



# Family Advocacy Program Central Registry

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# Background

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Central Registry (CR) is designed to capture domestic abuse and child abuse and neglect incident data.

- Established in 1984 and it contains cases dating back to the 1980s.
- Each of the four Military Services maintain robust, comprehensive and complex clinical case management systems with the 46 data elements that are extracted and provided quarterly to Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC).
- DMDC file frequency began quarterly in September 1994.
- The Central Registry is based on FAP policy which directs Service Family Advocacy Programs to track data incidents of domestic abuse and child abuse and neglect that meet criteria for abuse.
  - Sexual abuse/assault data involving military spouses or Intimate Partners is included in the domestic abuse data.
- Current implementing policy issuance for the DoD CR is DoD 6400.1-M-1, "Manual for Child Maltreatment and Domestic Abuse Reporting System."



# Purpose

The FAP Central Registry captures incident-level records designed to identify those individuals and families who might benefit from clinical intervention through:

- Secondary prevention
- Early intervention services
- Advocacy and support
- Treatment



# Type of Data Captured

The Central Registry contains administrative data for each unrestricted incident of domestic abuse and all child abuse and neglect incidents.

- These data include Service, location, relevant dates, case status, and source of referral.
- Demographic data on the military sponsor, victim, and alleged offenders include name, social security number, branch of Service, military status, sex, ethnicity, age, and interrelationship indicators.
- Additional data elements document the specific type of abuse, level of severity, and resulting fatalities.
- Does not include command action, law enforcement data or legal disposition.



# Type of Data Captured

- Data includes:
  - Information on reports of abuse that did not meet criteria for abuse without identifiable individual information
  - Information on met criteria reports of abuse that are linked to identifiable service members, their family members and the alleged perpetrators
  - Identifiable data on alleged perpetrators for the purpose of conducting background checks for employment in positions in DoD sanctioned activities that involve contact with minor children



# Data Submissions

Each Military Service submits a file to DMDC containing their Central Registry data on a quarterly basis.

- Files are submitted via a Secure FTP Server then loaded to the DMDC Mainframe for processing.
- Submission Error Reports are returned to the submitting Service for error correction.
- Crosswalk Files containing incidents that involve sponsors from multiple Military Services are sent to each affected Service for upload into their individual CR system.
- The annual FAP data report is pulled from the 20 January submission for the previous FY.



# DoD Central Registry – Incident Determination

- Incident Determination
  - The process by which an incident of domestic abuse or child abuse and neglect is determined to meet the DoD FAP definition of abuse
  - Internal to FAP and distinct from law enforcement, judicial proceedings or command action

The purpose is to collect reliable and consistent information on domestic abuse and child abuse and neglect incidents reported to FAP and to identify those individuals and families who might benefit from clinical intervention



# Data Uses

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy uses the Central Registry data to assist in overall DoD management of the Family Advocacy Program.

The data is used in the preparation of required congressional reports and ad hoc reports analyzing the volume and nature of family violence cases handled by the individual Military Services through outreach, prevention, and intervention efforts.