

# FAMILY ♦ ADVOCACY ♦ PROGRAM

## Intervention Process

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### **Receive Report**

When allegations of child and spouse abuse come to the attention of the command, they must be reported to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP). Reports are also received from Medical, Security, victims, and other sources.

### **Safety Assessment**

When an eligible report is received by FAP, a clinician completes a safety assessment which guides the immediacy and intensity of FAP intervention required. It also determines whether a full risk assessment is scheduled or the report is handled as a FINS (Family In Need of Services) case.

### **Safety Response**

The immediate objective is to protect all family members from harm. Appropriate actions depend upon the specifics of the situation and may include medical treatment, law enforcement involvement, Military Protective Orders or civilian restraining orders, shelter care, and other services.

### **Notifications**

Notifications of an allegation are made by FAP to the service member's command when a FAP case is opened and/or when an outside agency is involved. Other notifications are made in accordance with policy, for example to Child Protective Services, NCIS, and/or PERS-661.

### **Risk Assessment**

The service member and spouse are interviewed by a clinician to identify risk factors and treatment needs. The Risk Assessment indicates the likelihood of future abuse and the level of severity if abuse recurs.

### **Case Review Committee (CRC)**

Each opened FAP case is presented to a multidisciplinary CRC for case determinations and recommendations. Service members are notified by a letter via the command seven days in advance of the CRC meeting. FINS cases are presented for quality assurance oversight.

### **Command Actions**

The CRC determinations and recommendations are sent to the member's Commanding Officer who makes a decision about the recommendations. For abusive service members, the Commanding Officer mandates rehabilitation and/or administrative/disciplinary action. The command ensures that CRC results are discussed with the service member and provided to the civilian victim or offender. The Command ensures that Statement of Rights form and Command Disposition are provided to FAP.

### **Monitoring**

FAP and the command collaborate in monitoring attendance and compliance with recommendations.

### **Case Closure**

CRC closes cases as "resolved" once the risk is reduced and goals are accomplished. Cases may also be closed as "unresolved" or as "separated from the service"