Working with Military Families

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Mission and Goal of the Family Advocacy Program

- **MISSION:** The Family Advocacy Program supports mission readiness and retention through the prevention and treatment of family violence.

- **AF FAP GOAL:** The goal of the Air Force Family Advocacy Program is to promote both readiness and family wellness by enhancing the health, welfare, and morale of Air Force active duty members and their families.
Mandatory Reporting

- AFI 40 – 301 states that all active duty members and civilian employees of the Air Force will report all incidents of suspected family maltreatment to the Family Advocacy Program

- Incidents involving child maltreatment will be reported to the local Child Protective Service agency
You may not know...

• DOD Memorandum on Military Protective Orders (MPOs):

The issuance of MPOs bars active duty military members from contact with specified individuals against whom they are alleged, or are confirmed to have committed an act of domestic violence or child abuse.
Safety Planning

- Senior leadership’s role is crucial in safety planning for victims

- Senior leadership should consider the option of removing the offender (active duty) from the home to protect victims

- Senior leadership will participate in the activation of the High Risk for Violence Response Team (HRVRT)
Types of Family Violence That Fall Under FAP

- Child Physical Abuse & Neglect
- Child Sexual Abuse/Incest
- Spouse/Intimate Partner Abuse (Including Marital Rape)
- Child Witness/Observer (Exposed to FV)
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Elder/Parent Abuse (case management)
Other Types of Reporting

- Restricted Reporting of partner sexual abuse – reported through the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
- Restricted reporting of domestic abuse (not including sexual abuse) – reported through the FAP or SAPR
- Reporting of domestic/child abuse involving intimate partners
What Happens When A Report is Made to FAP?

• Proper notifications are made to OSI, SFS and the local Child Protective Service Agency

• The Sponsor’s Commander/1st Sgt is contacted and informed of the referral

• The sponsor and their family members are scheduled for a Family Advocacy assessment

• Resources, victim advocate services offered

• The incident is presented to the Central Registry Board (CRB) for case status determination
After assessment period:
- Case is heard by Central Registry Board
- CRB will determine if incident meets criteria based on this incident alone using the AF definitions
- If meets criteria:
  - Clinical Case Staffing treatment recommendations will be made

Case closure:
- Cases will be reviewed at CCS a minimum of every 3 months (except for Child Sexual Abuse) and the Clinical team of FAP will determine when the case is ready for closure
The Working Relationship Between CPS and FAP

- MOU (memorandum of understanding)
  - Reporting
  - Safety planning
  - Communication
  - Treatment
  - Case Closure
Examples of FAP Programs

- Parenting Classes
- PREP (Relationship Enhancement)
- Couple Retreats
- Car Seat education & inspection
- Anger Management
- Stress/Time Management
- Awareness events
- New Parent Support Program (NPSP)
- Baby Basics/Infant Massage
- Childbirth Preparation
- Single Airman classes
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness classes
- Resource Connection
- Treatment for Family Violence
Resources for Military Families

- Military One Source (1–800–342–9647)
- Airmen and Family Readiness Center
- Family Advocacy
- Community Resources
- Texas 211
- Military & Family Life Consultant (MFLC)
- Tricare
- Video resources
Questions?

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