



# Joint Family Support Assistance Program

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# Joint Family Support Assistance Program (JFSAP)

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## AGENDA

- **OSD Responsibilities**
- **State National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Responsibilities**
- **JFSAP-Child & Youth Consultant**
- **JFSAP-Military Family Life Consultant**
- **JFSAP-Military OneSource Consultant**
- **JFSAP- Red Cross**
- **JFSAP- Operation Military Kids**
- **JFSAP Stake Holders**

# **OSD Responsibilities**

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# State National Guard Joint Force Headquarters

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- **The Adjutant General has full flexibility in the execution of the JFSAP at the State level**
- **The Adjutant General will determine where the program resides in the Joint Force Headquarters**
- **The Adjutant General will determine the POC for the program with the Joint Force Headquarters**
- **Recommend the program reside in the J1 under the operational guidance of the State Family Program Director (SFPD)**

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- **Integrate activities of new staff with existing JFHQ family programs**
- **Provide on-site program management & overall coordination**
- **Conduct effective outreach activities that extend to**
  - **Active and Reserve Components**
  - **Government and non-government agencies**
  - **Veteran and Volunteer organizations**
- **Assist with program planning, training, and evaluation**

# State National Guard Joint Force Headquarters

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- **STATE JOINT FORCE HQs Point of Contact**
  - **Coordinate with contractors to hire JFSAP personnel**
  - **Coordinate with OSD to raise issues or challenges presented through contract services**
  - **Serve as the conduit for all community contacts and coordination**
  - **Define consultants' work activities, schedules, and determine how they will contact or meet with prospective families needing services**
  - **Provide on-site workload planning and day-to-day oversight of the consultants.**
  - **Provide guidance as appropriate regarding the consultants' schedules and location for service delivery.**
  - **Coordinate between the consultants and contractors regarding scheduling and approval of leave requests**

# JFSAP Staff-Child & Youth Consultant

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- **Expand partnerships to bridge the gap between need and current program delivery**
- **Facilitate the connection of families to supportive military and civilian resources**
- **Raise family awareness about the effects of deployment and reunification on children and youth**
- **Brief school staff and other community groups about the issues impacting military children, e.g., deployment stress, family separation**
- **Reach out to families with children to assess their needs and offer parenting and child development education, support, counseling and referral**

# **JFSAP Staff-Military Family Life Consultant**

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- **Provide direct short-term, non-medical, solution-focused counseling services to individuals, couples, families, and groups for situations resulting from commonly occurring life circumstances**
- **Provide psycho-educational groups addressing life skills and military lifestyle topics**
- **Attend ISFAC, FRG and other relevant meetings**
- **Support mobilization, demobilization and reintegration activities**
- **Develop community capacity by reaching out to community agencies and groups.**

# JFSAP Staff-Military OneSource Consultant

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- **Serve as MOS regional expert on resources available in the communities where members and families reside**
- **Partner with groups, e.g. the ISFAC, to integrate military and civilian resources**
- **Identify, catalog (hard copy and electronic) and publicize resources available to members and families, including MOS resources**
- **Coordinate financial counseling for families**
- **Connect members and families to One-on-One counseling**
- **Child Care**
  - **Expand partnerships to bridge the gap between need and current program delivery**
  - **Explore new partnerships**
  - **Expand weekend and short-term programs and services**

# JFSAP Staff-Red Cross

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- **Assist MOS to identify community resources and provide referral**
- **Ensure consistent message among Red Cross, DoD and State agencies**
- **Assist with providing**
  - **Training for child care staff, caregivers for severely injured, etc**
  - **Respite care for spouses and caregivers**
  - **Mental health education and counseling**
  - **Information and Referral Services through a coordinate network**
- **Create Red Cross military spouse/veteran employment programs**
- **Increase awareness and support of Heroes to Hometowns**
- **Expand/advertise Red Cross casualty assistance program**
- **Understand and support needs related to Rural Health Care**
- **Use of Red Cross local Chapters as support centers**

# JFSAP Staff-OMK

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- **OMK State Teams educate and create networks of people, organizations, and other resources to support military families**
- **Core Program Elements include:**
  - *Ready, Set, Go!* Training for OMK State Teams
  - Mobile Technology Labs
  - Hero Packs
  - *Speak Out for Military Kids*
  - *Babysitter Training Program*
- **Connect military children and youth with appropriate youth programs where they live**
- **Communicate with JFSAP teams and partner organizations e.g. 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs, State Department of Education, Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies**
- **Provide support and assistance to geographically dispersed youth and families of all military personnel**

# All Stakeholders

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- **Work as a team-Effective Team Action**
  - **Coordination**
  - **Communication**
  - **Collaboration**
  - **Cooperation**
  - **Suggesting program enhancements**
  - **Raising issues before they become challenges**
  - **Providing honest feedback on program**
  - **Assist with program assessments**