

The Family Advocacy Program provides family life education and violence prevention programs to all US Forces ID cardholders including:

A 24-hour hotline for victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence to obtain advocacy and support: 0170-609-2862.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPRP) -- This program provides advocacy and support to Active Duty soldiers that are victims of sexual assault. Unrestricted and restricted reporting options are offered. Certain protocols are established in order to use the specific reporting procedures, and protocol questions can be answered by the Victim Advocate Coordinator (VAC). Unit Victim Advocates (UVAs) meet with victims and establish confidentiality and support in order to provide information and advocacy.

Victim Advocacy Program -- This program provides advocacy and support to active duty and civilian victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Unrestricted and restricted reporting options for domestic violence are offered. Certain protocols must be followed in order to use the specific reporting procedures, and protocol questions can be answered by the Installation Victim Advocate.

Parenting Education Program -- Parenting classes are specifically designed to improve the nurturing skills of parents with children ages birth to twelve years of age. This program promotes parental bonding, and understanding the development of children. Parents and children work and play together during family time. For certain ages there is a corresponding and concurrent children's program.

New Parent Support Program -- This program is geared for parents with children, prenatal and up to three years of age. One-on-one home flexible home visitation is provided, as well as information on child development, discipline, and parenting.

Emergency Placement Care -- This program provides 24-hour full-time care to children who need a safe environment. Emergency Placement Care (EPC) parents are recruited, trained and certified. They provide temporary child care while decisions are being made whether to return the child to the natural family or legal guardians. EPC is meant to be a short-term home placement with a minimum of three days and a maximum of 90 days stay in an EPC home. A daily stipend, payable after the placement, is provided to the EPC family to offset costs associated with the child(ren)'s stay.

Healthy Relationships -- Adult healthy relationship classes are available to service members, civilian employees and family members. The purpose of these classes is to provide education, promote awareness, and prevent unhealthy and abusive relationships. Participants will learn about effective communication, promoting equality in relationships and the warning signs in situations where abuse occurs. Individuals will discuss their rights and responsibilities in their relationships, and how to build and maintain a healthy relationship with their partner.

Anger Management -- This course-workshop teaches recognition of the symptoms of anger, causes of anger, and ways of managing anger.

Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention -- Promotes the awareness of child abuse, the signs of child abuse and modes to prevent child abuse, to include presenting effective disciplining techniques. This program focuses on why abuse and neglect happens, strategies on how to relieve family stress, and ways to praise and promote self-esteem in children. Also, teaches about the cycle of violence and abusive controlling behavior (power and control wheel). This program promotes the prevention of domestic violence by recognizing better ways of communication, coping with stress and anger, and understanding the consequences of domestic violence on families and children.

Child Lures -- A class offered to elementary students. This program promotes the prevention of sexual abuse and abduction by providing students with the information and techniques in dealing with predators. It is designed to safeguard your child by teaching him/her to recognize and thwart the lures (techniques to attract children) used by child molesters and abductors to disarm and abuse youngsters. The child lures are discussed in depth using role-play and scenarios. A video is used to show children fictional demonstrations of lures that have actually been used. This program is offered yearly to the local Heidelberg elementary schools.