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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort George G. Meade Policy Memorandum # 61, Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

1. The FAP mission is to prevent and reduce child abuse, child neglect, and spouse/intimate partner abuse. An essential aspect of the FAP mission is to promote strong, resilient Soldiers and Families by establishing information and educational programs and supportive services. The FAP mission also includes ensuring prompt reporting, assessment and investigation of incidents of abuse, while providing treatment to all affected Family members.
2. Family violence is contrary to Army values and threatens the safety and welfare of our military Families and communities. Family violence also undermines unit cohesion, morale, and readiness. Preventing Family violence is a Command priority and responsibility. Family violence includes child abuse, child neglect and spouse abuse/intimate partner abuse.
3. All tenant commands, agencies, and activities are required to comply with the provisions of Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, Family Advocacy Program, and adhere to the guidance stated in this memorandum. Commanders are responsible for taking immediate steps to alleviate Family violence. Commanders are required to promptly report all incidents of child abuse, child neglect, spouse abuse/intimate partner abuse, to the Fort George G. Meade (FGGM) Reporting Point of Contact, Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), during and after duty hours at (301) 677-6622. Commanders are expected to provide Command representation at Case Review Committee (CRC) meetings and support CRC treatment recommendations.
4. AR 608-18 also stipulates mandatory FAP briefings for Commanders/Company and Unit Commanders and Senior Enlisted (E-7 through E-9) within 45 days after appointment to a Command position and annual training thereafter. In addition to this requirement, all Commanders/Company and Unit Commanders are responsible for scheduling annual FAP Awareness briefings for all Soldiers.
5. Victims of domestic violence and child abuse have a right to receive counseling, treatment, information both legal and educational, safety planning and information, and referrals by contacting the FAP Clinical Staff, Victim Advocates (VA), and the Family

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Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM). Support for victims is available through FAP, Social Work Services at (301) 677-8895 and the Victim Advocacy Program at (301) 677-5590. Victims have the right to file a restricted report for domestic violence by contacting FGGM Health Care Providers (to include FAP Clinical Staff), VA, the VA Supervisor, or Chaplains. Legal Assistance is available through the FGGM Legal Assistance Office at (301) 677-9536.

6. Commanders should be aware of the Transitional Compensation Program. This program authorizes transitional compensation payments for dependents of Soldiers when a Soldier has been administratively discharged from service, or has been discharged from service and/or forfeited all pay and allowances by court-martial for dependent abuse that occurred on or after 30 November 1993. In situations of alleged dependent abuse, commanders shall contact FAP personnel for guidance on the procedures to establish entitlement to transitional compensation.

7. Commanders should also be aware of the New Parent Support Program - Home Visitation (NPSP-HV). The NPSP-HV provides supports to Families through a comprehensive combination of services before and after a child's birth to include: home visits, parent education, parent/child bonding and playtime, child development, and information and referral. The NPSP - HV is an important voluntary program that is designed to increase parental skills and reduce incidents of child abuse. Both mothers and fathers are encouraged to participate in the NPSP- HV.

8. Taking care of Families is essential to promoting Command readiness and Family well-being. It is imperative that the FGGM community work together in order to prevent Family violence. We can enhance the lives of Army Families by working together.

9. Please contact the FAPM or VA at (301) 677-5590 to schedule FAP Briefings and trainings.


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