

Army seeks better mental health coordination

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(AP)—Army leadership is looking to improve coordination between its mental health programs and other soldier-resilience efforts.

Army Secretary John McHugh visited Joint Base Lewis-McChord on Monday to announce the results of a yearlong review of the Army's mental health system.

McHugh has asked to Army officials to finish a plan for a new resilience structure in the next couple weeks. He hopes to improve processing times in the disability evaluation system and has the goal of lowering the incidence of suicide, <u>sexual assault</u> and substance abuse among soldiers.

McHugh's plan includes integrating <u>resilience</u> programs into the day-today training of soldiers.

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