



Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury: Overview

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Overall Context



- Feb 2007: Walter Reed story broke in the Washington Post
- At the same time, multiple reports provided highlevel attention to the needs of returning service members
 - Task Force on Returning GWOT Heroes
 - DoD Mental Health Task Force
 - Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors
 - DoD IG Review of DoD/DVA Interagency Care Transition
 - Independent Review Group (IRG)
 - Veterans Disability Benefits Commission



Overall Context



- May 2007: Wounded, III, and Injured
 Senior Oversight Committee was formed
 - Consisting of 8 Lines of Action (LOAs) focused on issues such as:
 - Disability System
 - TBI/Psychological Health
 - Case Management
 - DoD/DVA Data Sharing
 - Facilities
 - Personnel, Pay and Financial Support



DCoE



- One of the outcomes of the SOC was the creation of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and TBI
- SEP 2007: Director appointed BG Loree Sutton
- 30 NOV 2007: Center established
- JUN 2008: Acting Deputy Director (VA) named
- JUL 2008: All key leaders onboard and all Directorates stand up
- AUG 2008: Split operations began with staff co-located in both Rosslyn and Silver Spring
- JAN 2009: VA Deputy confirmed
 - Hiring 2 additional VA liaisons



DCoE Mission



DCoE facilitates and implements prevention, resilience, identification, treatment, rehabilitation, and reintegration programs for **Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury to ensure the Department** of Defense meets the needs of the nation's military communities, warriors, and families.



DCoE Headquarters



- Leadership
- 8 Directorates
 - Clearinghouse, Advocacy and Outreach
 - Research, QA, Program Evaluation, and Surveillance
 - Resilience and Prevention
 - Standards of Care Psychological Health
 - Standards of Care Traumatic Brain Injury
 - Strategy, Plans, and Programs
 - Telehealth and Technology
 - Training and Education



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DCoE Headquarters

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Defense and Veterans **Brain Injury** Center (DVBIC)

Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP)

Deployment Health Clinical Center (DHCC)

Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS)

Telehealth & Technology Center (T2)

National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE)

- TBI-specific evaluation. treatment and follow-up care for all military personnel. their loved ones and veterans
- TBI clinical research. training and education
- Designated DoD Office of Responsibility for TBI surveillance for all the services

- · Deployment-related behavioral health training for military and civilian mental health professionals
- Research deployment-related needs of service members and families
- Efforts underway to extend training to primary care and other specialties

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- Consultation & assessment of post-deployment physical symptoms
- Three-week Specializes Care Programs for traumatic stress spectrum conditions
- Deployment healthcare education using web-based and traditional strategies
- Deployment healthcare program implementation & evaluation
- Clinical & deployment health services research

- · Research. education. consultation and training on PH and TBI
- · Knowledge. leadership and applications for preparing for, responding to and recovering from the consequences of disaster and trauma
- Integrates science. clinical care. community needs and the health of the nation

- · Leverage telehealth and other technologies to screen, educate. prevent, assess and treat
- Research, evaluate. and develop new tech applications
- · Deploy technologies and provide analyses to support key DoD and Service programs including suicide tracking, annual and deployment health screenings

- Opens Fall 2009
- Clinical arm of DCoE
- PH and TBI intensive outpatient evaluation and diagnosis, initial treatment plans, family-centered education. telehealth and long-term follow-up
- Research teams/consortia (intramural and extramural)

www.dvbic.org

www.pdhealth.mil

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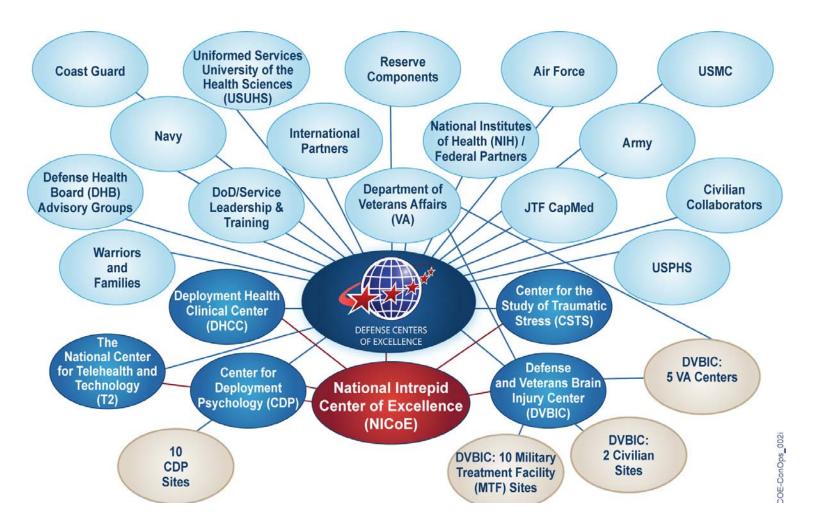
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DCoE Collaborations



For Psychological Health & Traumatic Brain Injury





Selected Accomplishments to Date



- NICoE Groundbreaking in JUN 2008
- Funded \$45M in PH/TBI Research
 - Including \$5M in CAM proposals
- Launched afterdeployment.org
- Partnered with WETA on Brainline
- Partnered with DoL and VA on America's Heroes at Work Campaign
- Revised/developed mTBI clinical practice guidelines with VA; Currently revising VA/DoD PTSD guidelines
- CDP Trained 1,178 Providers in FY 2008
- Cosponsored/hosted multiple conferences (Trauma Spectrum Disorders, Suicide Prevention, Warrior Resilience, Paving the Way Home)
- Launched 24/7 Outreach Center (866-966-1020)
- Initiated Real Warriors public awareness campaign

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