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MEMORANDUM FOR All USAG Bavaria Military and Civilian Personnel

SUBJECT: USAG Bavaria Policy Letter #19, Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

1. References:

- a. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program.
- b. DoD Instruction 6400.01, Family Advocacy Program.
- c. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, 22 January 2006, subject: Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse (<http://www.ncdsv.org/images/RestrictedReportingPolicyIncidentDA.pdf>).

2. The FAP is a partnership with command and community for the prevention of child and spouse abuse. The FAP components are:

- a. Victim safety. All commanders are mandated child abuse and domestic violence reporters. Commanders must immediately report known and suspected child and spouse abuse to the 24-hour Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC) of USAG Bavaria, the Military Police (MP). A safety plan is coordinated with the victim and helping parties. A victim advocate is additionally on call 24-7 within USAG Bavaria to provide support to victims of spouse abuse utilizing provisions of reference 1c listed above, which may permit an adult victim of abuse to choose a restricted reporting option (if not reported to command/law enforcement).
- b. Command support. All commanders are required to receive a mandatory ACS-FAP briefing within 90 days before or after assumption of command. Additionally, ACS-FAP is required to provide an annual education brief for all Soldiers related to the dynamics of spouse and child abuse and the availability of prevention and treatment services. Contact the ACS FAP manager at Army Community Service (ACS), located in USAG Bavaria, Grafenwoehr Military Community at 476-2650/2733.
- c. Accountability. Intervention is most effective when Soldiers and Families are committed to participating in evaluation and treatment. Each unit commander is responsible for attending the Case Review Committee (CRC) when their Soldier's case is presented, for safety plan implementation, and for providing their Soldiers the time necessary for completing treatment recommendations made by the CRC.

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3. ACS- FAP provides the following resources to assist commanders:

a. New Parent Support Program (NPSP) for expecting parents and Families with children four and under. The service member is strongly encouraged to participate in this program with their spouse. Contact NPSP at ACS.

b. Several services are available to help service members and spouses to address marriage and relationship issues, stress and anxiety, depression, grief and loss, and daily life issues. Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC) are available at ACS to be confidentially connected. The Family Life Chaplain (FLC) is available by appointment.

c. Financial Readiness Program (FRP) provides classes and individual counseling for all finance-related issues. Contact FRP Manager at ACS.

4. POC for this policy is the Family Advocacy Program Manager, USAG Bavaria, DSN 476-2650.

  
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