

## News Release

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### *Remote locations announced for Wounded Warrior Summit*

RICHMOND— As the behavioral health needs of veterans continue to grow and increase demand for public and private mental health and substance abuse services across the Commonwealth, a new training will help professionals deliver quality services that our veterans need and deserve. The Virginia Wounded Warrior Program Summit, *Painting a Moving Train*, will be held at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville, Va., November 6 and 7. The two-day event will also be video-conferenced to ten remote locations across the state. A detailed agenda and information on the remote locations are attached. Participants at the remote sites will be able to view all presentations and will receive copies of all summit materials, including a list of veterans resources.

The two-day training program targets behavioral health care and rehabilitation professionals, brain injury service providers, primary health care professionals, members of the clergy, veterans services organizations, volunteers and others working with veterans and their families.

Presenters will deliver training on combat stress injuries, working effectively in the military culture, diagnoses, and injury assessment. This training is designed for professionals and volunteers who want to learn how to apply their existing clinical, healthcare and helping skills to their work with veterans, including those of Afghanistan and Iraq, and their families. CAPT Catherine Wilson (USN Ret), Executive Director of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program, will discuss the new program and funding that will be available to communities in early 2009. Veterans and family members who have experienced the effects of combat stress and traumatic brain injury will be present to share their experiences.

The summit is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services in partnership with the Departments of Rehabilitative Services and Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. Participants may attend the summit on site at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville, Virginia, or may participate via video conferencing at remote sites in Bristol, Basset/Martinsville, Chantilly, Fredericksburg, Norfolk/Chesapeake, Salem, Suffolk, Williamsburg, Warsaw, and Richmond.

For more information, visit <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/vww/>.

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