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for survivors of violence and trauma



Veteran's Day National Recommendations

National Organizations Support Recommendations to Promote Family Safety for Veterans

One year ago Witness Justice hosted a federal issue briefing (http://www.witnessjustice.org/advocacysta/briefing_veterans.cfm) on veterans and family safety. Since combat stress and trauma (http://www.witnessjustice.org/advocacysta/briefing_issue_overview.cfm) play significant roles in family dynamics, it was and continues to be an area of importance. Since that time, there has been national discussion to promote family connectedness and prevent family violence. On Veteran's Day, we would like to share some national recommendations developed with the support of numerous organizations. Develop:

- a national education and awareness campaign regarding veterans and family safety;
- tools that families can use in their own homes and in privacy to identify triggers, and to work together to determine how the family can take preventive action; and
- community-based, trauma-informed peer programs to support both veterans and their families.

It is the belief of the following organizations that these recommendations address a significant need that veterans and their families have and that programs developed around these areas will be beneficial.

- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
- American Mental Health Counselors Association
- American Psychoanalytic Association
- Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
- Durham Police Department

- Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants
- Gift From Within
- Military Family Network
- National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
- National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Therapeutic Communities of America
- Veterans Health Council
- Veterans Initiative Center and Research Institute
- Vietnam Veterans of America
- Witness Justice

Additional resources and information can be found on the Witness Justice website (<http://www.witnessjustice.org/index.cfm>).

Flyer - "What Has Changed"

(<http://www.witnessjustice.org/resources/VeteransAndFamiliesReintegrationIssuesFromCombatStressAndTrauma.pdf>)