

Upcoming Events

September

September Suicide Prevention Month VA Event
 Tentative date for this event is September 22nd
There will be virtual panels focusing on a series of topics
More details to come!

Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255

VISN 19 VA/Community Virtual Mental Health Summit
 September 28th
VISN 19 (including VA medical Centers in CO, OK, MT, UT and WY) will be conducting a VISN-wide virtual mental Health Summit.
More details to come!

October

Joining Community Forces Quarterly Meeting
 October 20th
More details to come!



Check out more resources below!

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Don't forget to fill out our survey at
https://www.denver.va.gov/grecc/vcp_co

VETERAN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

2 CE APPLIED

FIFTEEN THINGS VETERANS WANT YOU TO KNOW

FOR MENTAL/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITIES AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

AUGUST 17

12:00PM PST · 1:00PM MDT
 2:00PM CST · 3:00PM EST

ZOOM WEBINAR

PRESENTED BY:
HEIDI KRAFT, PH.D.

This presentation is the cornerstone educational resource for military culture education at PsychArmor, and was created to help educate the therapeutic community as well as peer services who work with, live with, or care for our military service members, Veterans, and their families. PsychArmor asked hundreds of Veterans what they wanted health care providers and therapists to know about them. These comments were used to create the topics of this course. This special version of "Fifteen Things" focuses on mental healthcare providers, and the most important factors for them to understand in order to provide outstanding care to our country's Veterans. "Fifteen Things" is military culture in the form of a sea story brought to life, and will change the way clinicians look at clients who wear or once wore our country's uniform.

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OBJECTIVES

1. Identify the questions you should always ask a Veteran.
2. Discuss the one question you should never ask a Veteran.
3. Gain awareness of 15 facts that promote greater understanding of your Veteran patients.
4. Describe the ways that this cultural understanding will enhance your practice.



ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Heidi Squier Kraft received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the UC San Diego/SDSU Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology in 1996. She joined the Navy during her internship at Duke University Medical Center. Her active duty assignments included the Naval Safety Center, the Naval Health Research Center & Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL. While on flight status, she flew in nearly every aircraft in the Navy and Marine Corps inventory primarily with Marine Corps squadrons. In 2004, she deployed to western Iraq with a Marine Corps surgical company, when her twins were 15-months-old. *Rule Number Two* is a memoir of that experience. Dr. Kraft left active duty after nine years in the Navy. She currently serves as Chief Clinical Officer at PsychArmor Institute, a national non-profit.

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NAMI Homefront

National Alliance on Mental Illness

What is the NAMI Homefront Education Program?

NAMI Homefront is a free, six-session education program for family, friends and significant others of Military Service Members and Veterans with mental health conditions. It focuses on the unique needs of military and Veteran communities, such as post-deployment and post-discharge transitions.

The course is designed to help family members understand and support their loved one while maintaining their own well-being. The trained teachers of this course are also family members who have experience with military culture and know what it's like to have a loved one living with symptoms of a mental health condition.

NAMI Colorado, the state organization of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will offer it's NAMI Homefront Education Program beginning Wednesday, August 18th. It will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm MST via Zoom for 6 weeks.



Participant Perspectives

NAMI Homefront is an adaptation of the evidence-based NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program, which has been taught in VA health facilities since the late 1990s.

"It's the first step I have taken to get more involved personally with the VA. The first step I have taken to take care of me."

— Mother of a Veteran after graduating from a NAMI Homefront class held at the VA in NY

Contact Kristin at 303-321-3104 to register for our NAMI Homefront class



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About NAMI
 NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Colorado and dedicated volunteers, members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy, and support group programs for people in our community living with mental illness and their loved ones.



VHA Community Care Provider Webinar Series

This webinar series is one facet of a prioritized, proactive, provider outreach focused on building stronger and more sustainable working relationships with our community care providers. Provider-centric, this program concentrates on delivering webinars that impart VA health care policies and practices to assist our non-VA providers in serving our Veterans and their families.

3rd Thursday of each Month:
Department of Veterans Affairs—
Office of Community Care Overview

- ◆ Receive an overview on the background of Community Care Programs and corresponding VA regulations.
- ◆ Learn about hot topics like referrals, authorizations, unauthorized/emergency care, other health care, and common claim denial and rejection reasons.
- ◆ Apply new knowledge and resources to daily work to help both providers and VHA.



**Dates may be changed during holiday weeks.*

Register at:
https://www.train.org/vha/course/1078076/live_event

**An account in VHA Train is required before registering for the webinar.*

For more information about the Office of Community Care, email us using our Inquiry Routing & Information System (IRIS) at <https://iris.custhelp.com/app/ask>, or visit our website at <https://www.va.gov/communitycare/>.



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