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MVP and TVTV Newsletter

Your newsletter for all important updates related to Military and Veterans Psychology and the Train Vets to Treat Vets Programs.

April 2022

In the month of April, we recognize the month of the Military Child. According to the Active Duty and Reserves Military File, there were over 1.7 million military children in 2017. We do not have a count of the number of veteran children of all ages who are spread out across the country, yet they are equally valued for their role in our veteran families. Some have known a time when they were separated from one or both of their parents, due to the demands of their parents' military service. All have known the sacrifices of a military family. We honor their bravery, resilience, and perseverance. They will be stronger for the challenges they face outside that of their civilian counterparts.

Here are a couple of resources to help support military children in your community:

[Military Child](#)

[Military One Source](#)

Please take some time to check them out and find out if there are any ways in which you may support military children, in April or any other month of the year! Thanks again for your attention to our newsletter.

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Announcements

Upcoming CE Events

Responding to Veterans in Crisis: a Co-Response Model

Time and Date: May 13th 12-1pm

CE Credits: 1

Cost: Free

The program will provide participants with an introduction to specific methods of crisis response with the military veterans in the communities which has been endorsed by the International Public Safety Association and is certified through California and Arizona Peace Officer Standards. This will include the discussion of commonly encountered scenarios involving law enforcement using the “Co-Response” model. This model incorporates law enforcement and mental health professionals or trained peers who answer calls to veterans in crisis. More specifically, we will be presenting the work which was born out of the Long Beach VA, to meet the needs of the military and veteran interactions with law enforcement and has since evolved to include a specialized training model for community police and mental health co-responders. As part of this discussion, students will be exposed to evidence-based diagnostic, assessment, and de-escalation practices that they can then directly apply to their studies and field-based practices.

[Register Here!](#)

Previous CE Events

Miss any of our previous CE events this year? Check them out on Youtube!

[Visit our Youtube](#)

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Sonia Suri

Dr. Sonia Suri is a public health professional with 20 plus years' experience in Local, Statewide National, and International Research and Evaluation, of these fifteen years have been focused on the evaluation of state, federal, and foundation-funded programs. Dr. Sonia earned her Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology with a focus on Maternal and Child Health from the University of Connecticut, and her Bachelor of Science in Anthropology from Delhi University, Delhi, India.



For the last several years she has taken a leadership role in the development of culturally responsive and comprehensive evaluations at many different organizations. Her interest in developing culturally responsive evaluations led to her becoming a Cultural Intelligence (CQ) Certified Facilitator, with additional training on the integration of Unconscious Bias and CQ. She has used qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods to research and evaluates mental health, home visiting, substance abuse, violence prevention, housing/homelessness, veteran and workforce development programs, among others. She has collaborated and consulted with state and national experts on child maltreatment, early intervention, violence prevention, female veterans, and homelessness. She also has evaluated state and federal programs that serve immigrant and refugee populations, evaluating and providing cultural intelligence support for the Refugees and immigrants.

At William James College she has a leadership role in the

development of responsive and comprehensive evaluations of new William James initiatives. In particular, Dr. Suri serves as the Research Director for many of William James' Veterans initiatives, INTERFACE, High Conflict Divorce, GAL, HRSA integrated health, GPE, and OWEP (OUD) programs as well as other emerging programs as needs and opportunities arise. Additionally, Dr. Suri led the effort to submit and subsequently win the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Grant from HRSA in 2014. She serves as a CO-PI and lead evaluator on this three-year federal grant. She also serves as the Research Director and Contract Manager and Research Director for the Massachusetts Department of Veteran Services Annual contract for the Research and Outreach done by our Train Vets to Treat Vets Program. Dr. Suri provides an important resource to the college as it continues to enhance our research and scholarship capacity, and provides support for the numerous programmatic and research initiatives currently under development.

Corey New, ICF Certified Executive Coach



Corey New is the chief operating officer for ISI Professional Services leading operations, contracts, finance, HR, recruiting, training, and leadership development. Responsible for driving results, spurring growth, and increasing the overall efficiency of the corporation. He is a retired colonel from the US army, whose last position was brigade commander for the Department of Defense's largest storage and distribution center of over 2000 employees, 10M square feet of warehouse space, and \$14B in inventory. During his military career, he supported disaster relief and combat operations in Haiti, Bosnia, Hungary, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, received a dual Master's Degree in Business Administration and Global Supply Chain Management through Indiana University at Bloomington, and received a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College. Corey recently graduated from the Graduate Certification in Executing Coaching (GCEC) program at William James College.

Personal awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (three awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Army Commendation Medal (two awards).

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