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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Army Fort Belvoir Garrison Personnel

SUBJECT: Fort Belvoir Policy Memorandum #39, Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

1. Reference. AR 608-18 (The Army Family Advocacy Program), 30 October 2007 (RAR 001, 13 September 2011).

2. Purpose. To provide guidance on the use of the Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP) on Fort Belvoir.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all Department of Army active duty personnel.

4. Policy.

a. The FAP mission is to prevent and reduce child abuse, child neglect, and domestic/intimate partner abuse. Essential aspects of the FAP mission are to promote strong, resilient Soldiers and Families through the establishment of informational and educational programs and support services. The FAP mission also includes assurances of prompt reporting, assessments, and investigations of abuse, while similarly providing appropriate treatment to all affected Family members.

b. Preventing Family violence is a command priority and responsibility. Family violence runs contrary to Army values and includes child abuse, child neglect, and domestic abuse/intimate partner abuse. It threatens the safety and welfare of our Families and communities because it undermines unit cohesion, morale, and readiness.

5. Procedures.

a. All Fort Belvoir mission partner commands, agencies and activities are required to comply with the provisions of AR 608-18 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, and domestic abuse/intimate partner abuse to the Fort Belvoir Military Police, during and after duty hours at (703) 806-3104. Commanders must ensure that Soldiers involved in allegations of domestic or child abuse are advised of their Article 31 UCMJ rights and are encouraged to cooperate with FAP personnel to the maximum extent possible. Commanders should be knowledgeable about the Restricted and Unrestricted Reporting Policies and Procedures for Domestic Abuse. Commanders are expected to provide command representation at Case Review Committee (CRC) meetings and support CRC treatment recommendations.

b. AR 608-18 also stipulates mandatory FAP briefings for company and unit commanders and senior enlisted advisers within 45 days after appointment to command positions. In addition

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to this requirement, all commanders are responsible for scheduling annual FAP Awareness briefings for their Soldiers.

6. Victims of domestic violence and child abuse have the right to receive legal and educational counseling, treatment, and information. They may also receive safety planning, information, and referrals by contacting the FAP clinical staff, victim advocates (VA), and the Family Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM). Support for victims is available through FAP, Social Work Services at (571) 231-1202, and the Victim Advocacy Program at (703) 805-1832. Victims have the right to file restricted reports of domestic violence by contacting Fort Belvoir health care providers (to include FAP clinical staff), the VA, the VA supervisor, or chaplains. Legal assistance is available through the Fort Belvoir Legal Assistance Office at (703) 805-2856.

7. Commanders should be aware of the Transitional Compensation Program (TCP). This program authorizes transitional compensation payments for dependents of Soldiers when a Soldier has been administratively discharged from service, or discharged from service and/or has 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 TCP.

8. Commanders should also be aware of the New Parent Support Program – Home Visitation (NPSP-HV). The NPSP-HV provides support 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. Mothers/stepmothers, fathers/stepfathers, and intimate partners are encouraged to participate in the NPSP-HV.

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

10. Please contact the FAPM or VA at (703) 805-3980 to schedule FAP briefings and training.

11. Proponent. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is the proponent for this policy. The point of contact is the Family Advocacy Program Manager, (703) 805-3980.


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