

# FORT SILL FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (FAP) DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

The FAP offers service members and their families' access to a military Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate (DAVA). Contacting and speaking with a DAVA is voluntary, with no requirement to receive services.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

-In the United States, an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually.

-1 of 3 women and 1 of 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner.

-On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive approximately 20,800 calls. \*National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), 2015

### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Domestic abuse is an unfortunate occurrence within many communities, including our own. Regardless of race, religion, gender, nationality or economic status, domestic abuse has become interwoven within every aspect of our society. Domestic abuse comes in many forms and can result in physical injury, emotional/psychological trauma and even death. It is our goal to

#### Contact Us!

**Front Desk**: 580-442-4916 Mon. – Fri.: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (except for holidays)

**24-Hour Hotline**: 580-574-0871

For Fort Sill events or general information, visit:

Fort Sill Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR): https://sill.armymwr.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FortSillACS promote awareness of protective factors, provide preventive and supportive services in order to move toward the goal of increasing Soldier and Family resilience as we work toward eliminating domestic abuse once and for all.

### **YOU HAVE A CHOICE!**

#### **RESTRICTED REPORTING**

DoD policy allows access to confidential supportive services to include medical treatment, advocacy, and counseling with regards to domestic abuse **without** reporting to law enforcement or to the service member's unit/command.

This reporting option supports the autonomy of a domestic abuse victim and allows for space and time to consider all available options and resources.

\*Reporting exceptions exist

#### UNRESTRICTED REPORTING

This reporting option results in the notification of law enforcement and/or the service member's unit/command and will prompt a referral to the Family Advocacy Program. The domestic abuse victim is also provided confidential supportive services to include access to medical treatment, advocacy, and counseling with regards to domestic abuse.

This reporting option supports effective command awareness and prevention programs as well as law enforcement and criminal justice actions that maximize accountability and prosecution, as appropriate, of domestic abuse offenders.

## HOW WE CAN HELP

As DAVAs, we are here to provide support to Intimate Partners: (current or former spouse; a person with whom the abuser shares a child in common; or a current or former intimate partner/domestic partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile- DODI 6400.06, "Domestic Abuse Involving DOD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel") who are victims of domestic abuse by:

*Educating victims about the various components of domestic abuse.	
* Safety planning to help prepare for and preferably avoid future violence.	
*Helping to connect with community agencies that can provide assistance.	
*Accompanying victims to appointments and civilian court proceedings.	
*Provide emotional support and assistance in prioritizing the next step or goal(s) for the future.	
YOUR QUICK GUIDE	
Help is available for you:	
24-Hour Hotline Line: -Army: 580-574-0871 -National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE (7233)	
Additional Resources: -Military Once Source: 1-800-342-9647 -Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault: 405-524-0700	