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## MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to US Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Commanders, Fort Jackson Partners in Excellence Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices, US Army Training Center and Fort Jackson

SUBJECT: Fort Jackson Policy Memorandum #19 – Family Advocacy Program Command Policy on Child Abuse and Domestic Violence

- 1. Reference:
  - a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-10 (Child Development Services)
  - b. AR 608-1 (Army Community Service)
  - c. AR 608-18 (Army Family Advocacy Program)

2. Purpose: To outline procedures for prevention, identification, reporting, investigation and treatment of child abuse and domestic violence.

3. Policy:

a. This policy is effective immediately. It remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.

b. Commanders are required to promptly report incidents of child abuse and domestic violence. Fort Jackson reporting point of contact is the Department of Emergency Services, Military Police desk at 803-751-3115. Commanders are required to provide command representation at incident determination committee (IDC) meetings and support IDC treatment recommendations.

c. Once criminal allegations are promptly reported to law enforcement, commanders should not speak to their Soldiers about the alleged crimes and should immediately contact their servicing judge advocate trial counsel for further guidance.

d. AR 608-18 requires mandatory Family Advocacy Program (FAP) briefings for unit commanders, and senior enlisted advisors (E7-through E-9), within 45 days after appointment to a command position. Commanders and senior advisors are responsible for the scheduling of annual unit training.

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e. Victims of domestic violence and child abuse have a right to receive counseling, treatment, information (both legal and educational), safety planning, and referrals.

f. Support for victims is available through the FAP clinical program, located in Moncrief Army Health Clinic, by calling 803-751-2216 or 803-751-2235, and the FAP Victim Advocacy Program, located in Army Community Service building, by calling 803-429-4870. Victims have a right to file a restricted report for domestic violence by contacting Fort Jackson health care providers, FAP clinical staff, victim advocates, FAP manager, or chaplains. Legal assistance is available through Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office, 803-751-4287.

g. Commanders should be aware of the transitional compensation program. This program may authorize transitional compensation payments and other benefits for a dependent or former dependent of an active-duty Soldier who has received official notification of an administrative separation or court-martial conviction for domestic, child or child sexual abuse.

h. Commanders should encourage and support Soldiers involved in the New Parent Support Program Home Visitation (NPSPHV). The NPSPHV is an important voluntary program designed to increase parental skills and reduce incidents of child abuse. Both mothers and fathers are encouraged to participate in the NPSP, with emphasis on the importance of the father's participation in home visits.

4. Point of contact is the FAP Manager at 803-751-6348.

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