


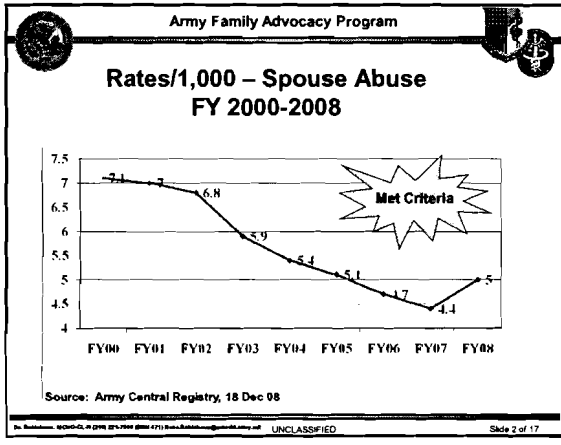
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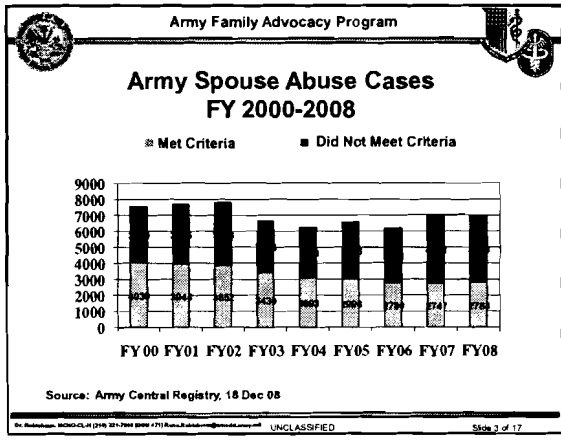
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New Parent Support Program

- **Home Visitation Model**
 - Developed specifically for first time expectant parents and parents with children from birth to 3 years of age who have been assessed to be at risk for child maltreatment and/or domestic abuse
 - Family Needs Screener – empirically validated screener to assess for risk
 - Intake Assessment – completed by HV
 - Intensive home visitation by licensed nurses, clinical social workers or marriage and family therapists
 - Encourages father/intimate partners early involvement
 - Develops a Family Service Plan incorporating unique needs of each family
 - Role modeling and mentoring
 - Educational focus on health and child development



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Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse

- **Prepared ALARACT Msg – provides the framework for implementing confidential restricted reporting for victims of domestic abuse (effective date: 22 April 06)**
 - Limited to adult victims of domestic abuse eligible to receive military medical treatment, including civilians and contractors eligible to receive military healthcare outside CONUS on a reimbursable basis
 - Must report to specified individuals: victim advocate (VA), VA supervisor or healthcare provider (includes FAP clinical social workers)
 - Six exceptions to restricted reporting outlined in DoD Memo
 - When disclosure is warranted, VA or healthcare provider must consult with their supervisor and servicing legal office prior to disclosure
 - When there is uncertainty on whether the exception applies, matter will be brought to Garrison Commander for decision

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Transitional Compensation

- **FY94 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 103-160)**
 - Provides monetary compensation and benefits for dependents of military personnel on active duty who are separated or sentenced to total forfeiture of pay and allowances for a dependent-abuse offense
 - Monthly monetary compensation IAW DIC rates –
 - \$1091 for spouse
 - \$271 for each eligible child
 - \$462 for child only

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Keys to Success

- Ensure the safety of victims is paramount
- Issue and enforce protection orders
- Grant FAPM accessibility on high risk cases
- Ensure program is adequately staffed
- Utilize the Family Advocacy Committee to analyze issues, trends and recommend solutions
- Fully implement the ACS Accreditation standards
- Target high risk populations with effective prevention and education programs

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