

SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans and their Families Technical Assistance Center and Lifeline-VCL Partnership

Overview of our Efforts in Serving those who Served
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Collaboration Across Federal Agencies

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)



U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)





Empowering Communities to Provide Support

- Since 2008, SAMHSA has led 49 states, 4 territories and the District of Columbia in creating strategic plans to support and meet the behavioral health needs of their military and veteran families.
- A variety of on-site and virtual technical assistance is offered to support state and city teams to implement these plans in their communities.



Resources and References

SAMHSA efforts to support your communities Military and Veteran Families can be located at the following websites and include:

- National Webinars
- Learning Collaborative
- Virtual Technical Assistance Consultation Catalogs

Visit: www.samhsa.gov/smvf-ta-center

And to sign up for monthly e-list serve:

SMVF Topics in the News:

https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1820873/1777480/





- SAMHSA and VA Interagency Agreement
- Partnership with the Lifeline and the Veterans Crisis Line for the Press 1 Option
 - Answered at either Canandaigua NY, Atlanta GE or Topeka KS
- Participation on Clinical Advisory Board for VCL
- Both on Federal Partners on Suicide Prevention

- Enhanced focus on identifying veterans not in VHA care
 - Embedded within GLS, NSSP, ZS, Lifeline and SPRC



Thank you.

SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

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