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## NCCOSC OVERVIEW

The Naval Center for Combat & Operational Stress Control (NCCOSC) improves the psychological health of Marines and Sailors through comprehensive programs that educate service members, build resilience, aid research and promote best practices in the treatment of combat and operational stress injuries. NCCOSC initiatives are informed by science and provide measurable, wide-reaching results.

**Research Facilitation Department** supports Fleet Marine Forces, fleet and Navy Medicine clinicians who might lack time, funding or support to collect and analyze data or publish results relating to PTSD and other operational stress injuries, ensuring that relevant research questions are posed and existing data are captured. Our staff also compiles and distributes information on evidence-based practices to aid in the prevention, accurate diagnosis and effective treatment of PTSD and other combat-related stress disorders.

**Programs Department** staff work with military leadership, healthcare providers, service members and families to implement effective psychological health treatment and care-management systems through the Psychological Health Pathways (PHP), develop user-friendly education materials, evaluate treatment and education programs, and engage in outreach activities that promote psychological health and resilience.

**Strategic Communications Department** is responsible for internal and external relations, outreach to important communities, media and public affairs. The staff presents information on military psychological health to a wide variety of audiences through NCCOSC's quarterly newsletter, *Mindlines*, its regularly updated website, www. nccosc.navy.mil, and social media. Our communication products are designed to provide timely and accurate information and resources for service members and their families to educate, dispel myths and decrease stigma surrounding psychological health issues.

**Knowledge Management Department** is the center's information hub. Its staff support data collection, analysis and database development, as well as maintaining our internal and public websites. The department administers the Care Management Registry (CMR), a Web-based tracking tool designed to support effective Wounded, Ill and Injured service member case management, and an information clearinghouse of reference materials related to PTSD, TBI and other psychological health issues.