



The National Intrepid Center of Excellence and Intrepid Spirit Center Network

In addition to its efforts behind the building and outfitting of the Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio, Texas, and the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) in Bethesda, Maryland, the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, with the generous support of the American people, has continued its support for wounded warriors and their families by offering to build nine **Intrepid Spirit Centers (ISC)** across the nation. Working in collaboration, NICoE and the ISCs create a network of partners who provide care to patients affected by traumatic brain injury (TBI) and psychological health (PH) conditions. This network augments the effectiveness of TBI and PH care that is delivered at home bases across the country.

Each 25,000 square foot ISC costs approximately \$11 million to build and equip. While the NICoE Directorate operations include a significant research and education portfolio supplementing a robust clinical mission that includes assessment, diagnosis, and treatment, the ISCs primarily focus on the clinical mission supporting networked research. Clinical and research aspects among the network partners are moving towards standardization, including intensive and long-term interdisciplinary models of care, which incorporate traditional disciplines interwoven with integrative health. Standardizing data collection and developing the evidence to support best practices is an additional benefit of this network.

Partnerships

The NICoE and ISC network is also closely aligned with the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC) and the Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences (USUHS). These collaborations allow further extension of high-quality care to patients affected by TBI, and it also helps to ensure continuity of care for individual patients as they move through the Military Health System TBI continuum of care. Expanded synergy among the NICoE, ISC network partners, DVBIC, and USUHS in the area of research will lead to greater understanding of TBI and PH conditions and cultivate new best practices for care and treatment.

Locations

The ISC at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, officially opened on September 11, 2013. This facility supports the interdisciplinary model of care for the full spectrum of mild to severe TBI for those stationed nearby.

The ISC at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, officially opened on October 2, 2013. The overall mission is to provide TBI education and clinical services to the Camp Lejeune region active duty, reserve, Guard, and community populations with integrated health care delivery both on post and in the community.

The ISC at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, officially opened on September 8, 2014. The center provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care at one location, enabling the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell soldiers the opportunity to heal at home where they are surrounded by a network of support from their families and unit.

The ISC at Fort Hood, Texas, officially opened on March 9, 2016, and the ISC at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, officially opened on March 31, 2016.

Groundbreaking for the ISC at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, took place on October 29, 2015. Three additional ISCs are planned for Camp Pendleton, California; Fort Carson, Colorado; and Fort Bliss, Texas.

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