

RFI Category and Number:

RFI #8: DOMESTIC ABUSE / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTING SERVICEWOMEN

RFI Question:

- a. Provide a copy of the annual report provided to DoD on domestic violence fatality reviews, per DoDI 6400.06, "Domestic Abuse Involving DoD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel," for the past five years.*
- b. Does your Service collect domestic abuse and domestic violence data on current or former intimate partners who have not been married, and do not have children together and with whom the abuser has not or does not share a common domicile (e.g., data on 'dating partners' as provided by the Air Force). If so, please provide the data from 2014-2018.*
- c. Provide a list of what prevention programs are in place to preclude domestic abuse and domestic violence, to include but not limited to:
 - i. training for potential domestic abuse and domestic violence bystanders*
 - ii. adopting domestic abuse and domestic violence prevention programs from non-military entities like the Center for Disease Control and Prevention*
 - iii. partnering with other non-military entities on assessing the effectiveness of domestic abuse and domestic violence prevention programs.**
- d. What is being done to encourage servicewomen to report incidents or indicators of domestic abuse and domestic violence?*
- e. What is being done to ensure servicewomen feel safe reporting incidents of domestic abuse and domestic violence?*
- f. What actions are being taken to communicate what resources are available from Family Advocacy, including the domestic abuse victim advocates?*

RFI Response:

- a. Annual report provided by CNIC N91A on 10 April 2019.*
- b. The Navy does not collect data on these types of cases, similar to the Air Force. The Navy's criteria remain aligned with Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI). The threshold that the Navy considers in domestic abuse/intimate partner cases is to determine whether the incident meets the following DoDI criteria:
 - 1. A current or former spouse.
 - 2. A person with whom the abuser shares a child in common.
 - 3. A current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.*

If/when couples do not meet the aforementioned criteria for Intimate Partner, but abuse is indicated, individuals are referred to the appropriate supportive resources, that may include individual or group support, however, a Family Advocacy Program case is not opened.

c. Response:

- Domestic Violence (DV) Application (APP) was developed to re-engineer training for domestic and child abuse prevention in a more virtual environment. DV APP is available for IOS and Android platforms.
- One Love Escalation Workshop
 - The One Love Escalation Workshops were developed to use the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) model of Peer-to-Peer education. This initiative works in conjunction with current prevention efforts to reduce relationship violence and increase proactive behaviors within the targeted population of E1-E5, 17-25 years old.
 - The One Love initiative's objective is to educate young people about the warning signs of relationship abuse and encourage others to speak up and act. One Love's model is to create engaging content for young people to educate others and lead their communities in change. Young people across the country are trained to lead the Escalation Workshop in order to meet demand and educate others. They do not train people to be experts in domestic violence, but instead empower them to facilitate a powerful discussion with their peers.
- Kognito: A Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Simulation
 - The Navy initiated a proof of concept project that provides comprehensive and interactive educational IT simulated role-play conversations and assessments for 438 USN Sailors, with the goal of increasing psychological wellness, self-awareness and insight. Sailors learned how to recognize warning signs and how to respond in the most effective and non-threatening manner. Together Strong is a mobile and online app designed to educate service members and veterans about mental health and suicide prevention using avatars. Together Strong was developed and owned by Kognito, a health simulation company. In developing Together Strong, Kognito collaborated with the Veterans Affairs of New York/New Jersey Healthcare Network and also received extensive input from service members and veterans. The program is based on extensive research in neuroscience, social cognition and psychology, and evidence-based approaches such as motivational interviewing.

- Navy uses several programs to determine and reduce risks related to domestic violence:
 - Navy implemented evidenced-based domestic violence treatment curriculums to include group for men, group for women and group for couples (low level DV cases). Conducted an in-person DV Curriculum training for Family Advocacy Program Clinicians who serve as domestic violence offender group facilitators.
 - Navy maintains the Intimate Partner Physical Injury Risk Assessment Tool (IPPI-RAT). This evidence-based tool assesses risk of a future domestic abuse incident with physical injury in cases of intimate partner violence.
 - Navy promulgated, through NAVADMIN 093/17, the High Risk for Violence – Coordinated Community Response (HRV-CCR) meeting.
 - The HRV-CCR is a multidisciplinary committee activated when there is a threat or risk of imminent harm involving individuals eligible for FAP services due to domestic abuse and child abuse.
 - The purpose of the HRV-CCR is to monitor and provide rapid assistance case coordination, safety planning, and treatment intervention to reduce or eliminate the risk of serious injury or lethality in high risk situations.

- The Domestic Violence Prevention Month campaign provides the opportunity to promote awareness of domestic violence as well as knowledge about FAP VA services. The 2018 Domestic Violence Prevention Month (DVPM) theme was "Know the Signs of Healthy Relationships and How to Strengthen Yours" with the tagline, "Love and Learn about Healthy Relationships." DVPM marketing products were mailed to installations.
 - The Navy Domestic Violence Prevention All-Hands Mobile App was also updated and released in October to coincide with DVPM.

d. Response:

- Restricted Reporting Option

Restricted Reporting allows adult victims of domestic abuse to disclose the details of their abuse to Family Advocacy Program Victim Advocates (FAP VAs), healthcare personnel, and FAP VA Supervisors in order to receive medical treatment, counseling, and victim advocacy services without mandatory notification of command or law enforcement.

- Best practices for DV resources seek to promote independence and self-reliance by: Offering multiple services – Counseling, education, and training services are available in addition to financial assistance to meet the individual's (and the family's) immediate, enduring, and personal well-being needs.

- After-hours coverage, on-call options to meet the requirement of 24/7 access to victim services.

e. Response:

- Victim advocacy services assist in safety planning for victims of domestic abuse and connect victims with Navy and community-based resources and services. The FAP Victim Advocate (FAP VA) works closely with domestic abuse victims and FAP Case Managers on issues related to safety and connections to supportive services. Services include: Restricted and Unrestricted Reporting options; safety assessment/planning; information to victims on available benefits and services; and referrals to military and civilian victim assistance services or individual/group support programs. The FAP VA serves as a supportive resource, advocates for the expressed interests of victims, and provides additional specialized services, such as transportation for clinical/medical appointments and accompaniment to court proceedings.
- Navy FAP Victim Advocates (FAP VA) are required to be credentialed through the National Advocate Credentialing Program (NACP) creating a professional field of advocates through uniform standards, ethics and educational requirements.
- FAP VAs began offering services to non-offending parents in child abuse cases on 1 Oct 2017.
- When there are concerns of safety, a Commander may implement a Military Protective Order (MPO) to safeguard victims. An MPO is an order issued to military member prohibiting contact or communication with the protected person(s) and directing that the member take specified actions that support, or are in furtherance of the prohibition. Commanders must advise the person seeking the MPO that the MPO is not enforceable by civilian authorities off base and that victims desiring protection off base should seek a civilian protective order. Off base violations of the MPO should be reported to the issuing commander, DoD law enforcement, and NCIS.
- A Safety Move may be authorized when concerns for the safety and well-being of Service members or their dependents dictate a PCS transfer prior to normal projected rotation date.
- Under the FAP, when a Service member files an unrestricted report of sexual assault, they may request an expedited transfer or a change of duty station prior to their normal projected rotation. An expedited transfer of a Service member will also include his or her dependents and military spouse, as applicable.

f. Response:

- Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) developed a Public Service Announcement for Domestic Violence Prevention Month and provided the link to the installations as well as to regional PAOs to post on social media and broadcast in

theatres, on the marquees and at events. The YouTube link for the PSA is:

<https://youtu.be/CODV8m9f7W4>.

- In addition to printed Military One Source (MOS) posters, CNIC provides all installations with DVPM banners and brochures and a link to access and download digital copies of the brochures and Navy DVPM posters. Messaging includes digital marketing efforts and social media graphics.

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