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Making Change Happen

The readjustment from active duty back into civilian life can be a challenge for military men, women, and their families. Dr. Nancy Brown believes that social work can equip communities to take an active role in helping military members and their families reintegrate successfully into community life.

South Carolina has a high number of reservists and National Guardsmen who return to rural communities. Professionals in these communities often lack critical understanding of military values and culture, and the signature injuries of Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Brown believes that social workers trained in these issues can be at the forefront of helping other community partners engage successfully with military members and their families. To that end, she has connected with different organizations throughout the state that provide help and services to this critical population.

With her experience as Director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Drug and Addiction Studies, Dr. Brown was the leader in developing military social work courses and has undertaken the design of a Graduate Certificate in Military Social Work, which is currently under development. Dr. Brown's work encourages the training of practitioners around South Carolina—from local healthcare to community volunteers—so that communities can effectively support military members, veterans, and their families.

Research Background

Always grounded in practice, Dr. Brown's research has focused primarily on women and addictions. Using grounded theory, Dr. Brown's work on high



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Major Classes Taught

- SOWK 723 - Advanced Practice with Individuals
- SOWK 725 - Advanced Practice with Families
- SOWK 758 - Dynamics of Substance Abuse
- SOWK 738 - Military Mental Health and the Impact of Trauma

Community Partners

- South Carolina Behavioral HealthAlliance
- Always Coming Home: The