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

### Topics in the News

SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center's state teams are coming together to rally around Substance Use Disorder (SUDs) Prevention for SMVF. In observance of SAMHSA's National Prevention Week, the SMVF TA Center will be working with state teams at the SUDs Virtual Implementation Academy, being held May 20-21, 2015. This year's Prevention Week theme is "The Voice of One, the Power of All," which highlights the important role that individuals and communities play in helping people lead healthy, productive lives. [Learn more about Prevention Week...](#)

#### **Making Connections for Mental Health and Wellbeing Among Men and Boys**

Deadline for letter of interest: June 12, 2015

As the lead coordinating agency for the Movember Foundation's U.S. mental health initiative, Preventio Institute is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity. The overarching goal of this initiative, Making Connections for Mental Health and Wellbeing Among Men and Boys in the United States, is to improve mental health and wellbeing of men and boys in the United States. This initiative, which emphasizes community-level strategies, underscores the importance of mental health and social connection and their link with community well-being and resilience.

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

[Read the press release...](#)

#### **Study: Exploring the Economic & Employment Challenges Facing U.S. Veterans**

Commissioned by Volunteers of America (VOA) as part of an ongoing effort to better understand the needs of their veteran clients and continuously improve veteran services, the purpose of this study was to explore the economic and employment challenges facing U.S. veterans today and identify best practices for helping impoverished veterans find and retain stable, living-wage jobs. Three approaches were used to examine these challenges and best practices, including a comprehensive literature review, one-on-one interviews with VOA service providers, and focus groups with VOA veteran clients.

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#### **Study: Vital Signs: Core Metrics for Health and Health Care Progress**

Thousands of measures are in use today to assess health and health care in the United States. Although

many of these measures provide useful information, their sheer number, as well as their lack of focus, consistency, and organization, limits their overall effectiveness in improving performance of the health system. To achieve better health at lower cost, all stakeholders—including health professionals, payers, policy makers, and members of the public—must be alert to the measures that matter most. What are the core measures that will yield the clearest understanding and focus on better health and well-being for Americans?

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### **Webinar: Creating a Military-Civilian Coordinated Community Response**

June 4, 2015; 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT

The Battered Women's Justice Project is pleased to announce a webinar on Military-Civilian Coordinated Community Response (CCR). When communities and the military do not work together on their responses to intimate partner violence, gaps exist in the interagency response that victims may fall through and perpetrators can exploit. An effective Military-Civilian CCR can address these issues increasing both safety and accountability. After an overview of the CCR model (i.e., the Duluth Model), the webinar will explain what a Military-Civilian CCR is and the process of organizing and building one.

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

### **Don't Give Up on Mental Health Treatment**

It's not a sprint, it's a marathon. If you've had a coach, personal trainer, inspirational teacher, or a really motivational friend, there is a good chance you heard them say something similar. Most likely, they said it to you because they wanted to encourage you to keep working toward your goal – whatever it was.

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### **Bill to Lend Preventative Hand to Military Families, Veterans Passes Texas House**

A high priority bill to aid veterans and military families with state help made its way to the Texas Senate after passing the House. State Representative Susan King, passed House Bill 19 when the legislation got its final House vote. King is the chairwoman of the House Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee.

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[Read the full text of the bill...](#)

### **Face of Defense: Service Dog Helps Soldier Move On**

Master Sgt. Lyle Babcock is a combat veteran who's served more than 30 years in the Army. He is an avid fisherman. He loves to kayak. He also suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder. Fortunately, he has help from a four-legged friend.

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### **From the Desk of DASD Rodriguez: Building a Scalable Model of Care**

One of the Department of Defense's highest priorities is ensuring the Nation's wounded, ill, and injured recovering service members, their families, and caregivers receive the support they need for recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration. The great success we have seen over the last 14 years of war in saving lives on the battlefield has also driven the need for the Department to provide additional services, many of those directly relate to the non-medical support needed by our Service members and their families.

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### **Women Veterans Can Be Role Models for Health**

The goal of National Women's Health Week is to empower women to make their health a priority. The Department of Veterans Affairs takes this opportunity to help women veterans understand what steps they can take to improve their health and to encourage them to serve as role models for health.

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