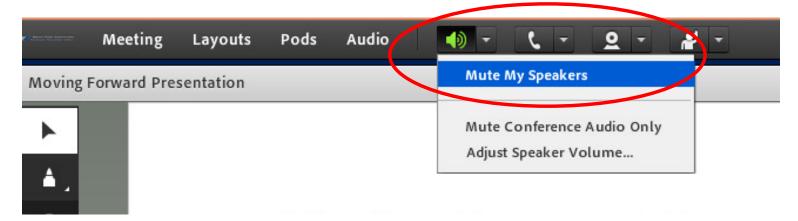
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### **VA Mobile Discussion Series**

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#### **VA Mobile Discussion Series**

# Coaching Apps for Veterans Struggling with PTSD and their Families

#### Presenters:

Kelly M. Ramsey, Mobile Apps Program Manager, National Center for PTSD, Dissemination & Training Division



# Overview of the Discussion

- Overview and Introductions
- VA Technologies for Discussion
  - PTSD Coach
  - PTSD Family Coach
- Questions
- Closing Remarks and Survey



# PTSD Coach



NCPTSD's flagship PTSD support app

Revamped code base with current app

Available for both iOS and Android



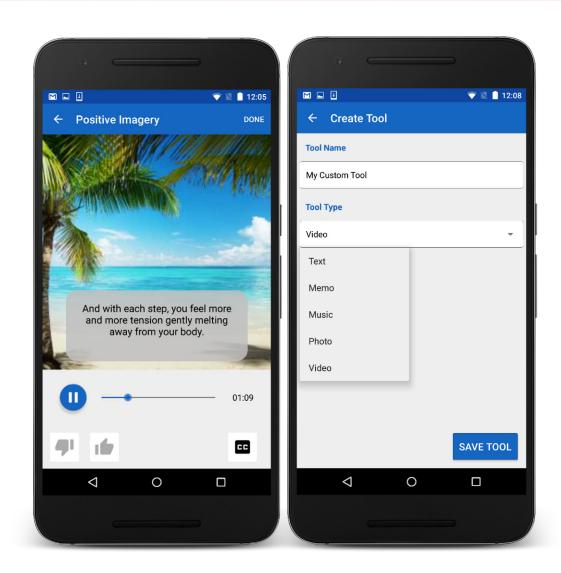
## PTSD Coach

#### **Features**

- Learn of PTSD
- Tools for coping
- Track symptoms
- Get support

Expanded and revised tools

Create your own custom tool





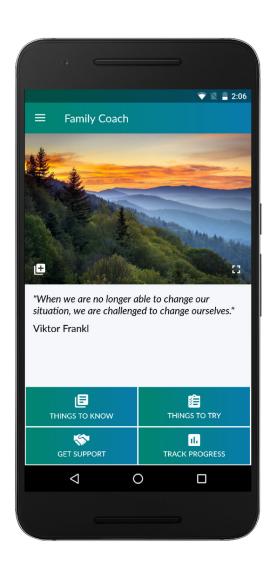
#### PTSD Coach

Graphical refresh is in progress (circa late Spring)

Tools to be added from PTSD Family Coach

Improved customization and tool favoriting





Spinoff of PTSD Coach for family members of someone with PTSD (esp. intimate partners)

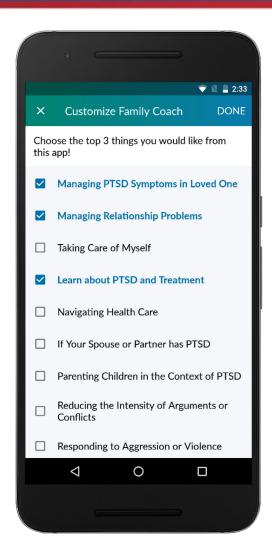
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#### Mirrors PTSD Coach's features

- Learn about PTSD
- Tools for coping
- Track well-being
- Get support & community

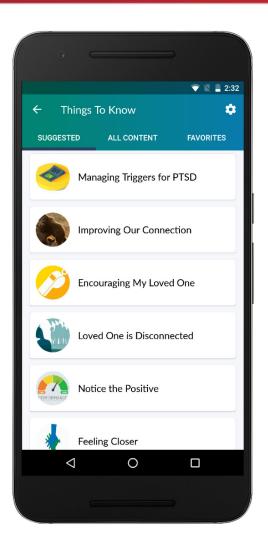
Customizes suggestions for user's top selected needs





#### **Educational content**

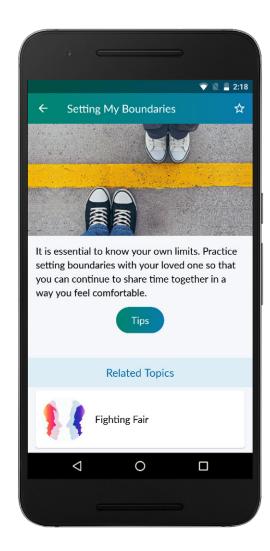
- PTSD symptoms and treatments
- Getting PTSD care
- Living with someone with PTSD
- Managing relationship issues
- Managing conflict and aggression
- Managing parenting issues

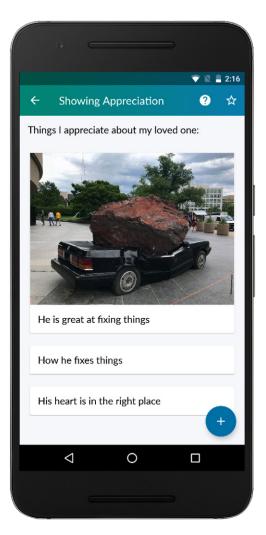




## Coping tools

- Their PTSD
- Their isolation
- Your stress
- The relationship
- Communication
- The children
- Personal safety











## Track progress

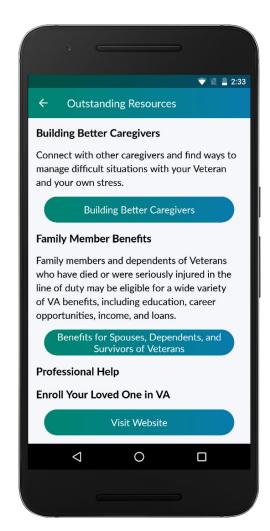
- Custom goals
- Their symptoms
- Your stress

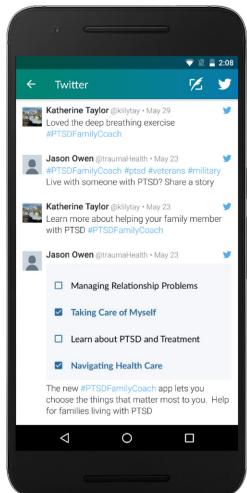
Daily check-ins and graphs



## Get support

- Help lines
- Web sites
- Communities
- Navigating health care
- Twitter







## Mindfulness Coach



Support daily mindfulness practice

Audio-guided mindfulness exercises

Weekly training plan

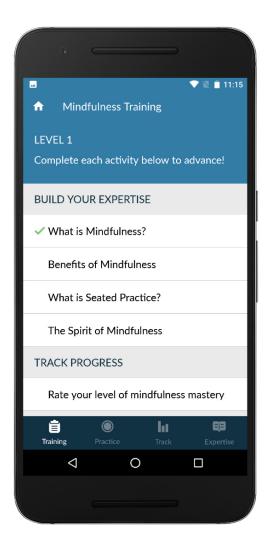
Learn about mindfulness



#### Mindfulness Coach

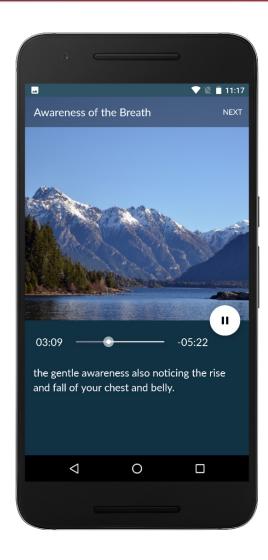
## Mindfulness training plan

- Ease into basic concepts
- Practice different kinds of exercises
- Track weekly progress





## Mindfulness Coach



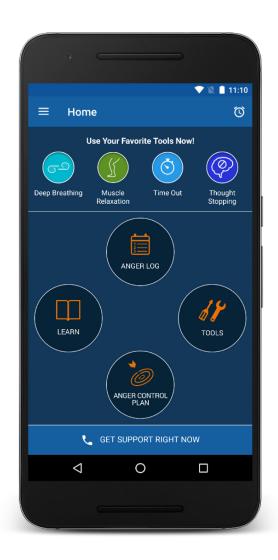
Guided audio

Can download additional exercises

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# AIMS for Anger Management



Based on VA anger management course

Recognize angry feelings and thoughts

Control expressions of anger

Track angry situations, learn patterns

Use audio-guided relaxation tools



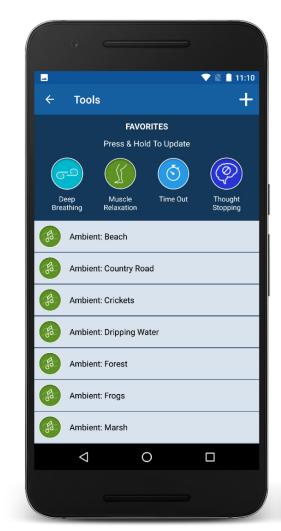
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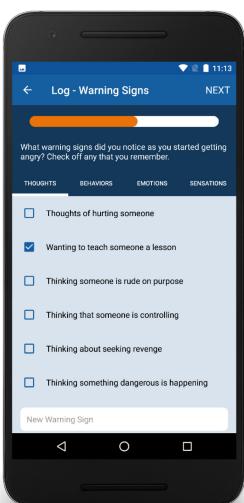
Anger-specific tools

Relaxation tools

Anger log

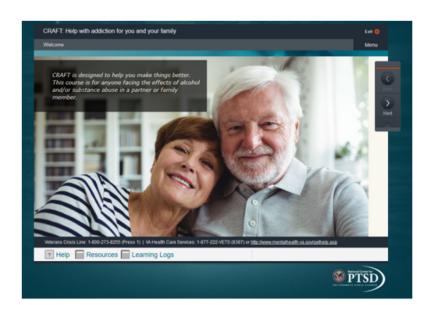
Learn about anger







#### **CRAFT** web courses



Online courses for family members

- encourage a Veteran to engage in treatment
- small changes to improve their lives

CRAFT: Help with PTSD for you and your family

www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/craftptsd

CRAFT: Help with addiction for you and your family

www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/craftsud



## Mobile Mental Health

Community of practice, sign up for announcements, monthly continuing education series, technical support, swag, questions, comments, and anything else (except treatment consultation)

mobilementalhealth@va.gov

National Center for PTSD web page for apps

https://www.ptsd.va.gov/appvid/mobile/

Supplemental mental health app information and handouts

http://www.myvaapps.com/



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