

VSACT Meeting Minutes 9/21/2022

Catherine Duttine, LMSW PCHAS Child and Family specialist.

- Serving Bell county families and taking new clients. Free service and in home visits 254-899-1600. www.pchas.org
- PCHAS Elevate mentoring program is seeking mentors. more information and applications found on [Presbyterian Childrens Homes and Services - Mentor \(Part-Time\) \(paylocity.com\)](http://Presbyterian Childrens Homes and Services - Mentor (Part-Time) (paylocity.com))
- We are committed to supporting at risk children and families providing them with tools and resources to help prevent children from experiencing child abuse, neglect and abandonment. We are a Christ...

Elizabeth Solis, STARRY Fatherhood Team Supervisor & **Ashley Montez**, M. S

- Fatherhood Program STARRY's Fatherhood Program provides services to fathers and male caregivers living in Bell and McLennan counties with a child up to 17 years of age. Expectant fathers and male caregivers are also able to access our services. All services are provided at no cost to the fathers and male caregivers. Thanks to DFPS Prevention and Early Intervention's STAR Program funding, along with the generosity of our donors, services are provided at no cost to fathers and male caregivers. Insurance and money are never an issue as we serve clients from varying backgrounds and income levels.
- Call 254-244-2400 or email fatherhoodinfo@starry.org to learn more about our services.

Michelle Aguayo, Fort Hood Behavioral Health

- The CRDAMC Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is comprised of three major sub-departments: SOLDIER Behavioral Health Services; Hospital Behavioral Health Services, Child and Family Behavioral Health Services and the Family Advocacy Program. Through these major sub-departments, CRDAMC DBH provides comprehensive behavioral healthcare through flexible, tailored services that support all phases of the ARFORGEN process. These services include: acute/walk-in evaluations, individual therapy, group therapy, medication management, psychological testing, pre/post deployment screening, SRP evaluations, chapter and command-directed evaluations, command consultations, MEB evaluations, forensic (706) evaluations, inpatient care, virtual behavioral health (VBH), an Addiction Medicine Intensive Outpatient Program (AM IOP), the Psychological Health Intensive Outpatient Program (PHIOP), an intensive outpatient program for the treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), child/adolescent services, and marriage/couples and family therapy. <https://texvet.org/resources/fort-hood-behavioral-health>

Adrian Balbo - Military OneSource Adrian

- Military OneSource is your 24/7 connection to information, answers and support to help you reach your goals, overcome challenges and thrive. As a member of our military family, [you are eligible](#) to use this Department of Defense-funded program anytime, anywhere. Turn to Military OneSource for tax services, spouse employment help, webinars and online training, relocation and deployment tools, and much more. [Learn about some of the ways we serve you.](#) <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

Bobby Ehrig, Citizens for Progress, bobby@cfptemple.org 210-722-2633

The focus at CFP is to empower citizens to move out of poverty and create opportunities for them to build a better life. We do this through advocacy for those without a voice, involvement in community programs, and projects that build a better community.

- <https://cfptemple.org/>

Lori Spencer, Veterans Outreach Specialist Killeen Heights Vet Center- VA lori.spencer@va.gov 254-953-7100; [Killeen Heights Vet Center | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)

- We offer confidential help for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma (MST). We can also connect you with more support in VA and your community.

Mechelle Lindsay, Housing Program Manager with Families In Crisis, Inc. (254) 634-1184 or mechelle.lindsey@familiesincrisis.net Services include financial assistance for housing, rental, mortgage and utilities and case management services; shelters for domestic violence and homeless.

April Sullivan Art and Nature in Buescher State Park, October 8th free for Veterans and Family Members <https://www.artsparktx.org/event/earth-tones-2022-exploring-the-creative-in-nature/>

- Art Spark Mission challenges perceptions of how people contribute by creating an arts –inspired, inclusive community of individuals with diverse disabilities. The is vision to foster equity across all cultural sectors of society, we believe that arts experiences enhance the skills, confidence and quality of life for all people, and our goal is to ensure that these experiences are fully accessible, welcoming, engaging and respectful. Everyone’s life is enriched by the inclusion of multiple voices. We accomplish this by ensuring that people with disabilities across all cultural and ethnic communities are represented in our programs and services.
- Earth Tones 2022: Exploring the Creative in Nature - Art Spark Texas
- Earth Tones 2022: Exploring the Creative in Nature is presented by Art Spark Texas. It is a free art and nature retreat for Veterans and current and prior military and their family members.

Rhoda Louise Hacker LCSW IPV Coordinator, Relationship Health & Safety rhoda.hacker@va.gov
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IPV Coordinator, Relationship Health & Safety

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a specific type of domestic violence that refers to physical, verbal, emotional, and sexual abuse, as well as stalking, between current or former intimate partners (e.g., boyfriend, girlfriend, spouse). IPV can happen to anyone.

- If you are in danger and need help right now, **contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline or at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224**. Or start a live chat. The VA Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program offers guidance for you, and your partner if needed, to help you have healthier relationships.

October DVAM Events

- October Cell Phone Drop-Off locations
- Kendra Scott Gives Back donations
- 10/1 11-2pm Lions Club Park - 2nd Annual Community Walk – hosted by Killeen Police Department – Contact Kimberly Isett 254-501-7698
- 10/15/22 Texas Stars Hockey Game
- 10/19/22 – North Texas 1st Annual Conference
- 10/20/22 Wear Purple Day
- 10/20/22 IPV training w/CEU's
- 10/27 9am-5pm – Bridge the Gap Training regarding Personal Protective Orders – contact Misty Biddick at mbiddick@awarecentraltexas.org

Kimberly M. Kinerd Women Veterans Health Program Specialist Minority Veterans Program Coordinator ALT

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<http://www.womenshealth.va.gov> <http://www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans>

- **Women's Personal Safety Awareness Class with VA Federal Police Services Women Veteran Health Program** Please contact kimberly.kinerd@va.gov

Margret Watson

- **Veterans Day Events: November 11th with food**

The Copperas Cove Moose Lodge 2029 Address: 2828 S FM 116 Copperas Cove 76522 is having a Veterans Information Resource Event from 2:00pm to 7:00pm with food

Additional Resources:

1. Texas Veterans Commission Employment Services
2. Texas Veterans Commission Claims
3. Texas Veterans Commission Education
4. Killeen/Height VETs Center (VA)

Contact Chris Yarbrough at 254-247-5647 or Yardbird_11@yahoo.com

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SCSEP Senior Community Service Employment Program

**55 OR OLDER, UNEMPLOYED
AND LOOKING FOR WORK?**

WE CAN HELP!

PAID TRAINING POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN
McLennan, Bell, Williamson, Brazos
Hood, Bosque, Limestone, Robertson, Grimes, Madison & Leon

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be age 55 or above,
2. Must be Currently Unemployed,
3. Must meet Federal Poverty Income Limit Guidelines and Show Proof of Income,
4. Must reside in one of the counties served, and
5. **MUST BE WILLING TO SEEK PERMANENT PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

AARP FOUNDATION SCSEP

254-730-4190

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SCSEP Senior Community Service Employment Program

**NEED EXTRA STAFF TO EXPAND SERVICES
AT NO COST OR RISK TO YOUR ORGANIZATION?**

WE CAN HELP!

SCSEP is a work training program for eligible job seekers age 55 and older. We help our Participants gain current skills and additional work experience so they can successfully complete in the job market.

Host Agencies provide on-site training and supervision while our Participants contribute their skills and experience.

HOST AGENCY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. 501c3, OR
2. Public / Government Agency

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