

# **Annual Report to the Congressional Defense Committees on the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council**



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## **List of Acronyms and Abbreviations**

DoD	Department of Defense
DSLO	DoD State Liaison Office
ECHO	Extended Care Health Option
EFMP	Exceptional Family Member Program
FAP	Family Advocacy Program
FY	Fiscal Year
HCBS	home and community based service
MCO	Marine Corps Order
M&RA	Manpower and Reserve Affairs
NAVADMIN	Naval Administrative Message
NDAA	National Defense Authorization Act
NGB	National Guard Bureau
ODASD(MC&FP)	Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy
OPNAV	Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
OSD	Office of Secretary of Defense
SECNAV	Secretary of the Navy
SLEO	State Liaison Education Opportunities Office
U.S.C.	United States Code
USD(P&R)	Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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This report is submitted pursuant to section 1781a of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), which requires the Department of Defense (DoD) Military Family Readiness Council (hereafter called “the Council”) to submit an annual report that provides its assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of military family readiness programs and activities and recommendations to improve these programs.

Fiscal year (FY) 2015 was a challenging year for the Council. However, the Council did meet the statutory scheduled requirement of two meetings annually. The Council’s activities of its past, present, and future are posted and archived on its webpage on the Military OneSource website.<sup>1</sup>

In the first meeting of FY 2015, the Council deliberated and voted on the final recommendations for FY 2014, which as previously reported, included a focus on communication and outreach to Reserve Component and geographically dispersed members and families, development of a toolkit to educate and inform military family and civilian leaders on total military family DoD engagement strategies, continued improvement of Military OneSource, leveraging appropriate public-private partnerships, and a focus on support for transitioning military families.

The second meeting of FY 2015 followed up on several of these items, including formal briefs on outreach to the military family community and Military OneSource; the efforts of the State Liaison Education Opportunities Office (SLEO) to inform state policies and legislation supporting Service members, military families, and veterans; DoD efforts to promote financial literacy and help military families achieve financial readiness; and the efforts of the DoD Family Advocacy Program (FAP) to prevent and respond to domestic abuse and child abuse and neglect.

While the Council was not prepared to make formal recommendations for FY 2015, they agreed to focus on the following items in future meetings and deliberations:

- Care of children in the Military Health System (“TRICARE for Kids”)
- A continued focus on Military OneSource transformation efforts
- The implications of the Force of the Future initiatives on military families and children
- The impact of constrained budgets on support programs for the Reserve Component

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<sup>1</sup> The Council webpage is available at <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/those-who-support-mfrc>.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The DoD Military Family Readiness Council (hereafter referred to as “the Council”) was established in November 2008 under the provisions of section 1781a of title 10, U.S.C., and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972. The Council is a congressionally mandated, non-discretionary Federal Advisory committee sponsored by DoD. The duties of the Council include the following:

- (1) To review and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense regarding the policy and plans supporting military family readiness under section 1781b of title 10, U.S.C.
- (2) To monitor requirements for the support of military family readiness by DoD.
- (3) To evaluate and assess the effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of DoD.

The original Council membership was modified and expanded by section 574 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012 (Public Law 112-81). This legislative change added spouses of the Military Services’ Senior Enlisted Advisors and the spouses or parents of Service members as authorized members. The new membership composition helped improve the Council business planning and reenergized Council activities overall. Currently there are 18 members serving on the Council (see Appendix A).

Per section 1781a of title 10, U.S.C., the Council is required to submit an annual report to the Secretary of Defense and Congressional Defense Committees, including the following:

- (1) An assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of DoD during the preceding FY in meeting the needs and requirements of military families.
- (2) Recommendations on actions to be taken to improve the capability of the military family readiness programs and activities of DoD to meet the needs and requirements of military families, including actions relating to the allocation of funding and other resources to and among such programs and activities.

## **2. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES IN FY 2014**

### **2-1. Council Activities**

**Meetings:** The Council is required to meet twice a year. Since FY 2013, the Council has convened at least twice a year in order to receive more information on specific issues and policy changes. During FY 2015, the Council convened two times: October 7, 2014, and September 17, 2015. Both meetings were held at the Pentagon Conference Center in Washington, D.C. The objectives of each meeting were three fold: to review new information and updates on DoD efforts pertaining to military family readiness from the Services and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD); to discuss issues affecting military family readiness; and to consider possible recommendations from the Council to the Secretary of Defense. The meetings are required to be open to the public. In order to keep the public informed of the Council’s proceedings, inform the public on its future events, and provide an online archive of past activities, the Council maintains



an official webpage hosted on the Military OneSource website at the following address:  
<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/those-who-support-mfrc>.

## **2-2. Review of Recent Policy Changes**

The Services and OSD Offices reported a total of 25 new or updated policies pertaining to military family readiness in FY 2015 (see Appendix B). The Council will continue monitoring and reviewing DoD and Service-level policies and regulations on military family readiness through periodic policy updates. When an in-depth review of a policy change is warranted, the Council will request briefings on specific policy issues pertaining to military family readiness in order to better assess the impact on family readiness and make effective and opportune recommendations.

## **2-3. Review of Major Initiatives and Program Evaluation Projects**

The Council is mandated to evaluate and assess the effectiveness of military family readiness programs and DoD activities in meeting the needs and requirements of military families. In the context of the October 2014 meeting, the Council was briefed on and discussed the efforts of the DoD FAP to prevent and respond to domestic abuse and child abuse and neglect.

In the context of the September 2015 meeting, the Council received briefs on and discussed:

- The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy's (ODASD(MC&FP)) efforts to improve communication and awareness of existing family support programs, efforts to educate and inform military family and civilian leaders on DoD engagement strategies, and the continued efforts to transform Military OneSource.
- The efforts of the SLEO to inform state policies and legislation supporting Service members, military families, and veterans.
- DoD efforts to promote financial literacy and help military families achieve financial readiness.
- An update on the efforts of the DoD FAP to prevent and respond to domestic abuse and child abuse and neglect.

These briefings guided the Council's discussions, and will inform program and policy reviews in the subsequent meetings.

The Council received briefings on the following DoD initiatives and program evaluation efforts during the FY 2015 meetings:

**Status Update on Efforts of the DoD FAP to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Abuse and Child Abuse and Neglect:** Ms. Kathy Robertson of the Office of Family Readiness Policy briefed the Council twice concerning these vital efforts. The key updates in October 2014 were as follows:

- In September 2013, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)) directed a top-level rapid review with a focus on prevention as part of an ongoing, proactive approach to improving prevention of, and coordinated community response to child abuse and neglect and domestic violence. The review is being conducted in three phases.
- During phase one, conducted during FY 2014, two lean six sigma rapid improvement events were conducted to assess current procedures and recommend improvements. The events generated 84 preliminary ideas to strengthen prevention and response, and these ideas are under review by senior leadership for potential implementation.
- Phase two, to be conducted during FY 2015, will include the convening of an integrated project team responsible for vetting the rapid improvement event preliminary ideas, generating a master list of final recommendations and associated action plans, and creating a tracking mechanism to monitor the implementation of recommendations. The team will meet in the fall of 2014 for the first time and then quarterly for the year to follow.
- Phase three will include the tracking of the implementation of final recommendations.

The key updates in September 2015 were as follows:

- There is an Integrated Product Team recommendation from the Law Enforcement Working Group for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service to develop a misdemeanor-level investigative capability similar to the other Departments.
- A study is under way of all of the Services' New Parent Support programs, which provide home visits by licensed nurses and social workers to help parents with children from birth to age 3, with a view to preventing child abuse and neglect. The goal is to standardize components of the program across the DoD.
- FAP is working with the Marine Corps Assessments Branch to study victim advocacy programs in order to standardize procedures and staffing ratios.
- FAP proposed a DoD-wide study on child neglect to identify military-specific risk factors for neglect. The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in collaboration with Defense Data Manpower Center is the lead on the study.
- FAP is partnering with Pennsylvania State University on "Thrive," a combination of four evidence-based parenting programs that will be tested at 8-10 installations in 2016.
- The program plans to roll out the research-based Intimate Partner Physical Injury Risk Assessment Tool in 2016 to gauge the risk of subsequent physical violence by alleged domestic abuse offenders.
- South Carolina and the State of Washington have passed laws requiring Child Protective Services to report to Family Advocacy and military law enforcement any incidents of child abuse involving a military family living in a civilian community.

**Status Update on Military Community and Family Policy Outreach,**

**Communication, Education and Engagement:** Ms. Rosemary Williams, then-Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, provided these key updates in September 2015:

- About 70 percent of the 2.5 million active-duty and reserve Service members live off base.
- Among active-duty and reserve Service Members, 85 percent are under the age of 35. This group relies heavily on social media and the input of family and friends to make life decisions.
- They demand accurate, reliable, credible, and timely digital content. The DoD, through platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest, is launching its first paid digital outreach and engagement strategy. The first two campaigns will focus on prevention of child abuse and neglect and increasing military families' financial readiness.
- In regards to Military OneSource, she noted that Military OneSource annually handles about 700,000 calls, while its website receives about 1.75 million unique visits. The redesigned website, unveiled August 1, 2015, features streamlined navigation, more-focused content and a keyword-optimized search function. The new site is interactive and features a single sign-on function.
- In the future, Military OneSource.mil could possibly provide transactional capabilities and any technical refresh must include an agile platform capable of supporting change as needed.
- ODASD(MC&FP) is using social and behavioral science to devise the best methods for engaging Service members, families, and survivors. The DoD recently used such methodology to increase participation in the Thrift Savings Plan by Service members.

**Status Update on the Efforts of the DoD - State Liaison Office (DSLO):** Dr. Tom Langdon, Director, State Liaison Education Opportunities Directorate, ODASD(MC&FP), provided these key updates in September 2015:

- DSLO's mission is to alleviate barriers in state policy that Service members and their families may face as a result of military service. This office accomplishes its mission by educating state policymakers on a list of issues approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA). DSLO annually gathers input from the Services, Joint Staff, Military and Veteran Support Organizations, and the National Guard Bureau (NGB) on issues of potential interest and vets them through the Military Department M&RAs, Joint Staff, and impacted USD(P&R) staffs. An average of 80 bills impacting the approved issues are enacted by the states each year, with a pass-rate of 61 percent of bills introduced.
- A significant issue for the 2016 legislative cycle has been to establish state policy to support identification and reporting of abuse and neglect of military children. Generally, state laws do not require child protective services to identify military families in cases of child abuse and neglect, or to report cases to the appropriate military authorities. Changes in state law can support both local government and the



military Services concurrently assessing these cases and providing support to the families.

- Another initiative being pursued is one that will allow special needs family members to establish and retain their earned priority for receiving Medicaid home and community based service (HCBS) waivers in their state of residence, while their sponsors are on active duty. This allows special needs family members to be prepared to obtain Medicaid HCBS waiver services after the sponsor retires/separates and Tricare Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) support is no longer available.
- Through collaboration with the First Lady's Joining Forces initiative, DSLO has assisted states with policy that allows military spouses, particularly in the healthcare related occupations, to be able to more efficiently transfer their existing license between states or to obtain a temporary license while completing state requirements. Additionally, DSLO has worked with Joining Forces to establish policies to assist separating Service members with obtaining credit for their military training, education and experience to obtain an occupational license or an academic degree.
- DSLO has worked with states on other policies impacting the transition of Service members to include state policies that allow private sector companies to provide a hiring preference for veterans, and the continued proliferation of Veterans Treatment Courts.

**Status Update on DoD Efforts to Promote Financial Literacy and Help Military Families Achieve Financial Readiness:** Ms. Barbara Thompson, Director, Office of Family Readiness Policy, ODASD(MC&FP), provided these key updates in September 2015:

- The DoD provides Service members with a wide array of financial literacy programs — including My Training Hub, an online learning management program — which are available in-person, online and telephonically.
- The Pillars of personal financial readiness were developed eight years ago, and changes to the economic climate warrant a refresh.
  - The Pillars are being revamped.
  - The Office of Family Readiness is consulting with universities to develop relevant content.
  - The Office of Family Readiness cannot carry this out alone and is partnering with federal and non-profit organizations to develop programs and curricula.
- There is a big push to encourage military families to save more for both emergencies and retirement.
  - Military families are urged to participate in the Thrift Savings Program.
  - On-base banks and credit unions under contract with DoD are required to provide financial education.
  - The key challenge is getting Service members and their families to act on the information they receive.

### 3-3. Review of Public Comments

As a Federal Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Defense, the Council must hold meetings open to the public. In addition, the public and interested groups are allowed to submit their written statements to the Council for its consideration at any time, or in response to the stated agenda. In FY 2015, the Council received the following comments:

- The Military Family Advisory Network, submitted recommendations on improving the Council, including:
  - Holding a Council meeting outside the National Capital Region.
  - Increasing the transparency of the member selection process.
  - Increasing the awareness of the work of the Council.
  - Adding additional non-governmental representatives to the Council.
  - Recording and/or broadcasting Council meetings for the public.
- Sixteen similar public submissions were received concerning TRICARE coverage for Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy, and access to this treatment for military family members diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.
- Ms. Megan Oday commented how critical it is for families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) to connect with installation services as soon as possible after executing a Permanent Change of Station move.
- Ms. Mary Ward relayed the experience of an Army spouse expressing the view that families in the EFMP that receive counseling are stigmatized and negatively impacted in assignment policies.
- Ms. Erin Ward, concerning Public-Private Partnerships, expressed the view that inconsistent policies between installations restrict the ability of vetted nonprofit organizations to assist Service members and families.
- Ms. Angela Drake expressed concerns about cyberbullying of military spouses, providing several press articles concerning the subject.
- Ms. Tara Szymanek expressed concerns about the challenges families with special needs face, requesting greater support for the Military Support 360 Project, and requesting simpler access to family health care and health care information.
- Mr. Jeremy Hilton urged the Council to consider the issues pertaining to access to state Medicaid services for military families with special needs as they transition from state to state, including how families are supported by the EFMP and Tricare ECHO programs. He also requested the Council consider the value of respite care for families with special needs.

As time permitted, the Council gave the attending public the opportunity to provide oral comments at the September 2015 meeting. The following comments were received:

- Theresa Rankin, an advisor to the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, suggested a pooling of data on brain injuries suffered by Service members and veterans. She noted that many states are seeking Medicaid set-asides to help Service members and veterans with such injuries. She closed her remarks by praising the use of public-private partnerships to solve this challenge.

- Christine Taylor, from the Policy Lab at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, discussed her work on a study of the potential relationship between deployment cycles and domestic abuse and mental health issues. She stated her team looks forward to sharing its findings with the Council.

The Council values active contributions of the public and reviews all communication to the Council. Public comments will inform the Council's future reviews and discussions on matters as to whether further action is required.

#### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

In FY 2015, the Council reviewed policy changes, family program evaluation activities, and public submissions, and held robust discussions on all of these topics. The Council did not have the opportunity to vote on formal recommendations for 2015, but pledged to continue work in 2016 in support of Military Family Readiness.

**APPENDIX A:**  
**MEMBERS OF THE DoD MILITARY FAMILY READINESS COUNCIL**  
(Membership as of the end of FY2015)

**Chair: The Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)**

Honorable Brad Carson, Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)

Alternate Chair: Ms. Stephanie A. Barna, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness and Force Management

**Service member representatives from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force**

Lieutenant General David Halverson, Commander, U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, U.S. Army

Brigadier General Russell Sanborn, Director, Marine and Family Programs, U.S. Marine Corps

Rear Admiral Ann Burkhardt, Director, Twenty-First Century Sailor Office (N17), United States Navy

Brigadier General Lenny Richoux, Director of Air Force Services, U.S. Air Force

**Representative of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard**

Lieutenant General Stanley E. Clarke III, Director, Air National Guard

**Acting Director of the Office of Community Support for Military Families with Special Needs**

Ms. Barbara A. Thompson, Director, Office of Family Readiness Policy, Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy

**Senior Enlisted Advisors of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps (Two of these members may be selected from among the spouses of the Senior Enlisted Advisors)**

Mrs. Andrea Smith Green, Spouse of Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Ronald Green, U.S. Marine Corps

Mrs. Theresa Stevens, Spouse of Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Michael Stevens, U.S. Navy

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Cody, United States Air Force  
Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Daily, United States Army

**Spouses or parents of members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force (Two from Active component and two from the Reserve Component)**

Mrs. Laura Conley, Army National Guard Spouse

Mrs. Christina Myers, USMC Spouse

Mrs. Chaun Theng Young, Navy Reserve Spouse

Mrs. Michelle Padgett, U.S. Air Force Spouse

**Representatives of military family organizations**

Ms. Karen Ruedisueli, National Military Family Association

Ms. Noeleen Tillman, Blue Star Families



**APPENDIX B:**  
**MAJOR POLICY CHANGES PERTAINING TO MILITARY FAMILY**  
**READINESS IN FY2015 (October 2014- September 2015)**

Policy Change	Summary
<b>A. Military Services</b>	
<b>1. Army</b>	
No policy updates provided.	
<b>2. Marine Corps</b>	
MCO 1710.30, "Marine Corps Child and Youth Programs (CYP)" August 5, 2015	This Marine Corps Order establishes policy and procedural guidance for the effective execution of the CYP and standardizes child care and youth programs across the Marine Corps.
MCO 1751.3, "Marine Corps Dependency Determination and Support Program for Basic Allowance for Housing and Travel and Transportation Allowance," May 5, 2015	This Marine Corps Order establishes policy for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), as well as travel and transportation allowances.
MCBul 1754, "Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)," February 27, 2015	This Bulletin outlines policy regarding an EFMP enrolled Marine's eligibility to utilize respite care, establishes respite care reimbursement formulas, and clarifies authorized use of respite care.
MCBul 1742, "Marine Corps Voting Assistance Reporting Process and Timelines," December 29, 2014	This Bulletin announces changes to the Voting Assistance reporting process and timelines.
MCO 1700.37, "Personal Financial Management Program (PFMP)," December 11, 2014	This Marine Corps Order provides financial counseling, education, training, and information and referral to Marines and their families in order to increase their financial readiness.
<b>3. U.S. Navy</b>	
NAVADMIN 243/14, OCT 14, "TRANSITION GOALS, PLANS, AND SUCCESS"	This NAVADMIN announces the fifth in a series of updates for Transition Goals, Plans, and Success (GPS). It specifically addresses implementation of the Transition Military Lifecycle (MLC) model designed to introduce portions of transition GPS curriculum early and throughout the career of service members prior to pre-separation counseling or attending the mandatory transition GPS courses.
NAVADMIN 263/14, NOV 14, "GUIDANCE FOR REDUCING ACCESS TO LETHAL MEANS THROUGH VOLUNTARY	This NAVADMIN announces policy on reducing access to lethal means through the voluntary storage of privately-owned firearms. The policy governs voluntary storage of privately-owned firearms not through coercion nor the use of incentives/disincentives to reduce access to lethal means for any

Policy Change	Summary
STORAGE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED FIREARMS"	Sailor reasonably believed to be at risk for suicide or causing harm or unnecessary deaths to others.
NAVADMIN 281/14, DEC 14, "U.S. NAVY FAMILY CARE POLICY"	This NAVADMIN announces policy and procedure changes to the Family Care Policy and use of Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) and Electronic Service Record (ESR) to document completion of a Family Care Plan (FCP) to provide guidance and establish minimum standards for family care planning.
NAVADMIN 030/15, FEB 15, "TRANSITION GOALS, PLANS, SUCCESS"	This NAVADMIN announces the sixth in a series of updates for Transition Goals, Plans, and Success (GPS). It provides updated guidance to reserve component (RC) Sailors and the active and reserve commanders they support.
NAVADMIN 037/15, FEB 15, "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT COUNT-CONSEQUENT COMMAND ACTIONS"	This NAVADMIN provides implementation guidance regarding the new Department of Defense requirement for commands to report Navy domestic violence count and consequent command action (DVIC-CCA).
NAVADMIN 119/15, MAY 15, "MRS. SYBIL STOCKDALE OMBUDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD"	This NAVADMIN announces the establishment of the annual Mrs. Sybil Stockdale Ombudsman of the Year award nomination/selection process, and presentation requirements for Calendar Year 2015.
NAVADMIN 125/15, APR 15, "OMBUDSMAN REGISTRY TO BECOME CAC ENABLED"	This NAVADMIN announces that the Ombudsman Registry <a href="https://ombudsmanregistry.org">https://ombudsmanregistry.org</a> will become Common Access Card (CAC) enabled on 1 October 2015.
NAVADMIN 178/15, AUG 15, "PHYSICAL READINESS PROGRAM POLICY CHANGES"	This NAVADMIN enumerates changes to the Physical Readiness Program (PRP) to strike a balance between health, fitness, and mission readiness.
NAVADMIN 182/15, AUG 15, "MATERNITY AND CONVALESCENT LEAVE POLICY"	This NAVADMIN provides policy and implementation guidance for changes to maternity and convalescent leave.
NAVADMIN 192/15, AUG 15, RELEASE OF OPNAVINST 1752.1C, "NAVY SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RESPONSE PROGRAM"	This NAVADMIN announces the publication of OPNAVINST 1752.1C. It specifically addresses the alignment with NDAA for FY 2007 through 2014 requirements, DoD policy mandates, the DoD and SECNAV policies, and updates related to safety assessment requirements, SAPR Training, requirements, retaliation initiatives, Reserve Component services, and availability of the Victims Legal Counsel program for adult sexual assault victims within Navy .



Policy Change	Summary
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL OPNAVINST 1700.16B REVISION	This revision provides additional guidance for the purchase, possession, sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverage within military installations under naval jurisdiction, and provides changes directed by Chief of Naval Operations to update and further refine Navy's alcoholic beverage control policy.
OPERATIONAL STRESS CONTROL PROGRAM OPNAVINST 6520.1	This instruction establishes policy, guidelines, procedures, and responsibilities to standardize the Operational Stress Control (OSC) Program across the Navy, and to establish OSC training requirements.
<b>4. Air Force</b>	
AF POLICY DIRECTIVE 36-82	Directive on Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
<b>5. National Guard Bureau</b>	
No policy updates provided.	
<b>B. Office of Secretary of Defense</b>	
<b>1. Military Community and Family Policy</b>	
Department of Defense Instruction 1342.12, "Provision of Early Intervention and Special Education Services to Eligible DoD Dependents," June 17, 2015	This instruction and its accompanying manual, provides policy, responsibilities and implementation of Early Intervention Services (EIS) in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
Department of Defense Instruction 1402.5, "Background Checks on Individuals in DoD Child Care Services Programs," September 11, 2015	This instruction provides policy, assigns responsibilities, and provides procedures to conduct criminal history checks on individuals involved in the provision of child care services for children under the age of 18 in DoD programs.
Department of Defense Instruction 6400.01, "Family Advocacy Program (FAP)," February 13, 2015	This instruction establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for addressing child abuse and domestic abuse through the FAP.
Department of Defense Manual 6400.01, Vol. 1, "Family Advocacy Program (FAP): FAP Standards," March 3, 2015	This manual provides uniform standards for implementing policy, assigning responsibilities, procedures for addressing child abuse and domestic abuse in military communities.

Policy Change	Summary
<p>Department of Defense Manual 6400.01, Vol. 4, "Family Advocacy Program (FAP): Guidelines for Clinical Intervention for Persons Reported as Domestic Abusers," March 2, 2015</p>	<p>This manual provides guidelines for clinical intervention for persons reported as domestic abusers.</p>
<p>Department of Defense Instruction 6400.06, "Domestic Abuse Involving DoD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel, Change 2," July 9, 2015</p>	<p>This instruction establishes, implements, and updates domestic abuse policies; identifies and assigns responsibilities for preventing and responding to domestic abuse; and replaces and cancels several older policy documents.</p>