The mission of the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Military Liaison Initiative (MLI) is to improve access to and quality of care for veterans, service members and military families by:

- Strengthening systems for identifying military members being served;
- Enhancing military cultural competence; and
- Partnering with civilian-military partners and the community.

Launched August 1, 2015, the CMHC Military Liaison Initiative created an internal Military Liaison in each of the 10 centers. While the contract concluded on June 30, 2017, the Centers and their Military Liaisons continue their work to serve and support NH’s military families.

**TriCare**

A health care insurance system provided by the US Department of Defense for military dependents and members of the military services that covers care not available through the usual U.S. military medical service or public health service facilities.

Nine CMHCs are enrolled as TriCare providers, which includes over 250 credentialed clinicians as of July, 2018. The number of credentialed clinicians has more than doubled across the State in the last two years!

**Ask the Question?**

“Ask the Question” is a statewide campaign to inspire service providers to better engage and serve NH’s military-veteran population.

Of the 21,380 clients served on a monthly basis, over 18% are Veterans, Services Members, or Military Family Members.

**So, what’s the question?**

“Have you or a family member ever served in the military?”

**Military Culture Training**

MLI trained over 2,000 CMHC staff in Military Culture and Evidence-based Practice, a total of over 4,100 training hours.

**Accomplishments across New Hampshire**

- Partnering with the Veterans Administration (VA), NH National Guard and NH Vet Centers on coordinating care for veterans, service members and their families.
- Collaborating with the VA Community Clergy Training Program on training clergy, chaplains and faith based leaders who support rural veterans.
- Developing internal military teams (within CMHC agencies) to strengthen and broaden outreach to military families.
- Adding Military Culture Education to new staff orientation.
- Creating alliances with NH Humanities, New England College, New Hampshire Hospital Association, the VA Medical Centers and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
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