



# Military Community and Family Policy Overview

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## Policy Oversight

- Family Support Centers/Family Readiness
- Child Care Centers/Child and Youth Programs
- Casualty and Mortuary Affairs/Military Funeral Honors
- Family Advocacy Program
- Exceptional Family Member Program
- Morale, Welfare and Recreation
- Resale (Commissary and Exchange)
- Defense-State Liaison Office

## Execution

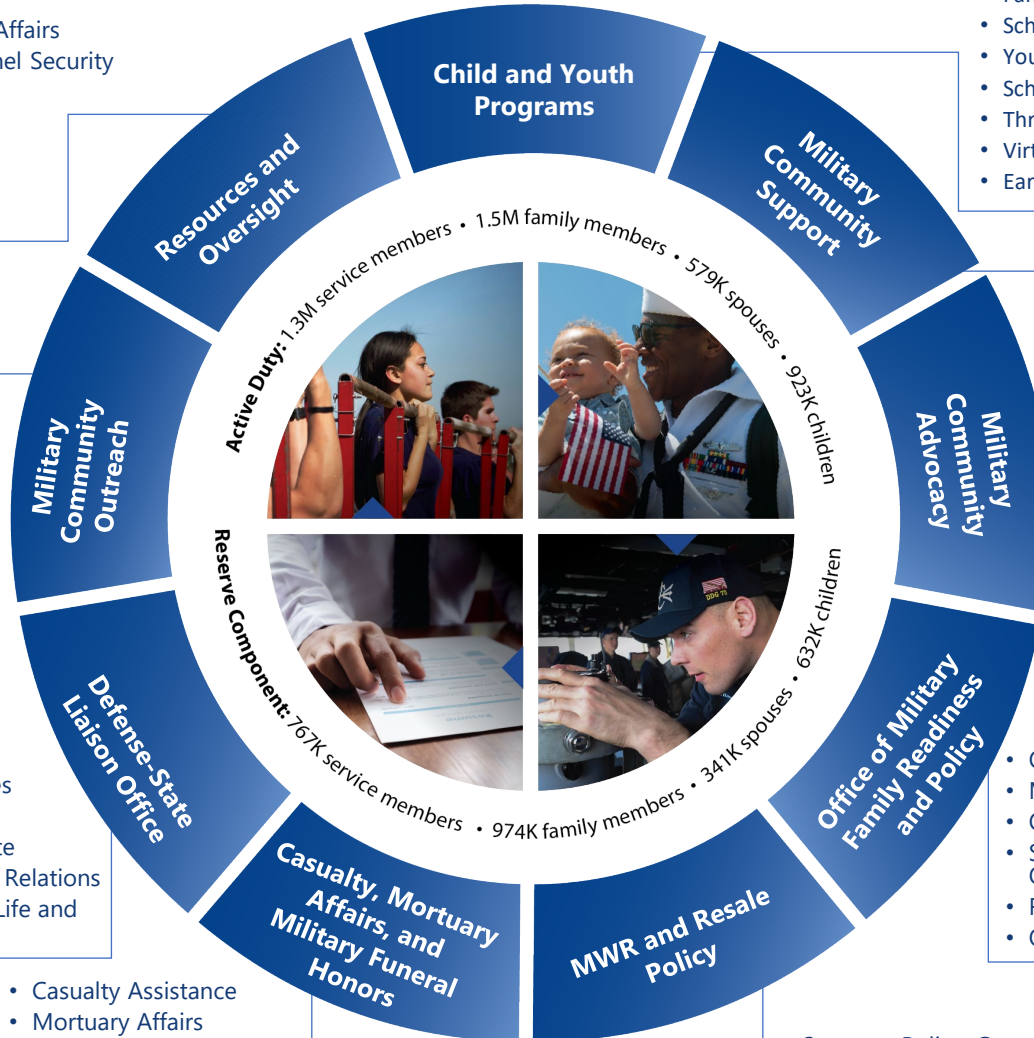
- Military OneSource
- Military and Family Life Counseling Program
- Spouse Education and Career Opportunities
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's OneOp (formerly Military Family Learning Network)
- Military Family Readiness Council



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Quality of life policies and programs that help our service members, their families and survivors be well and mission ready.

## Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and Principal Director



- Congressional/Legislative Affairs
- Human Resources/Personnel Security
- Budget
- Contracts
- Research
- Strategic Plan
- Resource Management

- Child Development Centers
- Family Child Care Programs
- School-Age Care Programs
- Youth Services
- School Liaison Programs
- Thrive Online Parenting Program
- Virtual Lab School
- Early Learning Matters Curriculum

- Strategic Communications and Analysis
- Community and Public Engagement
- Digital Portfolio Sustainment and Enhancement
- IT, Cyber and Data Operations

- Data Analysis, Research and Surveillance
- Military OneSource
- Sesame Street for Military Families
- Military and Family Life Counseling

- Data and Research
- Family Advocacy Program
- Child and Youth Advocacy
- Coordinated Community Response

- Office of Special Needs
- Military Family Readiness Policy
- Online Learning
- Spouse Education and Career Opportunities
- Relocation and Deployment
- OneOp

- Strategy, Policy, Government Relations
- MWR Policy
- Business Policy (Exchanges, Commissary and Lodging)
- Nonappropriated Funds Policy

- Casualty Assistance
- Mortuary Affairs
- Military Funeral Honors
- DOD Cemeteries
- Personnel Accountability
- Military In Lasting Tribute

- Advance DOD State Policy Priorities
- Educate State Policymakers
- Military State Policy Source Website
- State (and Territorial) Government Relations
- Policy Development — Quality of Life and Economic Well-Being

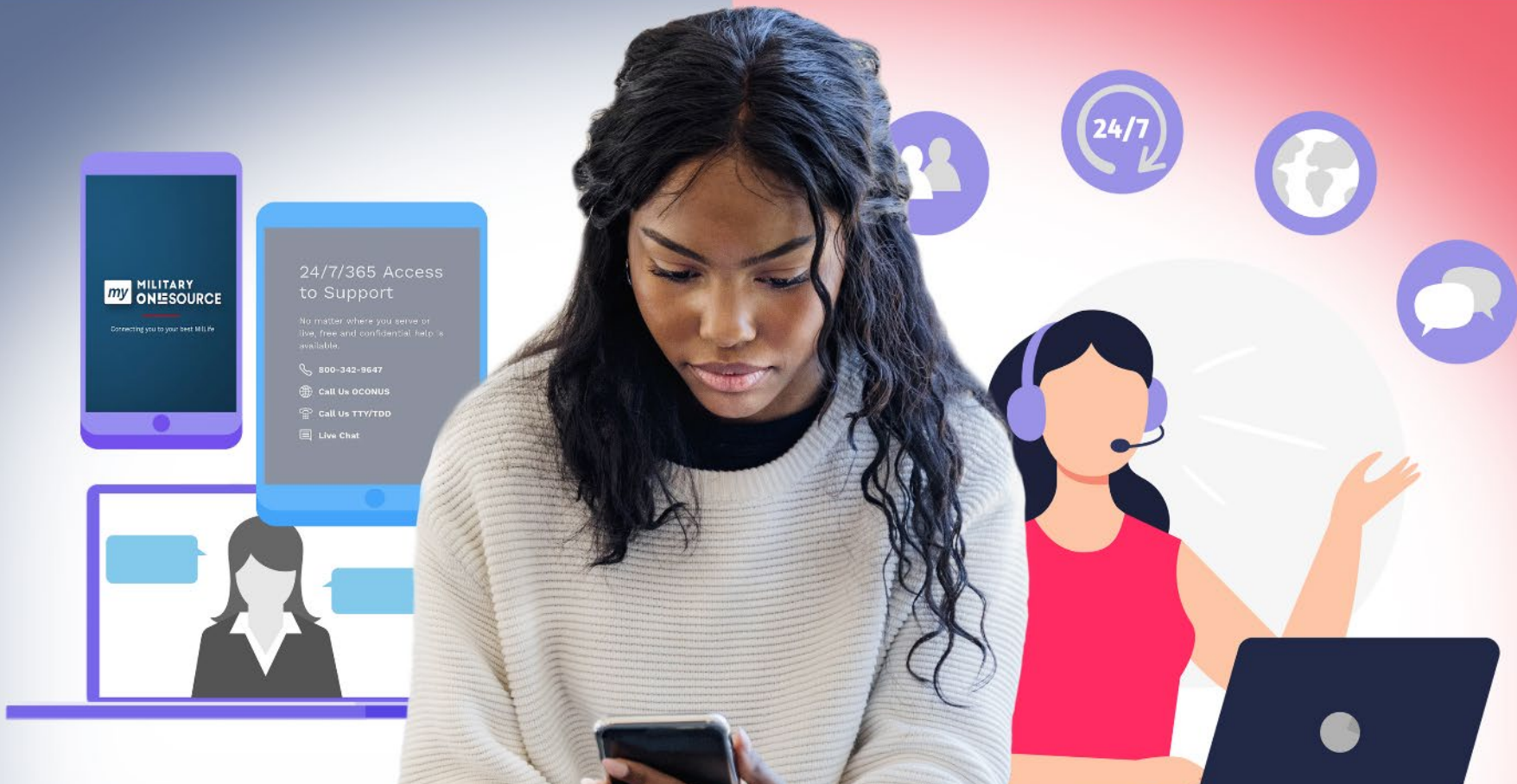
# Military Community and Family Policy Top Priorities 2024

- Economic Security
- Child Care
- Building Trust/Measuring Wellness
- Child and Youth Well-Being
- Talent and Team Development



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# Support for the Military Community

***Find free and confidential in-person counseling at Military and Family Support Centers on installations worldwide.***

- Military and family life counselors specialize in helping families navigate the challenges of military life.
- Counseling is available for service members and their families.
- Child and youth behavioral MFLCs support children's well-being.
- MFLCs can also deliver briefings, presentations and grief counseling if a unit experiences a death or other traumatic event. To request support, visit:



<https://supportrequest.militaryonesource.mil> is the online resource for service providers to request virtual or in-person support for service members and their families.

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Transitioning Service Member

National Guard Member

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Retiree/Veteran

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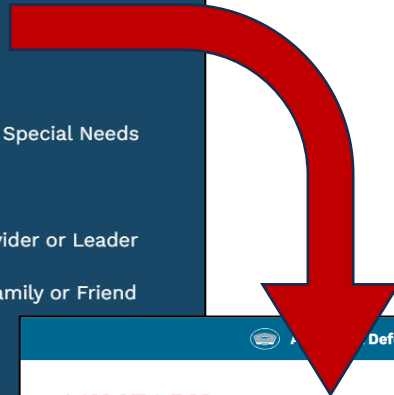
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## I am a Spouse

Access information, support and resources to make the most of military life for you and your family.

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Being a military spouse comes with opportunities as well as challenges. The Defense Department

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## Moving Your Personal Property

The Defense Personal Property Program provides quality moving and storage services to Defense Department and Coast Guard personnel and their families.

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Ensure each step of your move is successful by being prepared and informed. Browse our resources, fact sheet library and customer service pages before getting started.

### Ready to schedule your move?

Use the Defense Personal Property System, or DPS, to schedule your move, track your shipment or file a claim. Need assistance accessing DPS? [Contact DPS Customer Service.](#)

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# Domestic Employees Teleworking Overseas Program

**THIS BENEFIT IS FOR**

Spouse

**SERVICE BRANCH**

Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, National Guard, Reserves

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**EXTERNAL LINKS**

[Department of Defense release](#)

[DODI 1035.01 "Telework and Remote Work"](#)

## Benefit overview

The Defense Department and the State Department have strengthened the Domestic Employees Teleworking Overseas program for military spouses who work for the federal government. The agreement will lead to faster approvals for spouses to work remotely.

DETO arrangements allow federal employees who are assigned domestic positions to telework at an approved, overseas worksite for a limited period of time.

## How this benefit helps

The agreement between the Defense Department and the State Department helps military spouses



# Military Leaders Economic Security Toolkit

An official Defense Department website

See our network of support for the military community

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## Military Leaders Economic Security Toolkit



This toolkit helps leaders and service providers support the economic security of service members.

### Economic Security Supports Military Readiness

A military family's economic security is critical to mission readiness. This toolkit helps define economic security issues and provides tools and resources to help you support your service members.

[Housing Availability »](#)

[Food Security »](#)

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### Strengthening Food Security in the Force

Access the latest information on the Defense Department's targeted policies.

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# Military OneSource: Economic/Food Security Resources

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**STRENGTHEN**  
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## Learn How To Identify Food Insecurity

Our leader card get help you ask the right questions to determine who is at risk.

**ASSESS** ↗

## Food Security Resources and Programs

Quickly connect at-risk military families with food resources, with help from the Community Resource Finder.

**ACT** ↗

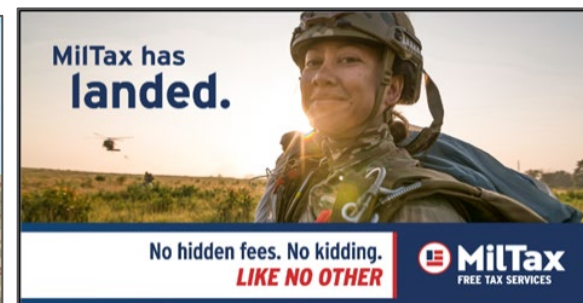


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# What Can We Do Together As Champions?

Taking Care of our people and families requires a **joint effort** to bolster resource **awareness** and **engagement**

- Amplify Taking Care of People initiatives through targeted videos
- Promote social media content across Military Service and associated channels
- Leverage formal and informal networks to support new child and youth well-being products and content
- Continue efforts to institutionalize information into military schools and leadership courses
- Invite influential groups to call center tours to build our champion network



## Homework

# Sign up for the MC&FP Quarterly Senior Spouse Roundtable

**Fall 2024**

**Email:**

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