



Army Community Service

Commander's primary resource for soldier and family support services

✿ Equips people with skills and support to face the challenges of military life

✿ ACS Services

❖ Deployment/Family Support Groups

❖ Information and Referral

❖ Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

❖ Relocation

➤ AMC - Career centers

➤ Consumer Affairs Financial Assistance Program (CAFAP)

➤ Exceptional Family member Program (EFMP)



ACS: Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

★ AR 608-18

★ FAP Objectives

- ❖ Prevent child and spouse abuse
- ❖ Encourage reporting of all instances of abuse
- ❖ Assess/investigate all cases
- ❖ Protect all victims
- ❖ Treat all family members affected

★ FAP services

- ❖ Family violence prevention
- ❖ Stress/anger management
- ❖ Parenting skills and support classes
- ❖ Foster care information



Domestic Violence

- ★ **“60 Minutes” on domestic violence**
 - ❖ Not complimentary to Army
- ★ **AMC Transition/Change may contribute to:**
 - ❖ Increased stress
 - ❖ Family violence
- ★ **Need to evaluate AMC Family Advocacy Program (FAP)**
 - ❖ Leadership involvement
 - ❖ Legal enforcement
 - ❖ FAP prevention and response programs



Violence Prevention

- ★ **Tools available to Commanders include:**
 - ❖ **Commander's Desk Guide**
 - ❖ **Noncommissioned Officers' Guide**
 - ❖ **Installation staff**
- ★ **FAP manager is the Commander's local expert**
- ★ **Partnering with Army Family Team Building (AFTB) to get information out about FAP**



Commander/Employee Responsibility

- ★ **Violence free environment**
- ★ **Leadership commitment**
- ★ **Community partnership**
- ★ **Establish climate of “Zero Tolerance”**
 - ❖ **“Violence is inexcusable - unacceptable - not tolerated”**
 - ❖ **“Violence is against the law”**
 - ❖ **Commanders/leaders - “zero tolerance - offenders will be held accountable”**



Memoranda of Agreement (MOA)

- ★ **MOAs required by AR 608-18**
 - ❖ **Facilitate a cooperative approach to managing domestic violence**
 - ❖ **Sample MOAs on Army Homepage - ACS Link**
- ★ **MOAs crucial on smaller AMC installations**
- ★ **Review of AMC installations existing MOAs accomplished**
 - ❖ **MOAs in place with on post agencies, civilian facilities and other installations**



Transitional Compensation

- ★ **Financial assistance program established by Congress in 1997**
- ★ **Established for victims of military spouses court-martialed or separated from the Army**
 - ❖ **May receive monthly payments for self and children up to 36 months**
 - ❖ **Maintain commissary and PX privileges**



Domestic Violence and Civilian Employees

- ★ **Establish guidelines in coordination with:**
 - ❖ **Civilian Personnel Office**
 - ❖ **Employee Assistance Program/FAP**
 - ❖ **Law enforcement/security**
 - ❖ **Legal**
 - ❖ **Union representatives**
- ★ **Referral network w/civilian programs**
- ★ **OPM “Responding to Domestic Violence” Handbook for Civilian Employees**