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"Domestic violence impacts children, families and mission readiness."

Reporting options

Victims have two reporting options:

Unrestricted: those who want to pursue an official investigation report through the command, military or civilian law enforcement, military criminal investigative service, or FAP.

Restricted: those who do not want an official investigation but do want FAP or medical services should make a restricted report to a FAP specialist, CG healthcare provider, victim advocate, or staff member performing the duties of a Family Advocacy Specialist (FAS).

Local & National Resources

www.uscg.mil/worklife

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Nat. Child Traumatic Stress Network

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(1-800-799-7233)

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

Background

Domestic Violence Awareness Month, or DVAM, is observed each October to raise community awareness, highlight resources available to support victims of domestic violence (DV) and families in need, renew efforts to build healthy relationships, and promote offender accountability. This year's DVAM campaign will emphasize the impact of domestic violence on children, families and mission readiness.

Highlights

- Within the Coast Guard, the number of incidents that meet criteria for domestic abuse and maltreatment has increased steadily over the past several years.
- Individual and family stressors can escalate to conflict and often leads to DV.
- DV hurts children, and may cause long-term harm. Learn more at <http://www.nctsn.org>
- DV disrupts healthy relationships and deteriorates family functioning.
- DV lowers unit morale and cripples mission readiness.

Coordinated Community Response Prevention

- All levels of leadership are encouraged to show respect to self, family and community.
- Advocate for the intolerance of DV, learn the signs of DV and support those impacted by DV.
- Make appropriate referrals and report all suspected cases to FAP.

Family Advocacy Program

- FAP provides a range of services that support the safety, well-being and readiness of service members and their families.

Domestic violence is not just an individual or family problem, it is a Coast Guard problem!