

# Office of Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP)

## RCC Fact Sheet



## What is the Office of Military Community & Family Policy?

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) is directly responsible for programs and policies that establish and support community quality of life (QOL) programs for Service members and their families worldwide. MC&FP is also the focal point for coordinating the broad range of QOL issues within the Department of Defense (DoD). Specifically, the office performs the following functions:

- Provides family support policies and programs in areas including family center operations, child care, youth programs, military spouse programs (MSEP & SECO), family advocacy, and support during mobilization and deployment (including casualty affairs)
- Establishes program policy for mission-sustaining and basic community programs for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR); voluntary and post-secondary education; and commissaries and exchanges
- Coordinates with nonprofit agencies such as the Red Cross, Armed Services YMCA, and the USO in their delivery of services to military families
- Provides policy and program oversight to ensure QOL programs are designed and executed to support the needs of the post-drawdown force and the DoD mission
- Coordinates DoD oversight of the Armed Forces Retirement Home Board
- Provides confidential, short-term non-medical counseling to address life skills, deployment stress, reintegration, loss, and grief at no cost to Service members and their families (through Military and Family Life Counselors [MFLCs] and Military OneSource [MOS])
- MOS offers convenient 24/7/365 access to information, confidential wounded warrior specialty consultations, referral services at no cost to Service members or their families, and assistance in addressing issues with military health care services, benefits, and the Department of Veterans Affairs facilities
- Establishes and implements a community support program for military families with special needs, and expands coordination of

assignments for military families with special needs for assignments to and within the United States (EFMP)

## Which population does this program serve?

MC&FP and Services programs are open to active duty Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and National Guard and Reserve Service members and their family members. Some programs are open to wounded warrior veterans and caregivers, as well. Eligibility varies so it is important to check.

## How can MC&FP help wounded warriors and their families?

MC&FP includes programs for wounded warriors and their families such as Wounded Warrior Resources and recreation and sports programs with adaptive equipment. All programs falling under MC&FP are open to wounded, ill or injured Service members, their families, and certain caregivers.

## How can MC&FP help Recovery Care Coordinators?

A range of programs fall under MC&FP that are critical to supporting recovering Service members:

- Service member and family support programs such as the MFLC Program, Wounded Warrior Resources, and the Family Advocacy Program
- Children and youth programs, including child care, Military Youth on the Move, and Sesame Workshop's [familiesnearandfar.com](http://familiesnearandfar.com)
- Family programs covering employment, financial readiness, life skills, and relocation; volunteer programs; the Exceptional Family Member Program; and the Joint Family Support Assistance Program

### Where can I find more information?

Military OneSource: Provides online access to information and resources 24/7/365.

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