Employee Assistance Program	
Brief Overview for Supervisors	



Employee Assistance Program

Purpose is job-based:

- Help employees identify and resolve personal problems that may affect their job performance and well-being.
- Assist management in addressing productivity issues.
- Promote work/life/wellness programs.

Eligibility



All Civilian Employees and Retirees and

Family Members of Civilian Employees and Retirees

<u>Contractors</u> are <u>not eligible</u> for EAP services

EAP Provides



Privacy and confidentiality Short-term counseling Community referrals Coordination with alcohol/drug treatment Management consultations Training

Typical Problems

Substance Abuse

Alcohol or Drug Abuse

Family and Relationship Problems

- Marital Problems
- Adjustment to Separation and Divorce
- Parenting Concerns
- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Caring for an Aging Parent

Personal and Emotional Problems

- Stress and Anxiety
- Anger or Depression

Work and Life Issues

- Job-Related Stress
- Financial Problems
- Legal Problems
- Balancing Work and Family Demands



Dangers of Enabling



Enabling is the behavior of others that protects alcohol and drug abusers from the consequences of their behavior.

- People enable because they think they are protecting the employee
- Make excuses to avoid conflict
- Delay exacerbates the problem
 - High risk behavior can develop into addiction

Dangers of Enabling



People who abuse alcohol or drugs (legal or illegal)

- Not able to focus on details & make judgment errors
- Frequently absent
- Tend to exhibit mood-swings and poor hygiene
- Are unpredictable
- Job performance goes down
- Have problems with co-workers
- Office morale goes down

http://www.drugabuse.gov/drugpages.html



How To Make A Referral

- Evaluate the workplace problem
- Document the problem
- Consult with Civilian Personnel Advisory Center-CPAC by calling 438-8446
- Approach the employee successfully
 - Choose a private place and an appropriate time
 - Get to the point
 - Don't get distracted
 - Refer to EAP. Call 655-9113 for an appointment.
 - End the meeting by giving a brief review of the work problem and the reason for your action.



How to Access EAP

Self-Referral

- Employee makes the 1st call
- If coordinate with supervisor, time charged as admin time

Informal Referral

 Supervisor suggests and gives the employee EAP contact information

Formal Referral

- Supervisor counsels the employee and makes an appointment for the employee
- Employees are not obligated to participate with EAP

What EAP Does?



- Assess Employee's Situation
 - EAP Referral Is Counted as Admin Time AR 600-85
- Make a Referral to Appropriate Care
 - Outpatient or Inpatient Care Utilizing the Employee's Health Insurance and Sick Leave
- Request Consent for Information on Treatment
- Upon Completion of Treatment
 - Employee Will Be Subject to Frequent Random Testing for 1 Year



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