# COMMUNITY RESOURCES (FORT HOOD)

### The USAOTC Family Program

Operational Test Command is a unique Integrated Family Support Network:

We work to strengthen and enhance the overall well being of the unit by leveraging and communicating various resources that can provide support to all individuals.

Education, employment, resources, communication, support, unit & FRG events, and wellness are vital to the well being of our members and Families. We aim to connect you with resources that will empower, mentor, and build resilience for all members.

By leveraging the resources and programs that can benefit all members, we hope to instill a sense of enhanced community spirit that will ultimately benefit the entire community population.

Please take a moment to "like" us on facebook, at www.facebook.com/USAOTC

For more information about the USAOTC Family Program, please contact the Family Program Assistant at <a href="mailto:usarmy.hood.atec.mbx.otc-frg@mail.mil">usarmy.hood.atec.mbx.otc-frg@mail.mil</a> or call (254)288-9964

Ready and Resilient is the Army's holistic approach to total healthcare for its Soldiers, Family members, and civilians, both on and off the battlefield. The major components of Ready and Resilient are medical and personnel readiness. The major components are filtered through nine major topic areas - physical, environmental, behavioral, medical and dental, psychological, social, family, spiritual, and nutritional health. Each area further centers on maintaining, improving, restoring, and/or sustaining good health, strengthening resiliency, and preventing illness and injury. Ready and Resilient programs and medical innovations are on the cutting edge of medicine and are saving lives on the battlefield and in civilian communities. For more information check out <a href="https://www.army.mil/readyandresilient">www.army.mil/readyandresilient</a>

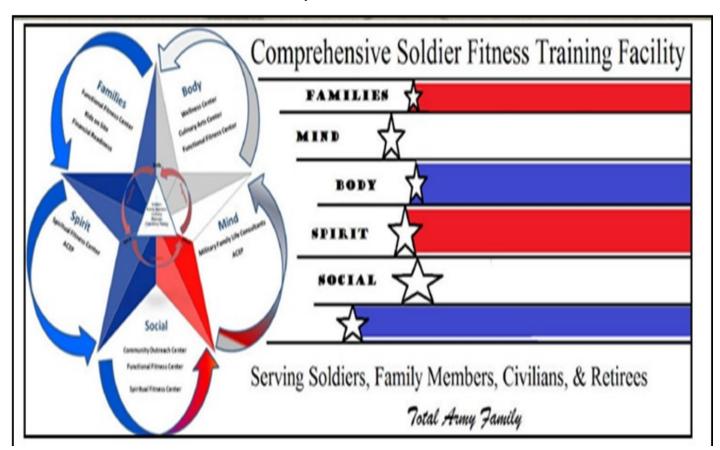
#### **Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Training Facility:**

http://www.hood.army.mil/csf-tf/index.aspx

The Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Training Facility develops resoluteness in the Fort Hood Community through educational and holistic Mind, Body, and Spirit programs in order to promote resiliency and overall comprehensive fitness.

#### Our mission is to build a Fort Hood

Community of balanced, healthy, and Self Confident Soldiers, Family Members, Civilian Employees, and Retirees, prepared to excel in an era of high operational tempo and persistent conflict.



ACS: 254-287-4227



#### **Army Community**

**Service (ACS)** provides comprehensive, coordinated, and responsive advocacy and prevention; information and referral; financial; employment; Soldier and Family Readiness; special

needs; and relocation assistance services that support the resilience and well-being of Soldiers, Retirees, DoD Employees and Families. For more information go to http://hoodmwr.com/acs/ ACS CSFTF.html



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# **Fort Hood Community Resource Guide:**



#### Did you know?

The Suicide Prevention Program falls under ASAP, a manpower Conservation program committed to prevention, education, identification, treatment, rehabilitation, evaluation, and research.

The program reduces the risk of suicide for Active Army and Reserve components Soldiers, Army Civilians, and Army Family Members. For more information Call (254) 287-7575 or visit www.hoodmwr.com/ACS/apb.html

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# **Fort Hood Van Pool Program**

The Mass Transportation Benefit Program (MTBP) provides reimbursement (up to \$125 per rider per month) for mass transit commuting costs "in order to reduce Federal employees' contribution to traffic congestion and air pollution and to expand their commuting alternatives". The only qualified "Mass Transportation" here at Fort Hood is the Van Pool program.

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Fort Hood currently has 7 vans running in the program. The vans pickup Soldiers and DA Civilians in areas such as Harker Heights, Copperas Cove, Georgetown and Round Rock. The vans vary in schedule according to the riders' work days. Many vans operate on a Soldier's PT schedule, while others operate on more of a standard Government work day. New vans are forming all the time. New vans are best formed with 5-7 people who have the same schedule, work in the same area on Fort Hood and live in the same general area.

Participants must ride the van at least 50% of their scheduled work days and must not have any disciplinary issues to qualify for the benefit. Vans are provided by contractors enrolled in the program and driven by the Soldiers and/or Civilians in the van pool. There is no minimum/maximum distance of commute specified by the program.

Applications should be returned by the 24th of each month for submittal for benefits beginning in about 30 days.

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## CONTACT THE FORT HOOD VAN POOL POC: 254-287-5468

Eligible MTBP participants receive a subsidy for their commuting expenses while using Qualified Means of Transportation. At Fort Hood, TX, the only qualified means of transportation available is the Van Pool program.

The maximum allowable benefit is \$125 per month. If your commuting costs exceed \$125 per month, you are responsible for the amount above \$125. The MTPB is centrally funded by HQDA; there is no cost to the local installation.

## Who is eligible?

- ■All Army Active Component (AC) military service members.
- ■Army Reserve Component (RC) military service members (Army Reserve and Army National Guard) who are currently on active duty.
- ■DA Federal civilian employees, including part-time federal employees and interns.
- ■DA Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) personnel employed by a duly constituted Army Non-Appropriated Funded Instrumentality (NAFI) under the control of the Secretary of the Army and organized under the provision of AR 215-1 (Military Morale, Welfare, And Recreation Programs And Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities), (e.g., NAFI activities managed by the U.S. Army Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Command).

Check out their Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FortHoodVanPoolakaArmyMassTransitBenefitProgram">https://www.facebook.com/FortHoodVanPoolakaArmyMassTransitBenefitProgram</a>

Additional information on the program: <a href="http://asafm.army.mil/offices/ASA/">http://asafm.army.mil/offices/ASA/</a> MassTrans.aspx?OfficeCode=1000#WhatsNew

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#### Military & Family Life Consultants (MFLC): Need To Talk To Someone?

Military and Family Life Consultants (MFLC) provide solution-oriented consultations to individuals, couples, families, and groups. The Military and Family Life Consultant (MFLC) Program is designed to provide support and assistance to active duty Soldiers, National Guard & Reserves, military Family Members and civilian personnel. Military and Family Life Consultants can help people who are having trouble coping with concerns and issues of daily life.

#### Some Examples of Issues Include:

Adjustment/Transition

**Stress** 

Anxiety/Sadness

**Deployment Cycle Issues** 

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Aggression

Work/Parenting

Grief/loss

#### **MFLC Solutions:**

Flexible appointment times Flexible meeting locations

\*Confidential

No records kept

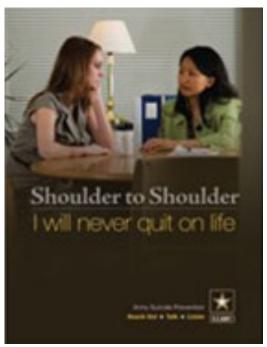
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\*Duty to warn does not apply in cases of threat to self, others, and any reportable abuse issues.

Email: mflc.fthood@gmail.com

Office: 254-553-4705

# **Army G-1, Suicide Prevention Program:**



### **Suicide Prevention Program:**

For Soldiers, Families, and DoD civilians

**Mission:** To improve readiness through the development and enhancement of the Army Suicide Prevention Program polices designed to minimize suicide behavior: thereby preserving mission effectiveness through individual readiness for Soldiers, their Families, and Department of the Army civilians.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-8255 (TALK)

National Suicide Hotline (800) 784-2433 (800-SUICIDE)

Safe Helpline - Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community (877) 995-5247

For more information visit: armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide



**Physical** - Add superfoods to your grocery list such as broccoli, eggs, beets, blueberries, tomatoes and eat oily fish such as salmon three to four times per week to help build your nutritional resilience and keep your brain working optimally.



**Emotional** - Grab the challenge, not the way out of the challenge. As Winston Churchill put it, "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees an opportunity in every difficulty".

RESILIENCE



**Family** - Family resilience can be developed when parents model healthy family behavior such as having dinner together and engaging everyone in affirming, healthy conversation.



**Social** - Know your personal strengths and which traits strengthen the character of those around you. Use those strengths to work well with others in a give and take manner. This can lead to good working relationships and strong friendships.



**Spiritual** - Take a break from your busy schedule to meditate on what is really important to you.

# CYSS OFFERS FAMILY CHILD CARE: Call 254-287-5448

**Family Child Care** Flexible hours, personal attention, low child-to-adult ratio, in a Family setting, Ages four weeks - 12 years old

Family Child Care Offers: Army certified homes on/off-post; Background clearance and caregiver training; Independent contractors - set own hours and fees; Subsidy program for fee categories I and II; Full and part day care, before and after school, hourly care, extended hours and long term care available

All Children must be registered with CYSS to use Family Child Care To register or make an appointment, call the Central Enrollment Registry at 254-287-8029, or to stop by their office, located in Bldg. 283 on Battalion Avenue

Available to military, department of the army civilians and contractor staff children; retirees' children (on space availability basis).