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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: New Parent Support Program (NPSP) (Garrison Policy #55)

1. Reference.

- a. Department of Defense Directive (DODD) 6400.1, 23 August 2004.
- b. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP), 13 September 2011.
- c. AR 608-1, Army Community Service Center, 13 March 2013.

2. Applicability. This policy applies to all members of the Fort Wainwright, Alaska (FWA) community (i.e. Soldiers, Family members, and Retirees.).

3. Purpose. The NPSP's Parent Education and Support component assists participants in learning the living skills necessary to improve their parenting and Family experience within the military community. Class topics encourage group discussion and sharing among participants.

4. Policy.

a. The NPSP establishes and maintains an effective approach to providing intensive home visiting services to eligible Families with children prenatal to three years old who have been identified as at-risk for maltreatment. The goals of NPSP are to contribute to mission readiness, support Family member adaptation to military life, enhance the knowledge and skills Family members need to form healthy relationships, provide safe nurturing environments for children to prevent Family violence, and foster a supportive military community for young military Families. Continuous monitoring and evaluation of installation activities with DoD and Army performance measures are essential to ensure the quality of NPSP services.

b. The NPSP supports readiness by supporting Soldiers and their Families, increasing healthy parenting skills, decreasing risk for child maltreatment and Family violence, increasing military and community resiliency, improving coordination of military and civilian resources (such as parenting activities), increasing utilization of available services, strengthening effective functioning of Soldiers and their Families, supporting and increasing successful adaptation to military life and decreasing the negative effects of intermittent single parenting (i.e. deployment).

c. All activities and services provided through NPSP are voluntary and non-stigmatizing and emphasize the parents' strengths.

d. Families may be self-referred or referred by other agencies such as health care providers, chaplains, social service staff, command, and FAP staff.

e. All activities are scheduled and conducted, consistent with mission requirements, in a manner that fosters and enables maximum participation of both parents in NPSP activities.

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5. Responsibility.

a. Commanders are expected to be familiar with the US Army Garrison policy on NPSP and AR 608-18, and ensure that all military members are aware of the program. Commanders will encourage their Families to take advantage of the prevention education programs offered through FAP to help them enhance their Family life. The single most effective strategy for preventing child abuse is to educate and support Families.

b. Commanders and leaders will strongly encourage parents, who are Soldiers, to enroll in the NPSP and participate in the home visitation program. Those Soldiers that voluntarily participate in NPSP will receive promotion points.

c. Commanders will ensure distribution of this memorandum to the lowest levels and post a copy of this policy on each unit bulletin board.

6. This policy supersedes Garrison Policy #55, SAB, dated 7 Apr 14.

7. Point of contact for this policy is Ms. Mary Mitchell, Army Community Service Chief, 353-6267.



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