

ACS- Family Advocacy Program

Annual requirement
AR 608-18

AR 600-20 (8)

Objectives:

- ▶ Know which regulations contain the policies:
 - Child/Spouse Abuse Prevention & Response
 - Sexual Assault Prevention & Response
- ▶ Know the types of child and intimate abuse, and Sexual Assault Awareness
- ▶ Know reporting options
- ▶ Know resources available for prevention and assistance.

Commander & NCOIC Roles

- ▶ Ensure all soldiers have a mandatory annual briefing on domestic violence ,the Army Family Advocacy program and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program IAW AR 608-18 & AR 600-20 (8)
- ▶ Commit to a partnership for safety.
- ▶ Connect soldiers and families to support programs and services.

DEFINING CHILD AND INTIMATE PARTNER ABUSE

Child abuse and Spouse abuse
include minor, moderate, and
severe forms

Child Abuse



Mild:

- ▶ Medical care, dental and or immunizations not provided or delayed.
- ▶ Lack of supervision or unsanitary living conditions places child at risk for minor injury of illness.
- ▶ Isolated incident or no repetitive pattern.

Moderate:

- ▶ Failure to provide nourishment, clothing, medical treatment for injury or illness whereby the child suffers physical or emotional harm.
- ▶ Lack of supervision or unsanitary living conditions places child at risk for serious injury or illness.
- ▶ Repeated incidents of neglectful behavior.

Severe:

- ▶ Includes all minor and moderate forms of abuse that results in serious harm or injury.
- ▶ Driving a motor vehicle with a child while intoxicated.
- ▶ Pattern of neglectful behavior resulting in hospitalization.

Four Types of Child Abuse

PHYSICAL

Intentional physical injury (bruises, burns, head injuries, broken bone).

SEXUAL

Involvement or enticement of a child to engage in any sexual act or situation.
(rape, molestation, exploitation).

EMOTIONAL

Behavior which causes low self-esteem, damage to emotional well being of child.

NEGLECT

Failure to provide for basic needs. (unsafe living conditions, lack of supervision, lack of medical / dental or education).

Intimate Partner Abuse:



Intimate Partner Abuse:

- ▶ Use of intentional physical force that causes physical injury to the partner.
- ▶ Use of intentional acts that adversely affect the psychological and emotional well-being of the partner.
- ▶ Forcing of one partner by the other to engage in any sexual activity through the use of violence, intimidation or threats.

Reporting Options of Domestic Violence:

- ▶ Restricted Reporting
- ▶ Unrestricted Reporting

Mild:

- ▶ Mild injury or no medical treatment.
- ▶ Verbal threats.
- ▶ Destroying personal property.
- ▶ Hitting a door or wall with no ongoing risk or intimidation.

Moderate:

- ▶ Minor or major injury where one visit to hospital may be indicated.
- ▶ Kicked, bit, hit with fist (once or twice).
- ▶ Pushed, slapped and or grabbed or shoved.
- ▶ Throwing objects at partner.
- ▶ Pattern of behavior involving threats, insults, and or controlling behaviors.

Severe:

- ▶ Major injury and long-term medical care or in-patient care is indicated.
- ▶ Choked, severely kicked, hit numerous times.
- ▶ Use of threats or use of weapons /objects.
- ▶ Sexually abused, pattern of extreme and excessive controlling behaviors.
- ▶ Imposing limits to phone, transportation, money, friends, etc.

Examples of unacceptable Behaviors



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Hi Steven,

Do I have your attention now?

I know all about her, you dirty, sneaky, immoral, unfaithful, poorly-endowed slimeball. Everything's caught on tape.

**Your (soon-to-be-ex) Wife,
Emily**

p.s. I paid for this billboard from OUR joint bank account.

Examples of unacceptable Behaviors



Examples of behavior:

- ▶ Emotional, physical, sexual abuse
- ▶ Economic abuse
- ▶ Threats of future violence
- ▶ Intimidation
- ▶ Minimizing, denial & blame
- ▶ Jealous remarks, put downs, name calling
- ▶ Isolation
- ▶ Destruction of personal belongings

Family Advocacy Program consists of TWO COMPONENTS:

▶ **PREVENTION**

▶ **CLINICAL INTERVENTION AND
TREATMENT (Social work services)**

Prevention:

▶ **Education & Prevention:**

- Managing Emotions under Pressure, a once a month workshop on anger, stress management and Relaxation training
- Child abuse awareness orientation and yearly update training.
- Family Advocacy Overview: Mandatory for all Soldiers and Civilians

▶ **Support Groups:**

- EFMP support group, Breast feeding support group.

▶ **Special Events:**

- Link with all agencies on Fort Jackson
- Child abuse / Domestic Violence Awareness month, Sexual Assault Awareness month

Prevention:

▶ **New Parent Support Program:**

- Infant care classes, Parenting classes, Play group, baby basics, baby bundle, dad 101

■ **Youth Development and Safety Education:**

- Child lure awareness, Stranger Danger
 - ▶ Stranger Danger and Child lure awareness
 - ▶ Bully awareness & Prevention
 - ▶ Baby think it over
 - ▶ Dating Violence Awareness

Victim Advocacy for Domestic Violence

- ▶ Respite Care/Shelter
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Court Assistance (Order of Protection)
- ▶ Safety Planning
- ▶ Referral for Support Services
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Other
 - **TRANSITIONAL COMPENSATION**
AR 608-1, Appendix F, F1 – F10

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Location: 7th Floor

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 0730-1630

Telephone (803) 751-2216/2235

- ▶ **Family Advocacy Program Clinic** provides crisis intervention services for all victims of child abuse/neglect, elderly abuse/neglect, and spouse abuse.
- ▶ The clinic will also respond to victims of sexual assault. An On-Call Social Worker will be contacted by the Urgent Care Clinic (UCC) to respond once notified of a crisis incident involving a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault.

The clinic's main responsibility is to provide counseling services to all victims.

Clinical Treatment

► Social work services (located at MACH)

- Marriage counseling
- Family counseling
- Individual counseling
- Therapy groups
- Drug and Alcohol referrals
- Case Review Committee (CRC)

- **MISSION:**

To provide professional social work services to all eligible beneficiaries. To promote emotional, psychological and social well-being of individuals and families. To maintain confidentiality and follow ethical standards.

What is the reporting process?

- ▶ You only have to “suspect” abuse to report it.
- ▶ Commanders must report all suspected or known incidents of abuse to Military Police at 751-3113.
- ▶ Provide all relevant information to those investigating / assessing the report.

The Case Review Committee Process

- ▶ An interdisciplinary team of professional staff with experience in child and spouse abuse.
 - Chief of SWS
 - The interviewing social worker
 - Chaplain
 - Community Health Nurse
 - Physician
 - CID
 - MP
 - Family Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM)

Who makes up the CRC.....

- Victim Advocate Coordinator
- JAG
- DSS
- Soldier's Commander

Their goal is to assess the case and to recommend a treatment plan.

From there....

- ▶ CRC meets to review case and make a determination
- ▶ They will vote to either...
 - Substantiate
 - ▶ Develop treatment plan
 - ▶ Notify Central Registry
 - 25 years

From there...

- ▶ Unsubstantiate
 - Close the case

- ▶ Defer
 - Gather more information

From there.....

- ▶ Soldier and or family attend recommended treatment programs
- ▶ Soldier and /or family completes treatment.
- ▶ Army Central Registry
 - Substantiated cases of spouse abuse and child abuse will go into the Central Registry for 25 years.

Family Violence can be a Career-Stopper

- ▶ Department of the Army policy (May 21, 1999) prohibits any soldier who is convicted in court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from having access to or possessing firearms or ammunition.
- ▶ The soldier can not handle, or undergo weapons qualifications or be deployed.

Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968

- ▶ It makes it a felony for any person convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to ship, transport, possess, or receive ammunition or firearms.
- ▶ The policy applies to:
 - Military personnel
 - Department of Defense civilians
 - Reserve-component personnel

Protection Orders and Federal Firearms Prohibitions

- ▶ Persons subject to a qualifying protection order under federal law are prohibited from possessing any firearm or ammunition in or affecting commerce (or shipping or transporting any firearm or ammunition in interstate or foreign commerce, or receiving any such firearm or ammunition).
- ▶ Violation of this prohibition while the order remains effect is a federal offense punishable with imprisonment.

Sexual Assault Defined

Sexual assault: defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age of victim.

Legal Sanctions

Sexual Assault is Punishable under UCMJ

Depending upon the offense and the circumstances of the offense, the maximum punishments include:

- death
- confinement for life without eligibility for parole
- confinement for life with eligibility for parole
- confinement for a period of years
- total loss of all pay and allowances
- dishonorable discharge (enlisted Soldiers only)
- bad conduct discharge (enlisted Soldiers only) and
- dismissal from the service (commissioned officers only),
- and reduction to E-1 (enlisted Soldiers only).

Army Policy on Sexual Assault

“Sexual assault is a criminal offense that has no place in the Army.

It degrades mission readiness by devastating the Army’s ability to work effectively as a team.

It is incompatible with the Army Values and is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and other federal and local civilian laws.

The Army will treat all victims of sexual assault with dignity, fairness, and respect.”

Army Policy on Sexual Assault

- ▶ Promotes training, education, and awareness to minimize sexual assault.
- ▶ Promotes the sensitive handling of victims.
- ▶ Holds those who commit offenses accountable.
- ▶ Provides confidential avenues for reporting
- ▶ Creates and promotes a positive command

Army Policy Applies:

- ▶ **24 HOURS/7 DAYS A WEEK**
- ▶ **ON/OFF POST**
- ▶ **IN/OUT OF UNIFORM**
- ▶ **ALL RANKS AND GENDERS**

Reporting Options Sexual Assault:

- ▶ Restricted Reporting
- ▶ Unrestricted Reporting

Restricted Reporting

- ▶ ***Restricted Reporting*** - Allows a Soldier who is a sexual assault victim, on a confidential basis, to disclose the details of his/her assault to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling, without triggering the official investigative process.
- ▶ Four specifically identified individuals are:
 - Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
 - Victim Advocate (VA)
 - Chaplain
 - Healthcare Provider

Unrestricted Reporting

► **Unrestricted Reporting** - Allows a Soldier who is sexually assaulted and desires medical treatment, counseling, and an official investigation of his/her allegation to use normal reporting channels to trigger the official investigative process. Details regarding the assault will be limited to only those personnel who need to know, including:

- Command
- Criminal Investigative Division (CID)
- Military Police (MP)
- Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
- Victim Advocate (VA)
- Chaplain
- Healthcare Provider

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.com

1-800-342-9647



Resources:

- ACS: <http://www.fortjacksonmwr.com/acs.htm>
 - ▶ Toll Free 1-800-337-3447
 - ▶ Local: (803) 751-5256
 - ▶ ACS-Family Advocacy Program: (803) 751-6325

Standing by 24 hours a day,
365 days a year. Real help. Anytime, Anywhere

WHAT FAP IS NOT!

- ψ Career Busters
- ψ Child Snatchers
- ψ Assignment Crashers
- ψ Law Enforcement
Agents



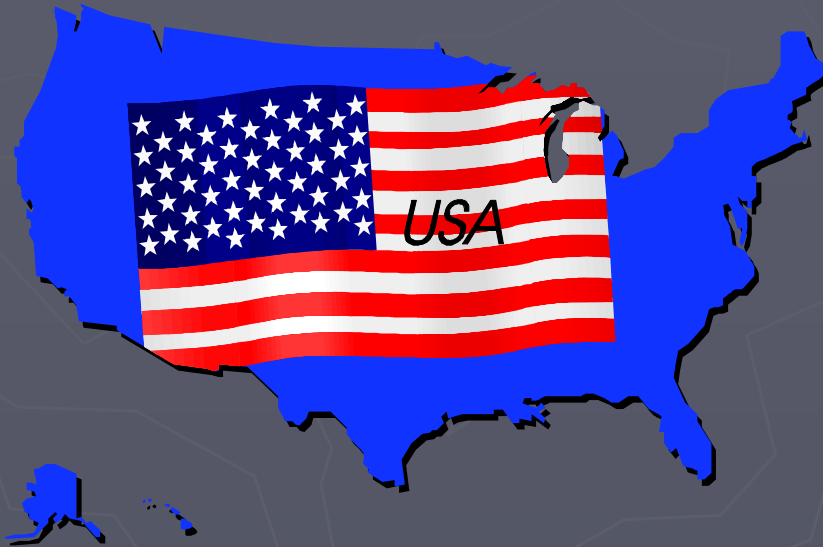
REMEMBERYou are the KEY...

- ▶ Attend and support prevention classes.
- ▶ Support the Case Review Committee Recommendations.
- ▶ Attend an annual Soldier and Family Readiness brief.

Our Goal is to:

- ▶ To provide information and Resources to Help Families to be Strong
- ▶ To support Soldiers to meet the Army mission to be Army Strong

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
TO OUR COUNTRY!



Family Advocacy Program
751-6325

Certificate

- ▶ When completed, please email tangela.pasley@conus.army.mil

Please include the following information:

Subject Line: FAP Overview Completed

Message: Name, Rank, Unit, Last four of SSN,
Date of Completion of FAP Overview