



Featured Presentations

Breakout Session One: **Tuesday, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m.**

State of the Science About Military Families



Regency Ballroom B, West Tower, Gold Level

Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth, Ph.D.

Professor and Director, Military Family Research Institute, Purdue University

This presentation will summarize the newest research about the implications of deployment and reintegration for marriage, parenting, and family resilience. Emphasis will be placed on research that can inform the work of military support practitioners. Co-authors include Colleen Pagnan, Rita Samper, and Michael Porfirio.

Breakout Session Two: **Tuesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

Town Hall With Senior Enlisted Advisors From the Military Services



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The Town Hall will feature the four Services' Senior Enlisted Advisors or their representatives, who are available to field questions and discuss issues centered around conference themes such as:

- Family Support
- Deployment Support
- Health Care and Psychological Services
- Personal Financial Readiness
- Spouse Employment
- Quality of Education "Outside the Gate"

An opportunity to interact with all four Senior Enlisted Advisors in one room may occur only once in a career. Do not miss this opportunity to pulse the combined experience of these leaders whose primary focus is supporting service members and military families.

Breakout Session Three: Tuesday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health (PH) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): Overview of DCoE and the “Building Bridges” Collaborative Group



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Dr. Lolita O'Donnell, RN, Ph.D.

Deputy Director, Clearinghouse, Outreach & Advocacy Directorate, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE)

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Division Chief, Outreach, Clearinghouse, Outreach & Advocacy Directorate, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE)

Mary “Tib” Campise, LICSW

Senior Program Analyst, Family Advocacy Program, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Military Community & Family Policy

This presentation will acquaint participants with a relatively new DoD agency: the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE). They will learn the context for the development of DCoE, programs and resources available to support families, assistance available through the 24/7 Call Center, how to navigate the website, and how to submit best practices. Participants will also learn about the exciting multi-agency, military/community partnership to support the PH and TBI needs of military and veteran families called “Building Bridges.” They will learn how they can join this collaborative network whose goals are to provide a forum for information and resource sharing; a platform for joint planning and joint activities; and an avenue for enhancing the capacity of communities to support military and veteran families.

Breakout Session Four: Wednesday, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Impact of Deployment on Children and Families: Recent Research Updates



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Angela Huebner, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Department of Human Development, Virginia Tech

The purpose of this presentation is to update participants on the research trends related to the impact of deployment on children and families related to the Global War on Terrorism. Participants will learn about how youth and families experience deployment and the different ways professionals can be supportive.

Breakout Session Five: Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Communicating With Children Using Storytelling, Visuals, and Humor



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Trevor Romain

President, Trevor Romain Company

Experiencing deployment or reintegration with a parent can be extremely stressful on children and families. Many children do not know how to recognize emotions or ask for help. In this presentation, Trevor Romain will share his approach to communicating with children. The presentation will discuss how to break the ice and establish trust, use visual examples that children can easily understand, and how to speak to them in a language they can understand.

Breakout Session Six: Thursday, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Parents' Role in Building Resilience



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Kenneth R. Ginsburg, M.D.

Associate Professor, Pediatrics, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

This presentation will introduce the seven C's model of resilience published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and focus on the unique contributions parents can make to build their children's ability to overcome adversity. It will cover parenting and communication styles that help children to build competence, address ways in which parents can inadvertently undermine their children's inherent resilience, summarize what is known about how the balance of support and control makes a difference in the behaviors adolescents choose, and demonstrate how parents can create a setting in which teens choose to talk to them. Parents will be offered skills to help their children navigate the pushes and pulls of peer pressure and offer effective methods of discipline.

