

What is the Navy Family Advocacy Program?

The Navy's Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is designed to support operational readiness by addressing prevention, education, identification, treatment, and reporting of:

- **Child abuse (physical, sexual and emotional)**
- **Child neglect**
- **Spouse/intimate partner abuse (physical, sexual and emotional, neglect)**

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is staffed with highly-qualified, licensed clinical counselors who provide assessment, case management and treatment for active-duty service members and beneficiaries who are involved in a domestic or child abuse incident.

If you or someone
you know is a
victim of abuse,
contact

- FFSC counselors or FAP victim advocates
www.ffsp.navy.mil
- Military healthcare providers
- Base security
- National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE
www.thehotline.org

Visit your local FFSC for more information.



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Family Advocacy Program Services



Victim Advocacy

Victim advocacy is a core component of domestic-abuse prevention and intervention. A Family Advocacy Program victim advocate responds directly to help victims of domestic abuse navigate military and

community systems, including the criminal justice system, and health care and social services, as they attempt to acquire needed resources.



Couples Counseling and Parent Education

FAP provides classes to support alternatives to violence, including couple's communication and effective parenting skills, building healthy relationships and

learning stress management, anger management, and conflict resolution skills.

Transitional Compensation for Abused Dependents

The Transitional Compensation Program is a congressionally-authorized program for abused family members of military personnel. The legislation authorizes temporary payments for families in which the active-duty service member has been court-martialed (with a qualifying sentence) or is being administratively separated for a dependent abuse offense.



New Parent Support Program (NPSP)

The New Parent Support Home Visitation Program is an evidence-based program that offers maternal and infant health education to expecting parents and families with

young children under the age of 4. The program offers comprehensive services that include child development, parenting and co-parenting education, support for active-duty families during the deployment cycle, and fatherhood enrichment training. The NPS Home Visitation Program is designed to help families with young children meet the demands of parenthood while maintaining a military lifestyle. Depending upon the needs of the family, support services are provided in the home or at the FFSC. The program is voluntary and provides services to those families who may be at risk for child abuse.

These programs are located within the FFSC.

Reporting Options

As a victim of domestic abuse, you have two options for reporting the abuse:



Restricted Reporting

This process allows adult victims of domestic abuse who are eligible to receive military medical treatment the option of reporting an incident to specific medical providers or Fleet and Family Support Center staff

without initiating an investigative process or notifying the victim's or offender's command.

A victim of domestic violence can make a restricted report to a FAP victim advocate, the victim advocate's supervisor, and any credentialed healthcare professionals at the Military Treatment Facility or the FFSC. If the victim discloses to someone other than the specified individuals, command or law enforcement may be alerted and an investigation may be initiated. The report then becomes unrestricted.

There are some limitations to restricted reporting that are based on specific, imminent risk. Contact the FFSC's FAP victim advocate to find out more about the guidelines for reporting domestic violence and discuss the options available.



Unrestricted Reporting

Victims of domestic abuse who want to pursue an official command or criminal investigation of an incident should use the unrestricted reporting process, including chain of command, the FAP or law

enforcement. Upon notification of a domestic abuse incident, the domestic abuse victim advocate and FAP clinical services will be offered to the victim. Additionally, at the victim's request, a healthcare provider, in coordination with the criminal investigators, may conduct a forensic medical examination, if appropriate.

Incident Determination Committee and Clinical Case Staff Meeting

In accordance with Department of Defense guidance, all cases that meet reasonable suspicion for domestic abuse and/or child maltreatment will be reviewed at the Incident Determination Committee (IDC) and the Clinical Case Staff Meeting (CCSM).

The IDC membership consists of the installation executive officer, installation command master chief, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, staff judge advocate, base security, Family Advocacy representative, and the sponsor's commanding officer.

At a CCSM, clinical providers review all relevant case information to develop interventions/treatment recommendations to meet the specific needs of each service member and/or family members. The CCSM periodically reviews cases until such time that treatment recommendations are completed, the level of risk has decreased, or the case is closed due to non-compliance.



FAP is Here to Help

The Navy takes the position that family member abuse will not be tolerated. In addition to the pain it causes the family, it also diminishes military performance, impacts readiness, and is contrary to military values. But abuse reported to the FAP will not automatically ruin a Sailor's career.

The first priority for the FAP is to make sure victims are safe and protected from further abuse. The chain of command typically supports Sailors who stop abusive behavior, follow treatment recommendations, and work to achieve positive family relationships.

FAP is an education and treatment program, not a disciplinary program. We are here to help.