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Katherine Dondanville, Psy.D., ABPP, is an Associate Professor and a Licensed Clinical Psychologist within the Division of Behavioral Medicine and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Dr. Dondanville is the Director of Research for the Fort Hood Site of the STRONG STAR Consortium and the Consortium to Alleviate Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) (CAP). The STRONG STAR Consortium at Fort Hood is the largest center for clinical trials in the Department of Defense (DoD) targeting PTSD and related conditions. The Health Science Center's STRONG STAR Clinic at Fort Hood is embedded within the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, which provides comprehensive care to approximately 140,000 beneficiaries, including active duty military, their family members, and retirees. Dr. Dondanville oversees a large team of faculty and staff in the delivery and evaluation of clinical intervention research for combat-related PTSD and related conditions in collaboration with some of the world's leading clinical experts. Dr. Dondanville and her clinical team have delivered cutting edge treatment and assessment for thousands of service members in the STRONG STAR clinic at Ft Hood. In her role, Dr. Dondanville provides administrative and clinical service to clinical research trials.

Dr. Dondanville is the Program Director for the STRONG STAR Training Initiative. The STRONG STAR Training Initiative is dedicated to providing access to quality, evidence-based treatment to providers and organizations that service military and veteran communities. The STRONG STAR Training Initiative is supported by funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Texas Veteran + Family Alliance Grant Program, the Bob Woodruff Foundation, and the Boeing Corporation. Dr. Dondanville is a Trainer and Consultant in Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD. She has trained hundreds of mental health providers in Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT). She has consulted with organizations and providers regarding the successful implementation of evidence-based treatments in community settings. Dr. Dondanville has projects implementing Learning Communities in Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD with mental health providers and organizations who serve people living with HIV/AIDs, Texas Rape Crisis Centers, and Texas Borderland Community.

In 2016, Dr. Dondanville was awarded the UT Health Science Center Presidential Award for Clinical Service for her work with service members and veterans with PTSD. In 2017, she was awarded the Arthur W. Melton Early Achievement Award from the Society of Military Psychology (Division 19) of the American Psychological Association. She also serves as a cognitive-behavioral therapist, clinical supervisor for postdoctoral fellows, and co-investigator for the STRONG STAR Consortium and the Consortium to Alleviate PTSD. She earned a master's and doctoral degree (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology. She is board certified in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP).

Dr. Dondanville serves as a clinical supervisor and mentor for postdoctoral fellows and masters-level staff. She is also actively involved in the professional development and mentorship of postgraduate research associates who are seeking admission into doctoral degree programs. Dr. Dondanville's research focus is on improving access to and the delivery of evidence-based treatments. Specifically, she is interested in examining patient and provider factors that may prevent patients from engaging in evidence-based treatments.