

SHOW-ME ECHO

(Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes)

RURAL VETERANS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



NEW ECHO LAUNCHES SEPT. 5, 2018

University of Missouri's Show-Me ECHO program will launch its new Rural Veterans Behavioral Health ECHO at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018. A presentation and conversation about military culture will be led by Jon Sabala, Veterans Services Director with the Missouri Department of Mental Health. This ECHO will convene at 7 a.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month over the next year.

The Rural Veterans Behavioral Health ECHO will meet the unique needs of veterans in rural areas by educating and supporting providers in the delivery of effective, quality behavioral health care. The objectives are to:

1. Improve the assessment of psychiatric illnesses that impact veterans through a behavioral health care toolkit.
2. Better address and treat psychiatric illnesses and co-morbid conditions.
3. Improve screening of cognitive changes and identification of traumatic brain injury and early stage dementia.
4. Distinguish what can be treated in the clinic versus what is available and appropriate for referral.

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