

Highlights –August 2019

In Network Referrals Up 18%

We are excited to announce that we saw an 18% increase in provider referrals back into the ST Network during the month of August. Bi-directional referrals between providers and the ST Coordination Center allow us to better serve our clients by increasing their access to additional programs and services. It is one of the benefits of being a part of a network. We encourage all providers to increase their usage in the network by referring any and all clients who present with needs outside of your program's service delivery. Please contact Julie Riggs jriggs@every-mind.org if you have any questions about making referrals into ServingTogether thru the network.



New Faces on the ServingTogether Team

Anyone who has worked with our program knows we could not do what we do without the amazing work of our Peer Navigators. We are very excited to welcome Peer Navigators **Dan Jones** and **Jason Smith** as the newest members of our team.



Dan comes to ServingTogether with over four years of experience working directly with veterans. Dan received a BA in Anthropology from the University of Colorado and an MA in Anthropology from Georgia State University. Prior to joining the ServingTogether team, Dan served as a Laboratory Manager with the Veterans Curation Program where he providing training, mentorship, and professional growth and development to recently-separated military veterans. Dan has a profound appreciation for military personnel and is excited to utilize his skills and knowledge to serve the needs of the veteran community, assisting veterans and their families.



Jason is a twenty-year army veteran retired out of Walter Reed Bethesda. He served as a combat medic and behavioral health provider. He has worked every facet of military mental health including in-patient and out-patient care, group and individual counseling, education and prevention training. He has a passion for networking, team building, and helping others.

In need of assistance? If you are a service member, veteran or family member in need of assistance, please fill out the Get Assistance Form on ServingTogetherProject.org or give us a call at 1-855-738-7176.



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ServingTogether and The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Easterseals are offering

Mental Health First Aid: Military and Veteran Module

If you a veteran or an individual working with veterans in our community this is the training for you.

Family members and personnel working with military, veterans and families are often not aware of how to engage veterans with mental illnesses and addictions. **Mental Health First Aid** training aims to increase mental health literacy and to decrease stigmatizing attitudes in our communities. Like regular First Aid or CPR, Mental Health First Aid is designed to give people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The course uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to recognize and respond to the warning signs of specific illnesses.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, SPACE IS LIMITED.

REGISTER AT: <https://www.every-mind.org/registration-forms/mental-health-first-aid-military-veteran/>

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 8:30am to 5:00pm

LOCATION: The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic - 1420 Spring Street, Silver Spring MD

COST: FREE & refreshments and lunch are provided!

For questions please contact Christy Kenady at ckenady@every-mind.org



Check out the newest providers to join the ServingTogether Network!

A Wider Circle

Calling on Vets

Fields 4 Valor Farms

Montgomery College Educational
Opportunity Center

Prince George's County Department of
Family Services, Aging and Disabilities
Services Division, Aging and Disabilities
Resource Center

World Financial Group

NEED COMMUNITY SUPPORT! Large Scale Veteran Event Coming in June

The Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board (LCCVEB) will sponsor a **Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC)** in June 2020. While held in Loudoun, this event will bring veterans from all over the Washington DC Metro Area.

The VEAC will provide face-to-face assistance with VA personnel to assist with most of the following:

- Facilitate and expedite existing claims and appeals
- File new claims
- Accept claims-related evidence for processing and providing information regarding benefit - related VA programs
- Answer healthcare and eligibility questions
- Provide bereavement assistance
- Provide mental health screening

The LCCVEB has already begun active planning for this event and has formed the following planning teams.

- Communications - Advertising and Public Contact
- Parking and Transportation
- Facility Support (includes childcare)
- Program
- IT Connectivity and Automation
- Food and Beverage
- Security and Contingency Planning
- Finance
- Volunteers

To make this a success **we need active participation** from local organizations and individuals. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the LCCVEB team at lccveb@gmail.com.

Our next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Loudoun Government Center in the Purcellville Conference Room (1 Harrison St. SE, Leesburg, VA).

ServingTogether & Community Partner Collaborative Meetings for September

Community	Date	Time	Location
Frederick County CVEB	September 3, 2019	9:00 – 10:30am	Mount St Mary's College Frederick Campus 5350 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD
Prince George's County Collaborative	September 17, 2019	1:00 – 2:30pm	Prince George's County Office of Veteran Affairs 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Rd Suite L-023
Montgomery County Veteran Collaborative	September 18, 2019	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	EveryMind! 1000 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville, MD 20851
Frederick Veteran Support Network	September 24, 2019	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Mental Health Assoc. of Frederick 226 S. Jefferson ST Frederick MD