

UT Health San Antonio and the STRONG STAR Consortium

The South Texas Research Organizational Network Guiding Studies on Trauma and Resilience (STRONG STAR) Research Consortium, housed within The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio - Division of Behavioral Medicine, is seeking competent and motivated individuals for two positions that support a variety of behavioral health initiatives and clinical trials aimed at treating PTSD and improving family functioning for military and veteran families within the Fort Cavazos (previously Fort Hood) and surrounding communities. One position is for a full- or part-time **Licensed Mental Health Provider** and the other is for a full-time **Mental Health Provider Intern/Trainee**. Both positions will support various projects, including those listed below:

Strong Families Support and Prevention Program - This program provides two types of programming for service members, veterans, and their families. Individuals on the Prevention Track participate in the Strong Families Strong Forces protocol where services aim to support families throughout deployments and other military-related transitions (i.e., change of duty stations, transitioning out of military service, etc.), reduce parenting stress, facilitate effective coparenting, and prevent/reduce adverse reactions to military-related transitions in children. Individuals on the Trauma Track participate in gold-standard, evidence-based treatment for PTSD (i.e., Prolonged Exposure [PE], Cognitive Processing Therapy [CPT], Written Exposure Therapy [WET], Cognitive Behavioral Conjoint Therapy [CBCT – A couples-based treatment for PTSD]). Each treatment protocol is supplemented with family-focused treatment components to facilitate whole-family wellbeing. Services may occur in-home, in our STRONG STAR offices on Fort Cavazos, and/or at the location of one of our community partners (Operation Phantom Support in Killeen, TX). All services will be offered via individual formats, with CPT and CBCT also being offered via group formats, and will allow for participation of military family members.

Shared Decision Making - This project is a Department of Defense-funded clinical trial designed to evaluate the relationships between patient characteristics, preferences, treatment engagement, and outcomes for active-duty services members engaging in a Shared Decision Making pre-intervention followed by evidence-based PTSD treatment. A secondary objective is to evaluate the impact of Shared Decision Making to match patients to evidence-based cognitive behavioral treatments for PTSD. Providers on this project will deliver PE, CPT, or WET on a weekly or daily (massed treatment) schedule, depending on study randomization and patient preference.

The individuals will be expertly trained and will receive extensive consultation in trauma- and stress-focused prevention programming and interventions, including the Strong Families Strong Forces protocol and various evidence-based treatments for PTSD (CPT, PE, WET, and CBCT).

Hours for this position are flexible. These positions require accommodating families' schedules, including evenings and potential (but minimal) weekend appointments. A personal vehicle is required to accommodate travel to in-home, on-post, and community appointments.

Qualifications for the Licensed Mental Health Provider position include: a Master's degree in Social Work, Psychology, or Counseling with three years of professional mental healthcare experience and an independent license to practice mental health counseling in the state of Texas. Preference is for individuals with experience implementing evidence-based treatment protocols for PTSD (i.e., PE, CPT, WET, CBCT, etc.), working with children and families, providing in-home and/or group services, and those with knowledge of military culture. Spanish speaking fluency is highly valued.

We are currently accepting full and part-time applications for the Licensed Mental Health Provider position

Qualifications for the Mental Health Provider Intern/Trainee position include:

- A Master's degree in Social Work, Psychology, or Counseling. Individuals should be working towards obtaining an independent license to practice mental health counseling in the state of Texas. Training experiences may be tailored to meet the unique intern/trainee needs for licensure (i.e., number of required clinical hours). Or,
- A Doctorate in Clinical, Counseling, or School Psychology (PhD or PsyD). For individuals with these credentials, this position will be defined as a postdoctoral fellowship. Individuals will receive the training necessary to obtain independent licensure as a Licensed Psychologist in the state of Texas.

To begin the application process, please email your CV and Statement of Interest to Samantha Marasa, PhD at marasa@uthscsa.edu. Applications are due August 31, 2023. Applications received after August 31st will be reviewed, if needed, until the position is filled.

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