



Tier One: Introduction to Military Culture, Families and Deployment

April 16, 2025

A Live, Interactive Webinar

Description:

This training is the first of the three tiers that sets the foundation for becoming a Star Provider and serving military-connected clients through the Star Behavioral Health Providers (SBHP) directory. The day-long training introduces participants to military culture, including the basics of its history, organizational structure, core values, branches of service, mission, and operations, as well as the differences between the active and reserve components. Additionally, considerations for working with military-connected families will be discussed such as identifying unique experiences of military couples, spouses and children, and normative military family life stressors that may inform the experiences and clinical presentation of military-connected clients. The training concludes with an overview of the impact of deployment on service members and families. The unique experiences and psychosocial impact that service members and families face across the deployment cycle are explored as well as ways to support military-connected individuals during each stage of deployment. Tier One highlights the need for engaging with military cultural humility, with an emphasis on educating providers about the factors that may impact mental health practice with military-connected clients. The information and contents of this training have consistent and credible empirical support as documented in the scientific literature (Heward et al., 2024; Blue Star Families, 2024; Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, 2023; Maury et al., 2022; Briggs et al., 2020).

Total CE Credits: 6.00

Total Contact Hours: 6.00

Learning Objectives:

Following the training, attendees will be able to:

1. Evaluate the structure and major components of the United States military
2. Analyze common characteristics of the military population and how they compare to the general population.
3. Appraise elements of the military experience and lifestyle that are integral to military culture
4. Analyze how the unique demands of military service differentiate military families from their civilian counterparts.
5. Evaluate the impact of normative military stressors on military families
6. Evaluate the impact of separation and deployment stressors experienced throughout the deployment cycle on service members and military families.



7. Analyze challenges that service members face in achieving successful post-deployment reintegration.

Target Audience: For behavioral health providers who treat military personnel, veterans, and their families.

Instructional Content Level: Introductory/Beginner

Agenda:

Eastern Time

(Please note the correct time for your respective time zone)

1100--1120	<i>SBHP Overview</i>
1120--1125	<i>Tier One Introduction and Objectives</i>
1125--1155	<i>Personal Perspective of Military Culture</i>
1155--1220	<i>Military Culture: Enhancing Clinical Competence</i>
1220--1230	Break
1230--1415	<i>Military Culture (continued)</i>
1415--1515	Lunch (on your own)
1515--1545	<i>Military Culture (continued)</i>
1545--1645	<i>The Military Family Experience</i>
1645--1655	Break
1655--1820	<i>Deployment Cycle and Separation Impact: Service Members & Military Families</i>
1820--1830	Break
1830--1905	<i>Deployment Cycle (continued)</i>
1905--1920	<i>Engaging the Culture with Confidence: Considerations in Application</i>
1920--1930	Questions and Closing

Continuing Education:

Course Completion Requirements: Participants are required to attend the entire training. Partial credits cannot be issued. The SBHP Overview and Personal Perspective of Military Culture portions of the day are not eligible for CE credits. Attendance is taken through the use of electronic logs, and a post-training evaluation form must be completed in order to receive ACE social work CE credits. For other CE credits, completion of the evaluation is strongly encouraged, but if you do not wish to complete the evaluation, please contact the training event's POC after the training event.

There is a 30-day time limit post-training to complete all CE requirements. CE Credit Certificates will be emailed within 30 days after all course requirements have been completed.



American Psychological Association Sponsor Approval:

The Center for Deployment Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

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Inquiries regarding CE credits may be directed via email to SBHP Support at sbhpsupport-ggg@usuhs.edu.

Participate:

Online Platform: Zoom

Date: April 16, 2025

Time: 1100 – 1930 Eastern

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Attendance Requirements: Attendees MUST log into the training on an individual computer/device rather than joining as a group using one computer/device. Attendance of the entire day of training is required to receive tier completion. Partial attendance cannot be given.

Registration Information: <https://starproviders.org/providers-home/>

Registration Deadline: Registration will close one business day before the training begins or when registration capacity has been reached.

Cancellations/Questions: Please contact SBHP Support at sbhpsupport-ggg@usuhs.edu if you have any questions or need to cancel your registration



Registration Cost/Refunds: Free

Required Materials: None

Location Information: Online via Zoom

Instructional Format: This live webinar is fully interactive. Attendees may ask and answer questions throughout the presentation and participate in instructor-led discussions.

System Requirements:

Zoom:

- Internet connection
- Operating System: Windows 7 or higher, Mac OS X with MacOS 10.9 or higher
- Web Browser: Internet Explorer 11+, Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+, Safari +7
- Hardware: 1Ghz processor or higher

Participants will not have to install any additional programs on their computer to take part. However, a web browser is necessary (Mac users: Chrome or Firefox is recommended to minimize tech issues). Participants may test their computer's Zoom capabilities by visiting <http://zoom.us/test>. We recommend all participants test their ability to load Zoom in advance of the training event to ensure there are no technical difficulties the morning of the event.

Special Accommodations: If you require special accommodation due to a disability, please contact Ms. Chris Myers at christina.myers.ctr@usuhs.edu 4 weeks prior to the training so that we may provide you with appropriate service.

Grievances: For any grievances or concerns with this training, including those related to course content, non-receipt of certificate, or other occurrences, participants may contact CDP's Continuing Education Director, Ms. Amanda Stanley-Hulsey, via email at amanda.stanley-hulsey.ctr@usuhs.edu

Instructor Biographies:

Kathryn E Monsey, LCSW, LCDC is a Military Behavioral Health Social Worker for the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. She assists in the implementation and expansion of the Star Behavioral Health Providers Program (SBHP). SBHP trains civilian behavioral health providers to work with service members, veterans, and their families. The mission is to expand the availability of high-quality behavioral health services, especially for those in the National Guard and Reserve Component.

Kathryn holds over ten years of experience providing clinical services treating PTSD and substance use disorders within civilian, military and veteran populations. She has worked in inpatient, outpatient and residential treatment settings, including clinical research settings at the University of Indiana Bio Behavioral Alcohol Research Laboratory and University of Hawaii MRI/Neurology research program. Kathryn went on to work in the SATP program at the Veterans Administration in Washington State and subsequently as a Behavioral Health Provider for the Army. Kathryn worked as an embedded behavioral health provider at Ft. Hood, 1st Cavalry Division (Infantry) in 2018 as a Substance Use Disorder Clinical



Care (SUDCC) provider and subsequently at USAG Wiesbaden (Germany) for 66th MI (Military Intelligence) and USAG Miami Health Clinic, providing co-occurring treatment for PTSD and substance use disorders.

Kathryn received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychological and Brain Sciences from Indiana University in 2011 and her Master of Social Work from University of Southern California, with a specialization on Military and Veteran Populations (MVP) in 2015. Kathryn further went on to specialize in PTSD and Substance Use disorders working in clinical and translational research through her bachelors and masters programs. She later received post graduate training in EMDR and trauma narrative therapies in addition to specialization licensure to treat substance use disorders. Kathryn has focused on addressing the unique needs of service members and veterans using evidence-based approaches, fitness for duty evaluations and harm reduction and abstinence based treatment models.

Debra Nofziger, Psy.D., is a Military Behavioral Health Psychologist and certified Cognitive Processing Therapy Trainer with the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. Located in Albany, Oregon, she develops, maintains, and conducts virtual and in-person training related to military deployments, culture, posttraumatic stress, and other psychological and medical conditions Service members and Veterans experience. Dr. Nofziger is the CDP Army POC, providing outreach and support to Army Behavioral Health training programs, behavioral health leadership, and individual military providers.

From 2007 to mid-2020, Dr. Nofziger served as the CDP Military Internship Behavioral Health Psychologist at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio, TX. She assisted with managing multiple behavioral health training programs, including the Clinical Psychology Internship Program, Psychology Residency, Social Work Internship Program, and multiple post-doctoral psychology fellowships.

Dr. Nofziger was an active duty Army psychologist with assignments at BAMC and the U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine. She was also deployed for a year to Iraq as a Brigade Psychologist with the 4th Infantry Division. Her variety of Active Duty assignments included positions as a staff psychologist in medical settings, at a community behavioral health clinic for soldiers in training, and in an aviation school environment where she was the training director for the Army's Aeromedical Psychology Training Course.

Dr. Nofziger earned her masters and doctorate degrees from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Missouri. Her interests continue to be providing support to Service members, Veterans and their families through the training of military and civilian medical and behavioral health providers. Her particular interest areas are in the treatment of trauma and moral injury.

Jennifer Nevers, MSW, LCSW is a Military Behavioral Health Social Worker for the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. She assists in the implementation and expansion of the Star Behavioral Health Providers Program (SBHP). SBHP trains civilian behavioral health providers to work with service members, veterans, and their families. The mission is to expand the availability of high-quality behavioral health services, especially for those in the Selected Reserve.



Jennifer is a Major in the Indiana Army National Guard serving as a Behavioral Health Officer (BHO). Jennifer previously served as a Brigade BHO with the 219th Engineer Brigade and is currently a BHO with the 738th Medical Company Area Support. Jennifer interfaces with Soldiers across Indiana linking them to behavioral health services.

Prior to joining CDP, Jennifer worked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in the Veterans Justice Outreach Program. Jennifer has over 10 years' experience providing clinical services to veterans with co-morbid mental health and substance use disorders, working as a liaison with problem solving courts, and increasing access to care for justice-involved veterans.

Jennifer received her Bachelor of Social Work from Indiana University in 2008 and her Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis in 2009. Jennifer specializes in addressing the unique needs of service members and veterans using evidence-based approaches. Jennifer is certified in Cognitive Processing Therapy, an evidence-based treatment for PTSD and trauma-related disorders.

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