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**The Cohen Veterans Network and the Center for Deployment Psychology Lead**

**Successful Summit on Implementation Science**

*CVN and CDP bring together researchers, scientists, clinicians and leaders to discuss the needs and opportunities for implementation science in evidence based practices across geographically dispersed healthcare networks.*

WASHINGTON, May 25, 2017 -- This week the Cohen Veterans Network partnered with the [Center for Deployment Psychology](#) to host the Implementation Summit of innovative discussions and presentations designed to support the use and growth of evidence based practices in mental health for veterans and their families. The two-day gathering in Washington D.C. included the leading researchers, clinicians, and network executives from across the nation focused on military veterans mental health needs.

Months of planning culminated in a convening of the best minds in military veterans mental health care and implementation science with the goal of identifying opportunities for collaboration and improvement when serving the veteran community.

“I am thrilled to have partnered with CDP to host the Implementation Summit. Through our work, we know that evidence based practices work for behavioral health, the question is how do we make sure our networks of providers are trained and using these techniques,” said Dr. Anthony Hassan, President & CEO of the Cohen Veteran Network. “This Summit brought together the best in implementation science, along with leaders across the spectrum who are committed to ensuring that our veterans and their families receive the quality of care they deserve.”



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"The Cohen Veterans Network has a very unique opportunity to re-think some of the ways of delivering mental health services and in that way, can explore new ways of doing business that might be worth sharing with other systems of care," said Joe Ruzek, Director of the Dissemination and Training Division of the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. "I think that it has been a unique opportunity to bring together a wide range of experts in implementation science and share these ideas. I believe in many ways it will enrich and inform other partnerships," he continued.

The Summit offered opportunities for learning, networking and collaboration amongst individuals from a variety of disciplines. The Cohen Veterans Network will continue to convene and lead conversations around these exciting topics with the goal of improving mental health outcomes for veterans and their families.

"We hope to continue generating solutions and scaling great ideas as we work toward our goal of getting veterans and families back to better," Hassan said.

### **About Cohen Veterans Network**

Every day, many veterans and their families are living with the mental and physical scars from serving their country during military service. The Cohen Veterans Network was created to serve them by providing high-quality, accessible, and integrated mental health care. Through our client-centered, customized outpatient care, we support veterans and their families as they begin their next mission: healthy and happy lives. Learn more at <https://www.cohenveteransnetwork.org/>.

### **About the Center for Deployment Psychology**

The mission of the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) is to lead the development of a community of culturally mindful and clinically competent providers through the delivery of high-quality training and education, the convening of experts, and the dissemination of research-based treatment and the latest topics in military behavioral health.

