

BULLET BACKGROUND PAPER
ON
DACOWITS' SEPTEMBER 2019 RFI 9
DOMESTICE ABUSE/VIOLENCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this paper is to provide written response to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) requests for information (RFI) 9, regarding Domestic Abuse/Violence affecting Servicewomen. This paper is being provided on behalf of the Air Force Family Advocacy Program (FAP), the Air Force Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for the Prevention and Intervention of Domestic Abuse/Violence, Child Abuse/Neglect, and Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children and Youth. This information is provided in support of the DACOWITS' projected September 2019 meeting.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

RFI 9:

- Information that outlines the curriculum objectives for domestic abuse response and intervention training, to include such details as frequency and required attendees.
- The capability to provide professional training is a strength of FAP. The special appropriation for FAP allows for the funding of numerous training opportunities, ranging in content from programmatic and process orientations to specific clinical skills development. A few examples of these trainings are presented below
- FAP annual trainings afford the opportunity to train all members of the installation FAP staff on pertinent policy changes, processes, and advanced clinical skills. Depending on the need for a given year, different roles may be trained together or separate. These roles include our Family Advocacy Officers, Treatment Managers, Intervention Specialists/Outreach Managers, Family Advocacy Nurses, Victim Advocates, and Program Assistants. Examples of presentations for the summer 2019 training:
- FAP transitions related to the Defense Health Agency and the Air Force Medical Readiness Agency
- The latest updates on Air Force policy revisions.

- The basics of the New Parent Support Program (NPSP).
- “The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope.”
- Clinical training on prevention, screening, and response to Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children and Youth (PSB-CY).
- “Back to Basics” session for new FAP clinicians.
- Measuring outcomes and program evaluation.
- Fatality review results and trends.
- The Secondary Prevention and Client Engagement (SPaCE) construct.
- Expedited Transfers (ET) for victims of domestic violence.
- Trauma-informed care.
- Firearms, domestic violence, and suicide.
- Other trainings happen throughout the year and are pertinent to the services offered through Air Force FAP. For example:
 - Change Step men’s group treatment and Vista women’s group treatment are the intervention programs utilized for alleged offenders. Training on these programs is provided to new clinicians annually.
 - Skills, Strengths, Techniques, and Resources (SSTaR) is a strengths-based program developed to help clients referred to FAP prepare for the therapeutic environment and address their personal readiness for change. Training on this program for Intervention Specialists/Outreach Managers is offered one to two times per year.
 - Parent-Child Relationship Program training is offered to the Family Advocacy Nurse community two times per year.
- Please note, the trainings described above are those specified for installation FAP staff. We also have a training mandate at the installation level for the installation staff to train their leadership teams and helping agencies on domestic violence and child abuse/neglect (which will soon incorporate PSB-CY) and FAP prevention, referral, and response processes.

CONCLUSION

In response to the DACOWITS September 2019 RFI 9, this paper provides responses to the inquiries posed regarding domestic abuse/violence affecting servicewomen.