

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Installation Policy Memorandum 21-08, Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

- 1. Reference. Army Regulation 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 13 September 2011.
- 2. Supersession: This policy supersedes and replaces Installation Policy Memorandum 19-08, Family Advocacy Program, 19 December 2019.
- 3. Commanders will be aware of the causes of Family violence and will take appropriate action to protect abuse victims from further harm. Commanders will coordinate with the Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC) FAP throughout a case and especially to determine when it is safe to lift any restrictions to ensure victims remain protected from further abuse.
- 4. All subordinate commanders and senior enlisted advisers (E-7 through E-9) will be briefed on the FAP within 45 days prior to or following assumption of command or responsibility, and annually thereafter. Commanders and senior enlisted advisers who do not attend the Company Commander/First Sergeant Course within 45 days of assuming command will contact FAP at (315) 772-0593 to schedule a deskside brief.
- 5. The Incident Determination Committee (IDC) is chaired by the Garrison Commander (GC). Unit commanders exercising Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) authority over alleged abusers will attend the IDC meeting pertaining to a case involving his or her Soldier. In the absence of the commander, a senior enlisted adviser is authorized to attend. Commanders' input is critical in determining the outcome of the case.
- 6. Unit training personnel will coordinate with FAP to ensure all Soldiers receive mandated annual training on the Family dynamics of partner and child abuse, prevention and treatment services, and the Army's policies regarding Family violence. Schedule training by calling (315) 772-4244/5914.
- 7. Commanders will be aware of the New Parent Support Program-Home Visitor (NPSP-HV). The NPSP-HV supports Families with children three (3) years of age or younger through a comprehensive combination of services, home visits, parent education, parent/child bonding, child development, and information and referral. The NPSP-HV is an important voluntary program that is designed to increase parental skills

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and reduce incidents of child abuse. Soldiers are strongly encouraged to participate in the NPSP-HV.

- 8. Ensure all victims affiliated with the military are afforded the opportunity for support services through the Victim Advocacy Program, but may elect to refuse service.
- 9. Per UCMJ, Article 31 and Military Rules of Evidence 305, an Active Duty member suspected of an offense will be advised of his or her right to counsel prior to being questioned. The Soldier will be advised that he or she does not have to make a statement regarding the alleged offense and any statement made may be used as evidence during trial by court-martial.
- 10. The point of contact for this policy is FAP Program Manager at (315) 772-5914/4979/6556.

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