



MC&FP FACT SHEET

Data



Eight-five percent of military spouses want or need to work, yet one in four is unemployed and actively seeking work¹.

Additional Information

Spouse Education and Career Opportunities

www.militaryonesource.mil/seco

MySECO

<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil>

Military Spouse Employment Partnership

<https://msejobs.militaryonesource.mil>

Military Spouse Mentoring Opportunities

Background

To support the education and career opportunities of military spouses, the Department of Defense's Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program provides military spouses with opportunities for career exploration, education and training, employment readiness and career connections. As part of employment readiness activities and outreach, SECO and its partners offer military spouses mentoring opportunities to help them develop and improve their employment skills to advance in their careers. The mentoring partnership, based on mutual respect and trust, may be between two people within the same company, industry or networking organization.

Highlights

Several organizations who participate in the Military Spouse Employment Partnership offer mentoring to military spouses:

- **The Military Spouse eMentor Program** is a dynamic online community where proteges can receive personalized career guidance, advice, support and inspiration.
- **Business and Professional Women's Foundation** provides mentoring, jobs and resources for women veterans and military spouses with its program Joining Forces for Women Veterans and Military Spouse Mentoring Plus™
- **Blue Star Professional Networks**, created in conjunction with Hiring Our Heroes, include **Blue Star Educators**, **Blue Star Health Care Professionals** and **Blue Star Entrepreneurs**.
- **In Gear Career** is a group of past and present military spouses building communities, expanding networks, sharing lessons learned and mentoring.
- **Military Spouse Foundation** features one-on-one mentoring, community discussions and expert forums with a focus on career planning and entrepreneurship.

¹Defense Manpower Data Center (2011), *The 2010 Military Family Life Project Briefing (May 18, 2011)*, Military OneSource.mil, www.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/FY2012_Report.pdf.

