



Tier One: Introduction to Military Culture, Families and Deployment

June 5, 2025

Des Moines, IA

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)

0800-0820	<i>SBHP Overview</i>
0820-0850	<i>Personal Perspective of Military Culture</i>
0850-0920	<i>Military Culture: Enhancing Clinical Competence</i>
0920-0930	Break
0930-1115	<i>Military Culture (continued)</i>
1115-1215	Lunch (on your own)
1215-1300	<i>Military Culture (continued)</i>
1300-1400	<i>The Military Family Experience</i>
1400-1410	Break
1410-1520	<i>Deployment Cycle and Separation Impact: Service Members & Military Families</i>
1520-1530	Break
1530-1620	<i>Deployment Cycle (continued)</i>
1620-1630	Questions and Closing

***The SBHP Overview and Personal Perspective of Military Culture portions of the day are not eligible for CE credits.*

Continuing Education:

Course Completion Requirements: Participants are required to attend the entire training. Partial credits cannot be issued. Attendance is taken manually, through the use of sign in/sign out sheets, 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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New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work Provider Approval: The Center for Deployment Psychology is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers (#SW-0744).

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

Participate:

Date: June 5, 2025

Time: 0800 – 1630 Eastern

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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: Athens, WV

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Des Moines, IA 50321

Instructional Format: In-Person

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:

Allison Hannah, 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 reserve components.

Allison is a Veteran of the United States Army and United States Army Reserves. During Allison's time in the military from 2003 through 2016, she served in various occupation specialties as a bridgecrew member, chaplain assistant, and most recently as a Human Resources Officer. While serving in the active duty component, Allison deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 09-11. She also held additional duties during her tenure training service members in suicide prevention and as a victim advocate with the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) program.

Allison received her Bachelor of Social Work from University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN in 2007 and her Master of Social Work from Loyola University Chicago in 2015. Allison is currently pursuing her Doctor of Social Work from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Allison's previous clinical work includes positions in community mental health, the Iowa City Health Care System in the Homeless Veteran Program and with the Defense Health Agency within the Child and Family Behavioral Health Services section at an active-duty Army base. Allison is trained in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and is a Registered Play Therapist™ specializing in using evidence-based approaches to address trauma, adjustment and attachment related disorders.

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