

Department of Veterans Affairs

Biography

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Dr. Thompson is the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Mental Health Director of Suicide Prevention and Community Engagement. She is responsible for policy development, provider and patient education in the areas of suicide awareness and prevention, implementing assessment and treatment strategies and the dissemination of new findings in the area of suicide throughout the VA system and broader community. Prior to this role, Dr. Thompson spent five years as the Clinical Care Coordinator for the National Veterans/Military Crisis Line. A licensed clinical psychologist by training, she also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Rochester Department of Psychiatry. In 2012, she spent five months detailed as the VA Liaison for the DoD's Defense Suicide Prevention Office. Dr. Thompson completed her Bachelor's degree in music at Brown University and her Master's degree and Doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Virginia.

