



# Overview

Established in November 2007, the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) assesses, validates, oversees and facilitates prevention, resilience, identification, treatment, outreach, rehabilitation and reintegration programs for psychological health and traumatic brain injury to ensure the Department of Defense meets the needs of the nation's military communities, warriors and families.

Service members and their families are sometimes faced with psychological health (PH) and traumatic brain injury (TBI) issues associated with deployment and combat. DCoE partners with other parts of the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs and a national network of military and civilian agencies, community leaders, advocacy groups, clinical experts and academic institutions to establish best practices and quality standards for PH and TBI treatment.

## DCoE's six centers are:



### Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center

Develops and delivers advanced TBI-specific evaluation, treatment and follow-up care for all military personnel, their dependents and veterans; conducts clinical research that defines

optimal care and treatment for individuals with TBI; develops and delivers educational materials for the prevention and treatment of TBI and management of its long-term effects.



### Center for Deployment Psychology

Promotes the education of military and civilian psychologists and other behavioral health specialists about psychological and behavioral health issues pertaining to the

deployment of military personnel and their families.



### Deployment Health Clinical Center

Improves deployment-related health by providing assistance and medical advocacy to military personnel and families; provides assessment of post-deployment physical

symptoms, specialized care programs for traumatic stress conditions, deployment health care and education, and clinical and deployment health services research.



### Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress

Provides knowledge, leadership and applications for preparing for, responding to and recovering from the consequences of disaster and trauma; advances

knowledge, health care and preparedness through education, research, consultation and training.



### National Center for Telehealth and Technology

Leverages technology to increase access to care for all DoD beneficiaries regardless of location or mobility. Coordinates telehealth services to educate, prevent,

screen, assess and treat PH and TBI. Trains providers on prevention and treatment approaches utilizing technology.

### National Intrepid Center of Excellence

Dedicated to advanced research, diagnosis and treatment planning for military personnel, veterans and their caregivers dealing with TBI and psychological health issues. Will conduct research, test new protocols and provide comprehensive training, education and ongoing telehealth follow-up care. Opening anticipated in 2010.

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