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**The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Alaska Behavioral Health Works to Provide  
Access to Mental Health Services for Alaska Military Community**  
*“Grow With Us” Community Event Celebrates Clinic Second Anniversary*

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** – After opening its doors at the onset of the pandemic, The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Alaska Behavioral Health celebrated its two-year anniversary and official public opening on Tuesday with a community event at its Anchorage clinic. The clinic is part of financier-philanthropist Steven A. Cohen’s \$275 Million commitment to help reduce military suicide and increase care for military families by building 25 clinics across the country.

“Alaska is home to more veterans per capita than any other state, but also experiences disproportionately high rates of military suicide,” said Cohen Veterans Network President & CEO Dr. Anthony Hassan. “It’s important that we break down barriers standing between a service member and the care they need. In Alaska, where access to care can be challenging, we’re working to make sure any member of the military community who needs help is able to find it.”

Joining Hassan on stage today were Alaska Behavioral Health CEO Jim Myers, State Senator and Army Veteran Josh Revak, and Alaska Coast Guard Captain Leanne Lusk.

The clinic has delivered more than 500 episodes of care across the state since launching its services in 2020, including telehealth therapy sessions and in-person sessions at its Anchorage and Fairbanks locations. Across Alaska there are more than 25,000 post-9/11 veterans eligible for care at the Cohen Clinic, along with more than 21,000 active duty service members and nearly 40,000 military family members.

“I’m extremely proud of our Alaska team who has been working tirelessly over the past two years to provide high quality care during some of the most challenging circumstances,” said Hassan.

The clinic uses evidence-based practices to treat depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, adjustment issues, anger, grief and loss, family issues, transition challenges, relationship problems, children’s behavior problems and more. Services are available regardless of discharge status, role while in uniform, or combat experience.

**About Cohen Veterans Network:** Cohen Veterans Network (CVN) is a 501(c)(3) national not-for-profit philanthropic organization for post-9/11 veterans, active duty service members and their families. CVN focuses on improving mental health outcomes, operating a network of outpatient mental health clinics in high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. It was established in 2016 by philanthropist Steven A. Cohen with a commitment of \$275 million to build the network. Learn more [about CVN here](#).

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**Photos from today's event available**

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