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FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM



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This directive establishes the framework for the Air Force Family Advocacy Program (FAP). This directive implements DoD Directive 6400.1, *Family Advocacy Program*. It incorporates provisions of DoDI 6400.05, *New Parent Support Program*, to establish the Air Force (AF) New Parent Support Program (NPSP) as a core service under the FAP. This directive applies to all military and civilian AF personnel and their dependents entitled to receive medical care in a Military Treatment Facility (MTF) as specified in AFI 41-115, *Authorized Health Care and Health Care Benefits in the Military Health Services System*. Additionally, unmarried intimate partners of active duty members (who are not military beneficiaries) are offered assessment, safety planning, and referrals to non-military service providers when referred to FAP for suspicion of maltreatment. Activated Reservists and National Guard members on Title 10 orders, regardless of branch of Service, who have family military medical benefits are eligible for the full range of FAP services from the servicing AF MTF. Activated Guard members on Title 32 orders are eligible for all voluntary prevention services and for emergency safety planning by FAP at the servicing AF MTF, with subsequent referrals made to non-military service providers for ongoing care. AF FAP cannot provide any interventions to Guardsmen on Title 32 orders that require G-series Command involvement. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Form 847s from the field through Major Command (MAJCOM) publications/forms managers. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the AF Records *Disposition Schedule (RDS)* located at <https://www.my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims/rims.cfm>.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document is a substantive revision of the superseded AFPD and must be reviewed in its entirety. DoD requirements for the New Parent Support Program (NPSP) are implemented. Requirements for offices within Headquarters AF organizations' oversight are removed from this Directive for description in supplementing AF Instruction(s). Eligibility for some FAP services is extended to intimate partners.

1. DoD Directive 6400.1 requires the Secretaries of the Military Departments to establish policies prohibiting child and spouse abuse. It is AF Policy that the abuse or neglect of family members by AF personnel is prohibited. AF will provide family maltreatment prevention, education, and intervention through its FAP to all eligible DoD families, coordinating with the sponsor's command as needed. Further, it is AF Policy that:
 2. FAP is a medical program that enhances AF readiness by promoting family and community health and resilience. FAP also advocates for nonviolent communities. These objectives are accomplished through the use of FAP outreach and prevention programs and through the identification and treatment of family maltreatment incidents. These services are empirically designed to prevent family maltreatment, and in turn reduce negative impact upon AF members' duty performance. This directive establishes policy for developing and managing the FAP throughout the AF.
 3. The AF offers maltreatment prevention services to active duty members and their families. The NPSP is a core child abuse/neglect prevention program delivered by FAP in accordance with DoDI 6400.05, with AF policy, and with implementing guidance published by AF/SG.
 4. AF members and DoD civilians who suspect maltreatment will report suspicions and/or refer family members to the military treatment facility (MTF) FAP for assessment. FAP, in compliance with DoD guidance, will assess all maltreatment allegations. AF/SG will establish criteria to determine requirements for further assessment, intervention, and referrals by FAP for eligible beneficiaries.
5. This directive establishes the following responsibilities and authorities:
 - 5.1. The SAF/MR serves as agent of the Secretary and provides guidance, direction, and oversight for all matters pertaining to the formulation, review, and execution of policies, programs and budgets within the AF/SG Family Advocacy Program.
 - 5.2. AF/SG develops, coordinates and executes Family Advocacy policy.
 - 5.2.1. Interfaces with the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff in coordination with SAF/MR to recommend DoD policy and legislative initiatives.
 - 5.2.2. Designates, pursuant to DoDD 6400.1, an AF FAP Manager, to act as their agent, in carrying out approved and directed AF policies for FAP implementation.
 - 5.2.3. Provides implementing guidance and procedures for the FAP.

5.3. Major Commands (MAJCOM) support the FAP to ensure installations are in compliance with this directive, implementing guidance publications, and designate staff members to work cooperatively with AF/SG, or designee, in the delivery of FAP services.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

DoD Directive 6400.1, *Family Advocacy Program (FAP)*, August 23, 2004

DoD Directive 6400.05, *New Parent Support Program*, December 20, 2005

DoD 6400.1-M, *Family Advocacy Program Standards and Self-Assessment Tool*, October 1, 2009

AF Instruction 41-115, *Authorized Health Care and Health Care Benefits in the Military Health Services System*, December 28, 2001

Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, March 1, 2008

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication

Abbreviations and Acronyms

FAP—Family Advocacy Program

MTF—Military Treatment Facility

NPSP—New Parent Support Program

Terms

Family Maltreatment—exists when a military family member or intimate partner experiences non-accidental physical, sexual or emotional trauma, abuse, or neglect.

Maltreatment, Outreach, and Prevention Services—are programs and services for all eligible beneficiaries aimed at building the resilience of installation communities, preventing family maltreatment, and/or educating on how to recognize and report suspected maltreatment.

New Parent Support Program—is a voluntary maltreatment prevention program offered to expectant families and families with children from birth to 3 years of age who are eligible beneficiaries.