



Centerstone and Cohen Veterans Network Commemorate Two Years of Service to Local Military and Their Families

The Cohen Clinic in Jacksonville, offering mental health services for post-9/11 veterans and families, also commemorates PTSD Awareness Month

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 30, 2022 — The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone in Jacksonville marked two years of service to the community and PTSD Awareness Month with a Community Celebration on Thursday, June 30, 2022. The clinic, part of Cohen Veterans Network (CVN), a national not-for-profit network of mental health clinics for post-9/11 veterans, service members and their families, is the largest of its kind in North Florida. It has delivered more than 850 episodes of care since launching in early 2020.

“Today we reinforced our commitment to Northeast Florida as we reflect on how we’ve provided critical mental health services to the community over the last two years,” said CVN President & CEO Dr. Anthony Hassan. “The Cohen Clinic is here to help those in the military and veteran community and families who may be struggling with mental health challenges.”

Located on Jacksonville’s Southside at 7001 A.C. Skinner Parkway, the clinic opened during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic and pivoted to 100% telehealth to help clients cope with isolation and other mental health issues during lockdowns, work-from-home and other drastic changes in daily life. The clinic added individual care for active duty service members with a TRICARE referral in 2021 and is currently offering both in-person and virtual care for all clients.

The Community Celebration featured CVN and Centerstone leaders as well as community and military leaders along with supporters and donors. Florida Senator Aaron Bean was the keynote speaker. Sen. Bean has been one of the clinic’s strongest supporters in securing state funding for the clinic. Former Army Sergeant Kyle White, a Medal of Honor recipient and CVN Ambassador, also attended the event and spoke about the critical need for PTSD and other mental health care for the military and their families. White was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery, courage, sacrifice and integrity in service to his country and fellow servicemen in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The event also marked PTSD Awareness Month. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), there are currently about 8 million people in the United States with PTSD. Even though PTSD treatments work, most people who have PTSD don’t get the help they need. In fact, a 2021 America’s Mental Health PTSD Pulse Survey from CVN found that nearly one in four (23%) Americans believe PTSD is not treatable. But there are multiple therapy options available that have been proven effective for treating PTSD. Everyone with PTSD—whether they are veterans or civilian survivors of sexual assault, serious accidents, natural disasters, or other traumatic events—needs to know treatments for the disorder work and can lead to a better quality of life.

Northeast Florida is home to over 150,000 veterans and 75,000 active duty, and Reserve personnel. The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone, Jacksonville provides high-quality, comprehensive mental health care to veterans, regardless of discharge status or role while in uniform, service members and their families. This includes spouses, partners, children, parents, siblings, caregivers, and others. Treatment is available for a wide variety of mental health challenges in addition to PTSD, including depression, anxiety, adjustment issues, anger, grief and loss, family issues, transition challenges, relationship problems, and children’s behavioral problems.



CVN and Centerstone have partnered on three Cohen Clinics since 2018. The Jacksonville clinic is funded by CVN and Centerstone along with funding from the State of Florida, CSX, Boeing, and the Community Foundation of Northeast Florida. The Cohen Clinic also has strategic partnerships with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Wounded Warrior Project and K9s for Warriors.

About Cohen Veterans Network

Cohen Veterans Network (CVN) is a 501(c)(3) national not-for-profit philanthropic organization for post-9/11 veterans, active duty service members and their families. CVN focuses on improving mental health outcomes, operating a network of outpatient mental health clinics in high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. It was established in 2016 by philanthropist Steven A. Cohen with a commitment of \$275 million to build the network. Learn more about CVN [here](#).

About Centerstone

[Centerstone](#) is a nonprofit health system providing mental health and substance use disorder treatments. Services are available nationally through the operation of outpatient clinics, residential programs, the use of telehealth and an inpatient hospital. Centerstone also features specialized programs for the military community, therapeutic foster care, children's services and employee assistance programs. Centerstone's Research Institute provides guidance through research and technology, leveraging the best practices for use in all our communities.

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