

# NATAL's Global Reach



## Bringing NATAL's Model to Chicago

NATAL is in the fourth year of collaboration with The Urban Resiliency Network (TURN) of Chicago. Together, NATAL and TURN are proud to have launched a long-term support Helpline serving those affected by trauma stemming from urban violence in Chicago's inner city.

The TURN Helpline, modeled after NATAL's unique Helpline in Israel, offers both crisis intervention and long-term care. The Helpline acts as a gateway to clinical care, as a caller may be referred for more comprehensive clinical treatment.

Over the coming year, NATAL will continue to train and support TURN, as they work to build and strengthen their infrastructure in delivering a range of trauma informed interventions to their communities.

*\*TURN was launched by Pastor Chris Harris in 2014 in partnership with University of Chicago Medicine, Northwestern University Medicine, United Way of Chicago. TURN is dedicated to serving Chicago with counseling and other social services aimed at minimizing negative factors that cause violence while increasing protective influences that yield positive outcomes.*



In the Press

[WGN Chicago](#)  
[Israel 21C](#)  
[Chicago Sun Times](#)

## Wounded Warrior Project

### A Helpline for American Veterans

Wounded Warrior Project identified the growing need to support veterans returning from war as they suffer from the invisible wounds of trauma. Partnering with NATAL, they created “WWP Talk”, a Helpline for US veterans to offer ongoing, non-clinical emotional support to wounded warriors, their families and care givers.

NATAL’s team of experts provided on-site support, guidance and training, to help WWP launch the helpline and assist thousands of veterans who have returned from Afghanistan and Iraq, and their families.





# NATAL's Operational Stress Management Training

## Helping the Helpers – First Responders

NATAL is currently working in other countries on strengthening professional resiliency in first responders, partnering hand-in-hand with organizations to train professionals, faith leaders and volunteers. Programming aims to combat burnout and compassion fatigue, focusing on how to work with victims during and in the aftermath of traumatic events, providing first responders with practical tools provide emotional first aid to victims and their families.

**(RIGHT)** Together with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program, NATAL launched a Professional Resiliency Training Program for New Jersey's First Responders, including FIRE, EMS and Law Enforcement.

For more information on NATAL's OSM Training in NJ visit [www.NATALOSMTraining.org](http://www.NATALOSMTraining.org).



## Patton Veterans Project

### Filmmaking to Heal US & Israeli Veterans

Patton Veterans Project (PVP) collaborative Filmmaking workshops combine the proven therapeutic value of storytelling with the power of digital video, enabling veterans to connect with one another, make sense of traumatic experiences, and reduce symptoms of PTSD.

During four, half-day I WAS THERE Film workshop program, Israeli and American vets are introduced to theoretical and practical aspects of Filmmaking, and collaborate with other veterans to conceive, shoot and edit short films, which help them creatively express aspects of their military service experience.

Based on survey results from the hundreds of American veterans who have participated in the workshops, participants report a 20% average decrease in PTSD symptoms over the course of the workshop.



# NATAL's International Aid

On the frontlines in times of need.

*When crisis arises, whether natural or manmade disasters, NATAL professionals are often called upon to provide immediate assistance and early intervention to those in the epicenter of trauma, often traveling as part of a delegation of experts with the Israeli Trauma Coalition.*



# A Sample of NATAL's International Partners



## About NATAL

NATAL is the largest and most comprehensive trauma treatment and resiliency training organization in Israel. NATAL's overarching mission is to address the prevalent problem of psychological trauma related to terrorism and war, specializing in providing broad mental health programs and services to all Israelis. With multiple programs, 250 therapists, and 230 highly trained volunteers throughout the country, it is an apolitical nonprofit organization, helping all Israelis. Since 1998, NATAL has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people by providing support for trauma and PTSD survivors, and advancing the resiliency of Israeli society through treatment, prevention, public awareness, and research.



***NATAL's Tree symbolizes  
HOPE and LIFE  
after trauma***





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