



MC&FP POLICY FACT SHEET

Military Family Readiness:

The state of being prepared to effectively navigate the challenges of daily living experienced in the unique context of military service.

Additional Information

For full text of DoDI 1342.22

www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/134222p.pdf

For a Summary of Changes

www.militaryonesource.mil/134222/summary-of-changes

For more information about the Family Readiness System

www.militaryonesource.mil/frs

DoDI 1342.22 Military Family Readiness

Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1342.22, "Military Family Readiness," published July 3, 2012 updates policy, responsibilities, and procedures for delivering family readiness services to service members and their families.

Background

By canceling DoD Directive 1342.17, "Family Policy," DoDI 1342.22 now serves as DoD's primary source of family readiness policy guidance. In recognition of the changing nature of today's all-volunteer military force and in response to lessons learned from a decade of combat operations, the DoDI modernizes the Department's approach to family readiness. The DoDI's establishment of a Family Readiness System (FRS) outlines diverse options for accessing a network of integrated services to help families easily find the support they need for everyday life in the military. This approach underscores the importance of partnerships and collaboration among all those who serve military families. The policy also provides guidance for regular assessment of service member and family needs, annual reporting on service usage, accreditation of services, and program evaluation to ensure family readiness goals are being met. Policy updates will help DoD better meet the needs of all service members and their families, regardless of branch of Service, active or Reserve status, or geographic location.





The Family Readiness System

The FRS is the network of agencies, programs, services, and people, and the collaboration among them, that promotes the readiness and quality of life of service members and their families. The FRS features a variety of access points, such as installation Military and Family Support Centers, the Joint Family Support Assistance Program, and Military OneSource, through which families can connect with the FRS and find services, including

- Child abuse prevention and response services**
- Child development programs **
- Domestic violence prevention and response services**
- Deployment assistance
- Exceptional family member support**
- Emergency family assistance*
- Family readiness in the Reserve Components*
- Information and referral
- Morale, welfare, and recreation services**
- Non-medical individual and family counseling**
- Personal and family life education
- Personal financial management services*
- Relocation assistance*
- Transition assistance**
- Youth programs **

**Policy requirements, including updates, for relocation assistance, personal financial management services and family readiness in the Reserve Components, have been integrated into DoDI 1342.22 (canceling DoDI 1338.19, DoDI 1342.27, and DoDI 1342.23, respectively).*

***While DoDI 1342.22 addresses these services as a part of the FRS, separate policy governs these services.*

Implementation Plan

- The DoD Components are required to issue implementing guidance in accordance with the DoDI.
- MC&FP will work closely with the Services to implement new policy requirements and promote clear and consistent messaging about the FRS.
- The full text of [DoDI 1342.22](#) and a [Summary of Changes](#) are available online.

