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Cohen Veterans Network Partners with Home Base and Mass General Hospital to Provide First-Class Pediatric Assessment Training for the Field

A comprehensive, research-based training course - Caring for Children of Military Families: Mental Health Assessment and Interventions for Common Issues - opens today for mental health providers specializing in pediatric care

Stamford, CT., August 13, 2019 – [Cohen Veterans Network](#) (CVN) has made a strong commitment toward improving the care of military children around the country via an innovative mental health training partnership with [Home Base](#) and [Massachusetts General Hospital](#) (MGH).

Leveraging the expertise of clinicians from Home Base and MGH's Psychiatry Department, recently ranked #1 in the nation by [US News & World Report](#), this unique training was created after a field-based needs assessment. The training was developed for CVN's internal training program, but is being made publicly available to help advance the field and fill the gap in the community as well. It will enable therapists who treat adults to properly assess children and therefore expand access to care.

The training curriculum, developed by MGH's Psychiatry Academy and Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital program, is designed to help providers translate knowledge of best practices for assessment and treatment into enhanced clinical practice that provides better outcomes for military-connected children and families.

CVN has 14 Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinics in operation around the country and has served more than 12,300 clients in a little more than three years.

"Nearly half of our clients at the Cohen Clinics are military family members. This training opportunity will enable our clinicians to assess the needs of military children at the highest level possible," said Dr. Anthony Hassan, President and CEO of Cohen Veterans Network. "Part of our mission is to advance the field of mental health, and this



training provided by a world-renowned partner allows us to help thousands of practitioners do their jobs better.”

The online Pediatric Assessment Training for the military mental health community will train providers to appropriately assess children’s mental health needs. The course is self-led and comes at no-cost due to CVN’s support. Additionally, clinicians may receive CE credits also at no-cost, while similar trainings may cost clinicians several thousand dollars.

“We at Home Base understand the cost of service does not occur in a vacuum. We believe that when one family member serves, the entire family serves as well and is, therefore, impacted,” said Louis Chow, PhD, Home Base Director of Education. “Our training mission is dedicated to arming our community partners to better understand the unique circumstances faced by our military families and we are proud to partner with Cohen Veterans Network to expand this very important mission.”

The training will be available through October 7, 2019, at no cost to primary care and community mental health providers, pediatricians, school health professionals, and nurses across the country. Clinicians [may register for the seven-part self-led online course now](#).

ABOUT THE COHEN VETERANS NETWORK

The Cohen Veterans Network is a 501(c)(3) national not for profit philanthropic network of mental health clinics for post-9/11 veterans and their families. CVN focuses on improving mental health outcomes, with a goal to build a network of outpatient mental health clinics for veterans and their families in high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. The network currently has 14 clinics in operation serving veterans and their families across the country. Learn more about the [Cohen Veterans Network](#).

ABOUT HOME BASE

Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program, is dedicated to healing the invisible wounds for Veterans of all eras, Service Members, Military Families and Families of the Fallen through world-class clinical care, wellness, education and research. As a National Center of Excellence, Home Base operates the first and largest private-sector clinic in the nation devoted to providing life-saving clinical care and support for the treatment of the invisible wounds to include post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, depression, co-occurring substance use disorder, family relationship challenges and other issues associated



with military service. Since its inception, Home Base has provided care and support to more than 21,000 Veterans and family members and trained more than 73,000 clinicians, educators, first responders and community members – all at no cost – ensuring a brighter future for the 21st century warrior and military family. Headquartered in the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston, MA with a satellite location in Southwest Florida, Home Base is a nonprofit organization that operates on predominantly on the philanthropic generosity of a grateful nation. federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and corporations. For more information please visit www.homebase.org.

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