

Getting Help

A Veteran Navigator's Mission, Vision & Values

Mission

In conjunction with community partners, provide opportunities, services, and programs that promote a healthy, safe, and stable environment for Veterans and Military families in the publicly-funded behavioral health care system.

Vision

Through collaboration and coordination, create and maintain an effective environment to increase capacity in the publicly funded behavioral health care system to encourage a proactive approach to the delivery of quality behavioral health service to Veterans, members of the Military, and their families.

Values

Safeguard, respect and encourage the behavioral health wellbeing of Veterans and Military families.

Collaborate and coordinate with others to **meet the special needs of Veterans & Military families.**

Develop relationships between publicly funded behavioral health care system and the VA.

Support Veterans and Military family members on their road to self sufficiency through responsive, innovative and accessible publicly funded behavioral health care so they are better equipped to function effectively within their community and social environments.

Call your local behavioral health access center 24/7/365 to learn more.

Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health
1.800.327.4693

Community Mental Health of Clinton,
Eaton & Ingham Co.
1.888.800.1559

Community Mental Health for Central
Michigan
*(Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Mecosta,
Midland & Osceola)*
1.800.317.0708

Gratiot Integrated Health Network
1.800.622.5583

Huron Behavioral Health
1.800.356.5568

The Right Door for Hope, Recovery, and
Wellness *(formerly known as Ionia County
Community Mental Health)*
1.888.527.1790

LifeWays Community Mental Health
(Jackson & Hillsdale Co.)
1.800.284.8288

Montcalm Care Network
1.800.377.0974

Newaygo County Mental Health Center
1.800.968.7330

Saginaw County Community Mental
Health
1.800.258.8678

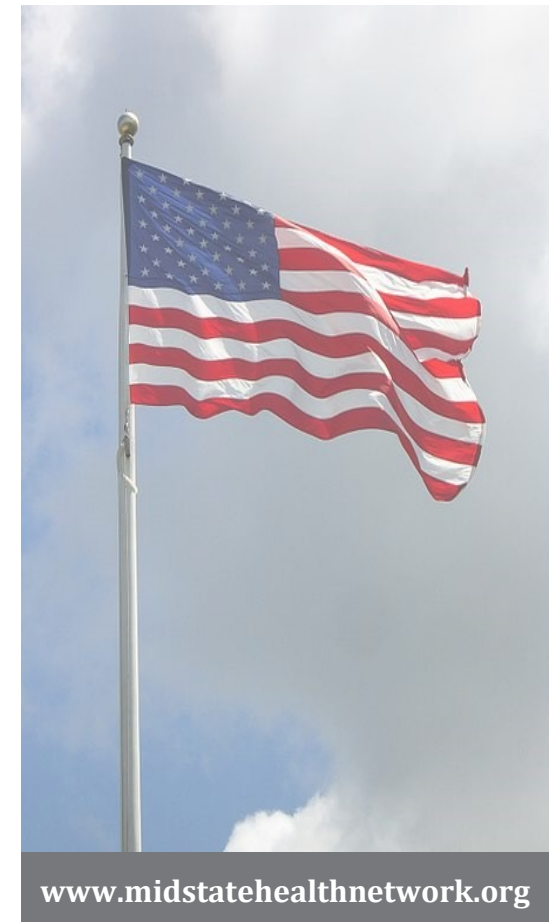
Shiawassee County Community Mental
Health
1.800.622.4514

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems
1.800.462.6814

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Meet Kevin

Kevin Thompson joined the United States Marine Corps in 2002 at age 19. After graduating boot camp he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He participated in training exercises with the Special Operations Training Group preparing



Marines for urban combat assaults. He was later deployed to train with Marines throughout the world, such as the Royal British Marines, Philippine Marines, Thailand Marines, and Republic of Korea Marines.

Kevin was later deployed to Al-Anbar Province in Iraq as a motor transport operator. Serving in this position, Kevin became injured due to an unexploded VBIED. Despite this injury, Kevin was able to continue with his unit's mission, but learned years later he had fractured his C5 and L4 vertebrae while in country on deployment, causing 10 years of ongoing pain. Kevin sought help through the

Department of Veteran's Affairs, but was constantly informed these physical pains were the manifestations of PTSD. In 2016, Kevin found a surgeon at Michigan State University who operated on him and reduced his physical pain almost entirely.

After receiving an honorable discharge in 2009, Kevin earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University. In 2016, Kevin graduated with a Master's of Social Work degree from Michigan State University. During Kevin's clinical internships, he worked with the Michigan State University's Veterinarian Medical Center with a focus on grief and loss therapy for people who have lost their pets. In his clinical year of graduate school, he interned with the Department of Veteran's Affairs with a focus on local substance abuse and veteran homelessness through the Lansing Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC).

Kevin comes to MSHN through a cooperative arrangement with The Right Door for Hope, Recovery, and Wellness.

 **Veterans
Crisis Line**
1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**