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

### **Topics in the News**

#### **SAMHSA's GAINS Center Solicitation for Applications: Sequential Intercept Mapping for Early Diversion**

Deadline: December 4, 2015

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation, operated by Policy Research Associate Inc., is known nationally for its work in regard to people with behavioral health needs involved in the criminal justice system. The GAINS Center is soliciting applications from communities interested in developing integrated strategies to better identify and respond to the needs of adults with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders in contact with the criminal justice system. Sequential Intercept Mapping is designed to allow local, multidisciplinary teams of people from jurisdictions to facilitate collaboration and to identify and discuss ways in which barriers between the criminal justice, mental health, and substance use systems can be reduced and to begin development of integrated local plans.

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

#### **Webinar - Text Messaging: A Promising Tool for Managing and Improving Individual Care**

November 5, 2015; 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

Text messaging is a fast and effective method to connect with clients—from sending reminders for upcoming appointments to engaging patients with self-management supports. It can be an important tool to bridge the communication gap between patients and their providers by offering a fast, interactive way to communicate short messages 24/7.

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

#### **Webinar - Getting to Know the Federal Government and Funding Opportunities**

November 5, 2015; 3:30-5:00 p.m. ET

A federal funders panel reveals best practices in responding to federal funding announcements. Opportunities for federal funding are identified.

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

#### **Webinar - Responding to Traumatically Bereaved Military Children in Educational Settings: Barriers and Opportunities**

November 10, 2015; 12:00 p.m. ET

Join the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress for a multi-disciplinary and highly interactive look at the common issues traumatically bereaved military children and their families experience in educational settings. We will discuss systemic, individual, cultural, and financial barriers and opportunities to help traumatically bereaved military children and their families.

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

#### **SOAR Webinar: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**

November 12, 2015; 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET

Join the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center for an informational webinar on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in the context of representing the SOAR applicant with the Social Security Administration. In recent years, SOAR practitioners have seen an increase in veterans with a TBI, a common medical impairment among this population. This webinar will educate SOAR practitioners about the presence of TBI among returning service members, as well as individuals who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

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

#### **College for Veterans - Part One: Five Reasons to Get a Degree...at Any Age**

In this series of blogs, I'll be talking about colleges: why to go, where it's best for veterans and, of course, how the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can help you pay for it. First, let's look at why you should consider getting a degree even if you think you're too old to be a student. Although nothing can replace the leadership lessons learned in uniform, you'll be proud to have that degree.

[Read more...](#)

#### **Heartfelt Thanks for Deployed Service Members**

As pumpkins appear on doorsteps and excited children choose their Halloween costumes, many may wish a particular loved one was home to share the event. Deployed service members, too, may regret not being home for this and other upcoming holidays.

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#### **Telechaplancy Provides Access for Veterans No Matter Where They Live**

For a lot of veterans, spiritual care is an important part of their total care, and difficulties traveling to a VA Medical Center for pastoral and religious providers frequently becomes a problem. VA has come up with a solution – telechaplancy. [Read more...](#)

### **Physical Therapy Helps Veterans Regain Independence**

Whether from combat or disease, losing a limb is one of the worst things that can happen to a person. It's traumatic, permanent. Veterans who have lost limbs will also have unique, complex, and ever-changing health care needs due to the amputation. One of those initial needs is hours upon hours of physical therapy.

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### **Marine Turns to Art Therapy to Stop the Pain**

Gangbangers beat him, broke his neck and back, and left him for dead. But for Charles Marshall, who joined the Marine Corps as a scrawny, 105-pound kid and drove a truck 60,000 miles around Vietnam, this was one more battle for him to fight.

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