

Family Advocacy

Mission

Family Advocacy Mission

The mission of the Air Force Family Advocacy Program is to build healthy communities through implementing programs and policies designed for the prevention and treatment of domestic abuse, child abuse and neglect, and Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children

Family Advocacy Definitions

Domestic/Partner Violence

An offense under the UCMJ, United States Code, or state law involving the use, or threatened use of force or violence against someone who is:

1. A current or former spouse/partner, or
2. A person with whom the abuser shares a child in common, or
3. A current or former intimate partner

Child Abuse

Acts or omissions toward an unmarried person under the age of 18 years bringing physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional harm, injury, or mistreatment, including neglect. These acts/omissions are committed by a parent, guardian, or legal caretaker.

Resources

Domestic Violence Victim Advocate (DAVA)

302-677-5674

After Hours/Emergency:

302-213-3508 (24/7)

Dover AFB Security Forces

302-677-6664

Dover AFB Legal Office

302-677-3300

Delaware Child Abuse Reporting Department of Family Services

1-800-292-9582

Delaware State Police Victim Services

1-800-842-8461

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

National Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-422-4453

Peoples Place—Domestic Violence Hotline

302-422-8058



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Program** UPLIFTING AIRMEN,
GUARDIANS, & FAMILIES

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Family Advocacy

Program

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Intervention

It is Air Force Policy to identify report, assess, treat and provide services to victims of domestic violence and their families. Treatment is provided for partner or child abuse, and neglect incidents.

Our Treatment Managers work with the family members on an individual, couple, family and/or group basis.

This provides clients with the counseling, support, information and resources necessary to help cope with incidents of domestic violence, and helps to prevent a future reoccurrence.

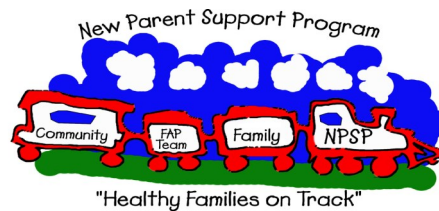
Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate (DAVA)

Provides information and referrals for military and civilian resources such as hotlines, shelters, legal aid, treatment resources, chaplain resources, military transitional compensation, attorney general's victim services for victims, and victim/witness liaison programs.

If requested, accompanies the victim to court proceedings, aids in filing Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders and requests Military Protection Orders of command. Works as a liaison with unit Commanders and First Sergeants.

Prevention Services

New Parent Support Program



- For families expecting a baby or who have children between the ages of 0-3 years.
- Home visits for parent education by a Registered Nurse and/or Social Worker
- Help young families provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children
- Individual/marital counseling

Educational Programs

- Voluntary education classes for all such as parenting, couples communication, anger management, relationship choices and more!

Prevention Services

FAST Services

Family Advocacy Strength-based Treatment

- Short term therapy offered (Individual, marital, parenting issues)
- Encourages development of healthy communication and interpersonal skills
- Voluntary, self-referral, no command involvement



Prevention/Outreach

- Works with the community to increase awareness of domestic violence issues through education and training to reduce the risk factors of domestic violence
- Helps the community learn to recognize partner and child abuse, where and how to report it, and how victims can access help
- Supports mission readiness by promoting wellness in military families