shared easily on YouTube.

[View the videos...](#)

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DCoE Webinar: The Role of Sleep, Activity, and Nutrition in the Treatment and Recovery of TBI

January 8, 2015; 1:00-2:30 p.m. EST

In 2013, Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, the U.S. Army surgeon general, launched an organizational initiative to improve the health, readiness, and resilience of the Army family. The performance triad is a comprehensive plan to promote the balance of sleep, activity, and nutrition among Army family member improve health and wellness.

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

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Released New Policy Report on Military and Veteran Families and Children

SRCD recently released a social policy report titled: *Military and Veteran Families and Children: Policies and Programs for Health Maintenance and Positive Development*. This Social Policy Report summarizes what is currently known about our nation's military children and families and presents ideas and proposals pertinent to the formulation of new programs and the policies that would create and sustain these initiatives.

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

Surviving Rape in the Military

The issue of sexual assault in the military makes the news periodically, usually in articles with mouth-dropping statistics and official outrage. Mary F. Calvert read such an article. It estimated that while 26,000 rapes and sexual assaults took place in the armed forces in 2012, only 1 in 7 victims reported the attack and only 1 in 10 of those cases went to trial.

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How Do Military Families Handle Grief? Federally Funded Study Looks to Find Out

With his wife and child close at hand, Army Maj. Chad Wriglesworth battled skin cancer for more than a

year before dying at age 37. "It was long and painful and awful," said Aimee Wriglesworth, who believe the cancer resulted from exposure to toxic fumes in Iraq. Yet the 28-year-old widow from Bristow, Virgi seized a chance to recount the ordeal and its aftermath to a researcher, hoping that input from her and her year-old daughter might be useful to other grieving military families.

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Statement by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel on Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom's Sentinel

At the end of this year, as our Afghan partners assume responsibility for the security of their country, the United States officially concludes Operation Enduring Freedom. Our combat mission in Afghanistan, which began in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks, will come to an end.

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Top 10 Stories from VA Health Care in 2014

1. New Identification Cards

VA began introducing a new, secure identification card called the Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) replacing the Veteran Identification Card (VIC) introduced in 2004. As part of a phased rollout, February 21, 2014 VA began issuing the newly designed, more secure VHIC to newly enrolled and other veterans who were not issued a VIC. In September, an update let veterans know that two forms of identification would be needed to request the new VHIC.

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Housing First: Veteran-centered Care Helping to End Veteran Homelessness

When it comes to homeless programs, VA's policy is "Housing First," an evidence-based, low-barrier, supportive housing model that emphasizes permanent supportive housing to end homelessness. This Housing First approach contributed to a 33 percent reduction in homelessness among veterans between 2010 and 2014, as measured during annual point-in-time counts.

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SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation - December 2014 Newsletter

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Clinician's Trauma Update-Online Issue 8(6), December 2014

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