

The Second Annual Trauma Spectrum Disorders Conference: A Scientific Conference on the Impact of Military Service on Families and Caregivers

Introduction	The Second Annual Trauma Spectrum Disorders (TSD) Conference is a jointly sponsored conference between the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) for Psychological Health & Traumatic Brain Injury, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other collaborative Federal Partners.
Recommended Readings	Prior to the Conference all registered participants will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a bibliography and select abstracts from key studies, ○ selected studies that address key issues on TSD and caregiving; TSD and families; and TSD and child development
Purpose	This is the second annual collaborative scientific conference examining recent research on TSD. This year's conference will focus on the impact of TSD on military and veteran families and caregivers across deployment, homecoming, and reintegration. The conference will: 1) examine the needs of families and caregivers in support of military and veterans with TSD; 2) discuss the factors related to family functioning and reintegration; 3) describe effective approaches that facilitate the treatment of TSD and services to families and caregivers; and 4) recommend plans for addressing the concerns relevant to the impact of military service on families and caregivers. Attention to gender and health disparities will also be addressed throughout the conference.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify the needs of families and caregivers in support of military and veterans with TSD ▪ Examine the available research on the impact of TSD on military and veteran families and caregivers ▪ Examine the available research on the effects of existing programs designed to assist military and veteran families and caregivers dealing with TSD ▪ Identify research gaps ▪ Establish next steps for research: dissemination and translation of research into practice ▪ Provide Department of Defense, NIH, VA, and other Federal Partners with recommendations for the way forward
Audience	200-300 participants; civilian and military researchers and clinicians.