



DoD IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE MONTHLY

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Informing a community of behavioral health providers who lead the rapid translation of research findings into routine clinical practice

Resources/Tips of the Month

Successful Implementation of Practices and Programs Workbook

This workbook from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is a tool that provides step-by-step information for conducting an organizational assessment as you prepare for implementation.

Dissemination & Implementation Barriers and Facilitators Measurement Toolkit

This toolkit from the Washington University in St. Louis Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences identifies two approaches to assessing implementation barriers and facilitators, reviews measurement tools for both approaches, and provides examples of previously identified and published barriers and facilitators.

Featured Articles

Implementation and Dissemination of a Transition of Care Program for Rural Veterans: a Controlled Before and After Study

This study assesses both implementation and intervention outcomes of the Veteran Health Administration's rural transition nurse program, a nurse-led, veteran-centered intervention designed to improve transitional care for rural veterans.

Optimising the Value of the Evidence Generated in Implementation Science: the Use of Ontologies to Address the Challenges

This article addresses the challenges presented in the rapidly growing body of evidence of behavior change interventions, including the lack of shared terminologies, its quantity and complexity, and the implications they have for Implementation Science.

Featured articles are available on the Practice-Based Implementation (PBI) Network's max.gov website. For access to the max.gov site, please send an email to usarmy.dhcc-pbi-network@mail.mil.

Action Items

Psychological Health Practice Change Prioritization Work Group (PCPWG) Meeting

As part of its annual pilot selection process, the PBI Network called for practice change proposals that promote evidence-based interventions and support the psychological health of service members, veterans, and their families. The submitted proposals were vetted for relevance and compliance, and reviewed, scored and ranked at the second annual PCPWG meeting. The proposals' rankings and scores will be forwarded to the Behavioral Health Clinical Community in January for the final selection of a pilot intervention to be implemented across the Military Health System by the PBI Network team in 2018.

Technology into Care Pilot Closes Out

The PBI Network's Tech into Care pilot will conclude Dec. 31, 2017. A total of seven Air Force and Navy clinical sites and 51 providers participated in the initiative to facilitate the use and integration of mobile applications as a support to ongoing care. The data analysis will be conducted and a final report on outcomes will be available in spring 2018.

Research News

The Society of Biological Psychiatry is accepting late breaking oral and poster abstracts from Feb. 12 - March 5, 2018, for their 73rd annual meeting, which will be held May 10-12, 2018. Read more on their website.

Recent PHCoE Scientific Presentations

AMSUS: The Society of Federal Health Employees

The Psychological Health Center of Excellence presented at the annual AMSUS Continuing Education Meeting. Topics included:

- Evaluating the Impact of Opioid Prescribing Training on Opioid Prescription Practice in the Military Health System
- Mental Health Findings for Service Members who Experienced Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment
- A Revised Framework to Assess and Treat Patients with Acute Stress Disorder/Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
- DoD/VA Operational Implementation Science: Definitive Processes to Deploy Empirically Based Knowledge Solutions to the Homefront

The poster presentations are available to view and download on the PHCoE website.

Society of Behavioral Medicine's 39th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions April 11-14 in New Orleans, LA

SBM is the leading multidisciplinary behavioral medicine conference and focuses on translating research into policy and practice. Join over 2000 professionals from around the world in exchanging ideas to improve health through behavior change.

Society for Prevention Research 26th Annual Meeting May 29 - June 1 in Washington, D.C.

The SPR Annual Meeting provides a forum for communication between researchers, policy leaders and practitioners regarding the implementation of evidence-based preventive interventions in all areas of public health. You will have the opportunity to network with over 800 professionals from around the world about this year's theme: "Optimizing the Relevance of Prevention Science to Systems."