

## **Air Force Aid Society**

AFAS is the official charity of the United States Air Force. The society is a non-profit organization that promotes the Air Force mission by:

- Providing Worldwide Emergency Assistance
- Sponsoring Education Assistance Programs
- Offering a variety of Base Community Enhancement Programs (Active Duty only)

Air Force Aid Society assistance is provided to:

- Active Duty members and their dependents
- Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel on extended active duty over 15 days under Title 10, USC
- Retired Air Force personnel and their dependents, on a limited basis
- Spouses and dependents of deceased Air Force personnel, on a limited basis
- Active Duty Army, Navy/Marine Corps members and their dependents through reciprocal agreements between the respective service relief societies

AFAS Emergency Assistance: No interest loans, grants, or a combination of both may be available for financial emergencies such as:

- Basic Living Expenses—rent/mortgage, food, phone, utilities, and gas
- Vehicle Expenses—payment, repair, and insurance
- Emergency Travel
- Child Care
- Medical and Dental Expenses





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# Air Force Warrior & Survivor Care Division





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## What is the Airman & Family Readiness Flight?

The Airman & Family Readiness Flight (A&FRF) provides consultation services to commanders and assists them in developing and executing policies, programs and processes which enhance individual, family and community readiness, quality of life, and motivation to serve. Services provided to:

- All single and married and Active Duty members
- All single and married Guard and Reserve members while on
  Active Duty
- Military Retirees
- Eligible family members of the above
- DoD civilian personnel

## Air Force Warrior & Survivor Care Division

Ensures wounded, seriously ill, and injured Airmen, requiring longterm medical care and/or a medical/physical evaluation board to determine fitness for duty, receive non-medical services, reintegration and transition support.

A&FRF is a key resource in providing a wide range of support to families and wounded, ill, and injured members. A&FRF staff represent consistent sources of corporate knowledge about their base and local communities.

Non-medical Care Managers are responsible for providing oversight of welfare and quality of life issues. They assist the employment, relocation, personal and work life, services, Military and Family Life Counseling, and other non-medical issues that may occur during the recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration phases across the continuum of care.



### Personal & Work Life Services

- Provides prevention/enrichment education and consultation designed to enhance social competence for individuals, couples, and families to build resilience skills that assist in navigating mobile, military lifestyle
- Focuses on assisting customers to develop, improve, or remediation interpersonal competencies and social relationship skills throughout the life cycle

#### Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP) (Active Duty Only)

Every member retiring from the Air Force for either length of service or disability must schedule a briefing with the SBP Counselor. A Casualty Assistance Representative is available to assist other Active Duty dependents and military retirees.

## **Transition Assistance**

The Transition Assistance Program helps separating and retiring service members and their families in making a smooth transition to civilian life.

Ensures one-on-one or group preseparation counseling is accomplished for the Warrior & Survivor Care Program participants through the A&FRF to include a VA benefits briefing and Disabled Transition Assistance Program counseling is provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Assistance in completing and submitting a VA Form 21-526, Claim for Disability Compensation or Pension, will be arranged through the DVA; if a DVA counselor is not available, A&FRF will ensure assistance is available.

## Military & Family Life Counselor (MFLC)

MFLC's are available to help service members, spouses, and their children address issues regarding:

Deployment and reintegration
 Stress and anxiety

Relationships

- Depression
  - Grief and loss

Daily life issues

Communication challenges

• Parenting, sibling, and family



## **Key Spouse Program**

#### (Active Duty Only)

- Key spouses are appointed by the unit commander
- Vital link between the unit and families
- Assists families in utilizing community resources
- Provides support to the families of military members during their time of need



## Military Spouse 101—Spouse Orientation (Active Duty only)

Military Spouse 101, formerly called Heart Link, strengthens military families and enhances mission readiness by helping spouses acclimate to the Air Force and military environment, especially those affiliated with the Air Force for five years or less.

## Layette Program

The Layette Program provides first-time parents who are E-6 and below, O-1 & O-2, and any rank for multiple births with a gift box of baby items when the baby is born.

## **Military Child Education**

- Advocate for educational needs of military children
- Assist Airmen and families with information and referrals regarding local school districts, and other educational options including home schooling, private schools, charter schools, and cyber schools
- Ensure school personnel are aware of the unique issues impacting military children, i.e., deployment, frequent moves, etc.

### **Relocation Assistance**

The A&FRF offers relocation assistance supporting the diverse relocation needs of the Kirtland AFB community.

## Personal and Family Readiness for Deployments, Contingencies & Emergencies

- Prepares families for the challenges of deployment
- Supports families during deployment through the Hearts Apart Program, including Support Group, Morale, Call Program, Phone Home Program, Give Parents a Break, Car Care Because We Care, and Information and Referral
   Assists with reintegration/reunion issues

## Information, Referral, & Follow Up Services

Assists individuals and families to identify and clarify needs, determine appropriate forms of assistance, and provide links to resources, including Exceptional Family Member resources.

## **Employment Assistance**

- Maintains information on the local job market, employment agencies, and nationwide and international employment
- Conducts workshops on résumé-writing and Federal Employment Assistance
- Personalized assistance on job search, interview skills, and résumé-writing (by appointment)
- Hosts two job fairs each year

## **Discovery Resource Center**

Houses nine computers with internet access, local and long -distance phone and fax, document scanner, job postings, employer information, and literature for customer use related to the A&FRF services and activities.