

An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

Register for 'Focusing on Veterans: Suicide Prevention' Webinar

Background:

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, seventeen (17) Veterans end their lives by suicide each day. The Department of Defense reports that 519 current service members died by suicide in 2021. Both of these alarming numbers indicate current and former service members die by suicide at a disproportionate rate compared to all adult suicides in the U.S. Texas is focused on ending the preventable tragedy of veteran suicides and, through Legislative action during the 88th Regular Session, has designated September 22 as Texas Veterans Suicide Prevention Day.

Key Details:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is pleased to host a FREE Webinar titled "Focusing on Veterans: Suicide Prevention" on September 20, 2023, from 11:30am to 1:00pm, Central time. This webinar will explore the research, resources and interventions used in pursuit of an end to veteran suicides. Service providers from various disciplines may be eligible for CEU's while learning valuable information to better equip them to serve this specialty population. See additional information in registration.

Speakers Include:

- **Joseph C. Geraci, III**, PhD, Lieutenant Colonel (US Army, Infantry, Retired), Co-Director, Transitioning Servicemember/Veteran And Suicide Prevention Center (TASC)
- **Tara Reyna**, MS, NCC, Veteran Suicide Prevention Coordinator
- **Jessica Del Rio**, M.Ed., LPC, Veteran Suicide Prevention Coordinator

Moderated by:

- **Tim Keesling**, Director, HHSC Office of Veteran Services Coordination

ASL interpretation and CART services will be provided.

Action:

[Register for the webinar.](#)