

Stacey Owen, M.S.W., LCSW-C

Stacey Owens is the Military and Veterans Affairs Liaison for SAMHSA, where she facilitates collaborative efforts to improve the mental health of Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF). With over 20 years of experience in healthcare and social services, she previously served as a clinical social worker at the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

Ms. Owens has made significant contributions to the field, particularly in suicide risk assessment and crisis intervention for the SMVF population. She has also been instrumental in developing public health strategies to support the behavioral health needs of Veterans.

In addition to her role at SAMHSA, Ms. Owens conducts suicide risk assessments for incarcerated individuals and consults with the Association of Social Work Boards on the development of the social work licensing examination in the U.S. and Canada. She is actively involved in community outreach, presenting workshops and webinars to address the mental health challenges faced by Veterans, including those experiencing homelessness, justice system involvement, and poverty

She holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Texas and a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Prairie View A&M University. Coming from a proud military family, with her father, grandfathers, and niece all serving in the Army, she is inspired to improve the wellbeing of future generations of SMVF.