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# **The Yellow Ribbon Initiative**



**Supporting Members, Families and Communities  
During the Entire Deployment Cycle**



# DoD Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program



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## DoD Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Requirements

- **Provide informational events/activities to facilitate access to services throughout the entire deployment cycle**
  - **Pre-deployment**
    - From time of alert to deployment; prepare for the rigors of combat
  - **Deployment**
    - Focus on challenges and stress associated with separation and combat
  - **Demobilization**
    - While at demob station until depart for home station; educate members about available resources and connect members to service providers
  - **Post-deployment/reconstitution**
    - From arrival at home station for the next 180 days
    - Reintegration activities required at 30, 60 and 90-day interval
    - Focus on reconnecting with family and community for successful reintegration



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## Program elements

- Executive Agent — USD(P&R) appointed by SD, July 17, 2008
- USD(P&R) signed DTM July 18, 2008; published July 22, 2008
- Office for Reintegration Programs— ASD(RA)

### **“The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program”**

- Advisory Board, members confirmed, appointment pending
- Center for Excellence in Reintegration, staffing
- State Deployment Cycle Support Teams, funding & staffing



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## Office for Reintegration Programs (ORP)

- **Shall administer all support and reintegration programs in coordination with State National Guard organizations**
  - *Working with LNOs to establish coordinating network w/all RCs*
- **Shall consult with National Guard and Reserve with alerted units**
  - *Working w/LNOs to confirm those alerted, deploying, and returning*
- **Shall coordinate with existing NG & Reserve family/support programs**
  - *Weekly, if not daily contact w/program managers and others*
- **Shall establish a Center for Excellence in Support and Reintegration**
  - *Director selected, retiree recall pending*



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## Office for Reintegration Programs (ORP)

- **May partner with other agencies for treatment services from local licensed providers**
  - *Working w/Federal Partners Priority Working Group to ID resources*
- **May employ personnel to administer the program at the state level**
  - **State deployment cycle support teams**
  - *\$65.4M to compos for 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr FY 2008; hiring in process*
- **May assist other members of the Armed Forces and their families**
  - *Primarily on demand at local level; researching other options*
- **DoD RC Chiefs “may” appoint liaison officers to coordinate with permanent staff**
  - *NGB and AFR Detailees – 1 each; USAR – 1; USNR – 1; USMCR – 2;*



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## Center for Excellence in Reintegration (CFER)

- Shall collect and analyze lessons learned and suggestions from State National Guard and Reserve organizations with existing or developing programs
- Shall assist in developing training aids and briefing materials
- Shall analyze demographics, placement of State Family Assistance Centers and resources before MOB alert
  - *Working w/LNOs and Jt Family Resource Center*



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## Advisory Board

- **Membership**
  - ASD(RA)
  - SEA to ASD(RA)
  - CNGB
  - Six DoD RC Chiefs
  - An Adjutant General (on a rotational basis)
  - Others (as determined by SecDef)
    - Service M&RAs
    - DUSD(MCFP)
    - VA, DoL, SBA
- **First meeting pending**



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- **Congressional Reporting Requirements**
  - Initial report (18 months after Reintegration Office is established)
    - Evaluate State NG and Reserve reintegration programs
    - Assess unmet resource requirements
    - Recommend changes regarding closer coordination between OSD Reintegration Office and State NG and Reserve organizations
  - Annual report thereafter
  - **New requirement established by S110-35:**
    - **To HASC & SASC**
    - **NLT 1 Oct 2008**
    - **Status report on implementation**
    - **Description by state of accomplishments**
    - **ID of current & future resource requirements**
    - **Plan for full implementation and oversight in all states (& compos)**



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## State Deployment Cycle Support Teams

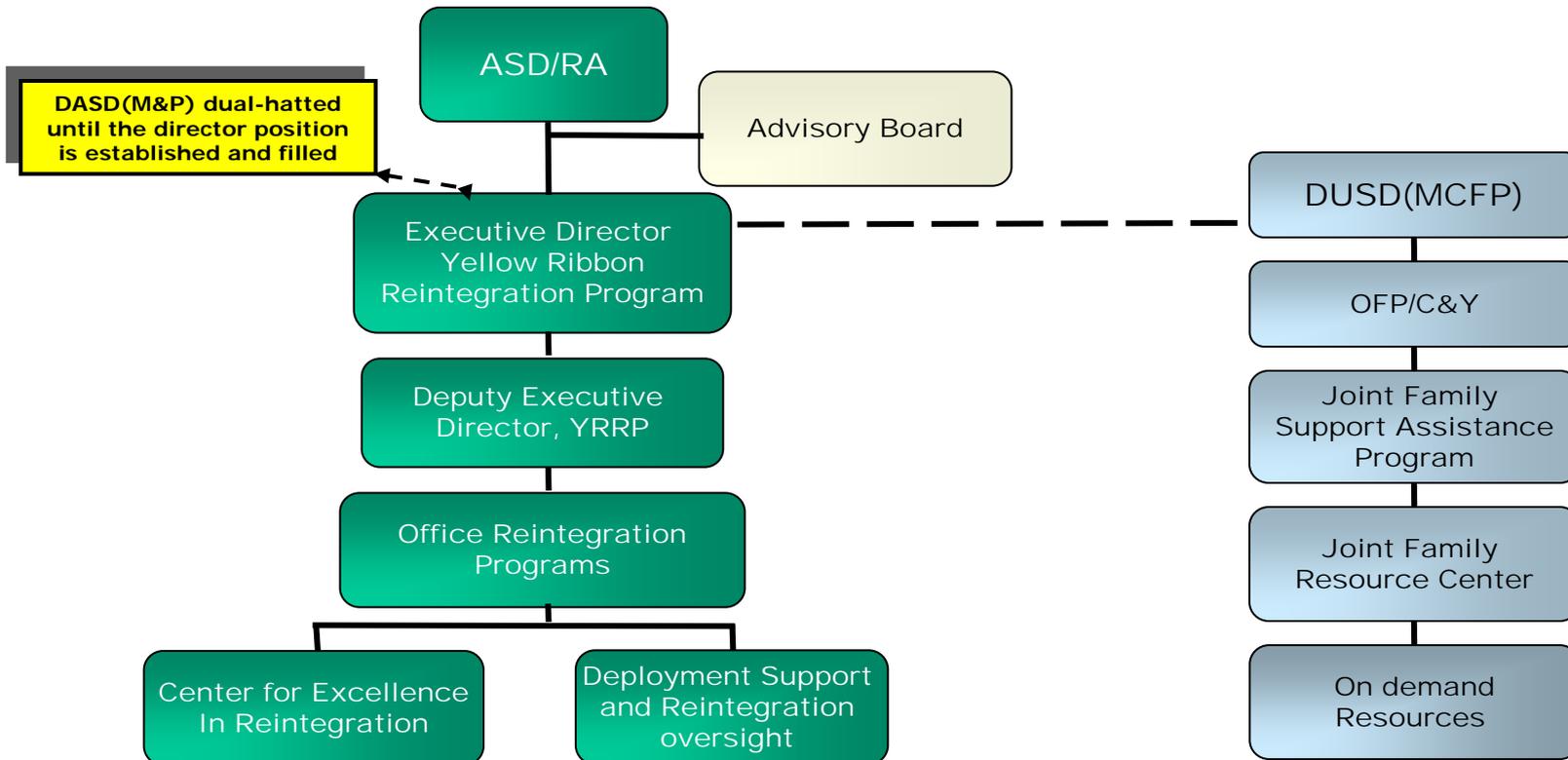
- **May employ personnel at the state level who, if employed,**
  - **Shall implement reintegration curriculum throughout the deployment cycle**
  - **Shall obtain service providers, as necessary**
  - **Shall educate service providers on unique military nature of reintegration programs**
- **Currently managed and funded through DUSD/MCFP**



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## Organizational Structure





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## State Deployment Cycle Support Teams

### • Suggested Composition

- State Family Program Dir (NG)
- Child Behavior Specialist (MCFP)
- Lic Clinical Counselor (MCFP)
- Mil OneSource Specialist (MCFP)
- Opn Military Kids Specialist (MCFP)
- Transition Assistance Advsr (NG TAA)
- State ESGR Rep (NG)
- Psychologist (HA Grant)
- American Red Cross (ARC)
- Military Chaplain (NG/Reserve)
- *Substance abuse & Mental Health Services (SAMSA/HHS) Public Health Officer*
- 300 +/- State Guard Family Assistance Centers (NG)

## Joint Family Resource Center

### • Outreach Services

- American Red Cross Rep
- TRICARE Rep
- Family Counseling Specialist (MCFP)
- Child and Youth Specialist
- Military One Source Program Manager
- Psychologist (HA)
- Chaplain (Reservist)
- Marketing and communications specialist
- Services Family Program Staff Reps
- TAP/Financial Specialist (MCFP)
- VA Rep



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# QUESTIONS?