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United to End Domestic Abuse

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), and this year's theme is "United to End Domestic Abuse." This campaign theme is designed to promote the idea that preventing domestic abuse is a shared community responsibility, and one that starts with support for victims.

The campaign introduces simple but safe and effective ways for Family, friends and concerned community members to help individuals who are at risk for domestic abuse. We all play a part in changing the culture regarding domestic abuse and here are a few ways to get involved:

Help those involved know the signs of abuse, let victims know you are concerned, and direct them to a Victim

Advocate. Help abusive partners identify their unhealthy behaviors and let them know support is available.

Do not remain silent about things you witness or notice. Share Fort Campbell's Response: Let victims of abuse know that Victim Advocates are available 24/7 at 931-980-5787 for crisis response and safety planning.

The military offers two reporting options for reporting domestic abuse, restricted and unrestricted. Restricted reporting allows individuals to discuss their situation with certain individuals without triggering command or law enforcement notifications.

Unrestricted reporting requires command and law enforcement notifications yet allows the individual to receive victim advocacy and other available support

services. These reports can be made to a Victim Advocate or ones healthcare provider. Once an Unrestricted report has been made, Policy Letter 7 is implemented. This requires that command teams report to Blanchfield Army Community Hospital Family Advocacy Program (BACH FAP) and the Provost Marshal's Office.

It also requires that they issue a Military Protective Order (MPO) and separate the individuals to safeguard all parties. The MPO must be in place at minimum until BACH FAP has conducted the initial assessment.

Understand the reasons some stay: Know that the relationship may not have always been abusive and victims experience conflicting emotions about the abuse. Victims may blame themselves or believe the behavior is normal.

The victim may also feel pressure to stay in the relationship due to religious beliefs, parenting concerns or financial issues. Fear is another reason many stay and is justified since attempting to leave increases their risk of serious harm.

Teach children about healthy and safe relationships: Teach kids about healthy communication, conflict resolution, mutual respect and other relationship skills. Also teach children the warning signs of unhealthy and abusive relationships.

Follow the ACS Facebook page for information about Fort Campbell's DVAM campaign.



Army Emergency Relief Home School and Remote Education Assistance Program

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The COVID-19 pandemic crisis caused many schools to close during the second half of the Academic Year 2019/2020. As a result of these school closures, many Army parents were faced with managing their children's educational needs through home school programs.

To respond to this need, Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief (AER), established assistance guidelines to help Soldiers and Families who may experience financial hardship and face difficulty paying the additional costs associated with purchasing home school supplies and equipment.

The most common options offered are traditional home school programs (sanctioned and/or affiliated with a School or School District), virtual/distance learning programs or hybrid programs consisting of both a virtual/distance learning program and resident in class attendance on select days of the week.

Some Army Families may experience financial hardship and face difficulty paying the additional costs for home school supplies and equipment that is required to execute these options for the upcoming school year.

This category of assistance is intended to assist eligible Soldiers with dependent children in grades K thru 12th and dependents attending a college or university at the undergrad level (up to age 24) with home school costs for specific school supplies and equipment up to \$1,500 per family, regardless of the number of requests.

All requests will be considered based on a valid financial need and assistance may be provided in advance to ensure parents have the supplies and equipment needed for the respective school option chosen for the upcoming school year.

For assistance please contact our ACS Army Emergency Relief Office by calling (270) 798-5518.



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ACS Volunteer Program 270-798-2063
Army Family Action Plan (AFAP)
270-956-2934

Army Family Team Building (AFTB)
270-798-4800

Army Volunteer Corps (AVC)
270-956-2934

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
270-798-2727

Family Advocacy Program (FAP)
270-412-5500

Financial Readiness Program (FRP)
270-798-5518

Military Family Life Counselors (MFLC)
270-798-9322

Master Resilience Training (MRT)
270-412-5500

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Support Operations (MDSSO)

Soldier and Family Readiness Group

Training (SFRG) 270-798-3849

Outreach Program 270-798-2062

Relocation Readiness Program
270-798-6313

2433 Indiana Avenue:

Soldier & Family Assistance Center (SFAC)
270-412-6000

5001 Screaming Eagle Drive:

Survivor Outreach Services (SOS)
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