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The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Child & Family Service Provides Access to High-Quality Mental Health Services for Hawai`i Military Community

Clinic has served more than 1,000 clients to date

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HONOLULU – After opening its doors during the pandemic, The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Child & Family Service celebrated its two-year anniversary on Tuesday with a community celebration event at its Mililani clinic. The clinic is part of financier-philanthropist Steven A. Cohen's \$275 million commitment to help reduce military suicide and increase care for military families by building 25 mental health clinics across the country.

"Hawai`i has a mental health practitioner shortage that impacts veterans and military members. When mental healthcare services can be found, it is challenging finding culturally competent care from a provider who understands the unique experiences of veterans and military families," said Cohen Veterans Network President & CEO Dr. Anthony Hassan. "It's important that we break down barriers standing between a service member and the care they need. In Hawai`i, where access to care can be challenging, we're working to make sure any member of the military community who needs help is able to find it with a highly competent practitioner."

Joining Hassan on stage today were Child & Family Service President & CEO Karen Tan and Brigadier General Stephen Logan.

"This partnership is bringing crucial mental health interventions and case management services to military families of Hawai'i – and teaming together to make impactful changes in the community is what we are all about," said Tan.





The clinic has delivered more than 1,000 episodes of care across the state since launching its services in 2020, including telehealth therapy sessions and in-person sessions. More than 30,000 post-9/11 veterans, their families, as well as nearly 60,000 family members of active duty service men and women in Hawai`i are eligible for care at the clinic located at 95-1091 `Āinamakua Drive in Mililani. The nine-thousand-square-foot clinic was the 17th location to open in the network, which now has 23 Cohen Clinics operating around the country.

"I'm extremely proud of our Hawai`i team who has been working tirelessly over the past two years to provide high-quality care during some of the most challenging circumstances," said Hassan. "During the pandemic we've worked to address the provider shortage and at the same time we've created roots in the community over the past two years and we look forward to being here to serve this underserved community for many years to come."

The clinic uses evidence-based practices to treat depression, anxiety, adjustment issues, anger, grief and loss, family issues, transition challenges, post-traumatic stress, relationship problems, children's behavior problems and more. Services are available regardless of discharge status, role while in uniform, or combat experience.

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 Child & Family Service

Child & Family Service (CFS) is Hawaii's family-centered, full-service nonprofit that has been at work in the community since 1899, and is dedicated to strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children. Through an array of statewide programs that welcome everyone from keiki to kūpuna across the Islands, CFS helps Hawai`i families address some of life's most serious situations including poverty, abuse, and neglect. CFS proves its effectiveness with data and results; from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, CFS provided direct services to 14,132 individuals and touched another 75,000 lives through phone calls, referrals, educational presentations, and by providing for those visiting walk-in family centers. For more information, please visit www.childandfamilyservice.org.