



DEFENSE-STATE LIAISON OFFICE

Working with state policymakers to support military families



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What We Do

The Defense-State Liaison Office works with state policymakers to change laws and policies to improve military family well-being.

Since 2010, we've worked with state policymakers to enact more than 800 bills that make life better for the military community.



Military Matters: 2023 Key Issues

The Defense-State Liaison Office works with Defense Department leaders and other stakeholders to choose 10 issues to focus on each year.

FOCUS:

Work with state policymakers to alleviate barriers as a result of military life

Harmonize differences between state and federal laws

See an overview of where your state stands on key issues for military families at statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil.



2023 New Issues

Defining Armed Forces in State Policy

Recent force structure changes require updates to ensure that states' definitions of military service comport with federal law.

Licensure Exemptions for Military Family Child Care Providers

In many cases, military family child care providers must be licensed or registered by the state in addition to the military. By exempting providers already certified through the military, states enhance the economic status of both providers and families.

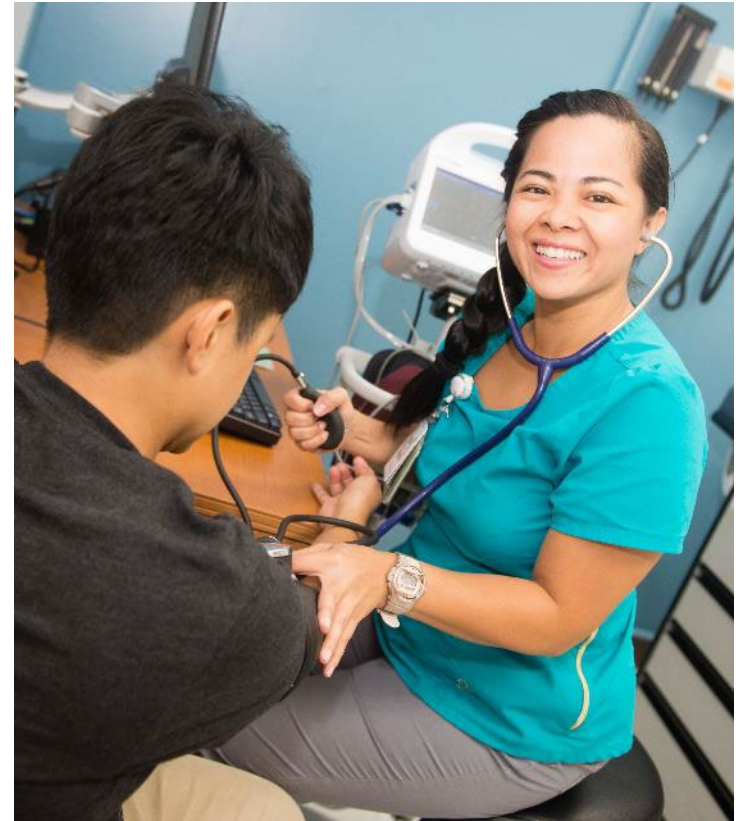
Military and Family Life Counselor Licensure Waiver

The state licensure process can be a barrier to providing timely mental health support to service members and families. States can provide a licensure waiver for military and family life counselors to allow for mental health care as needed.



2023 Key Issues

- Enhanced Military Spouse Licensure Portability
- Military Spouse Occupational Licensure Access
- Licensing Compacts
- Purple Star Schools Program
- Open Enrollment Flexibility
- Child Abuse Identification and Reporting
- Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction



DSLO: Ready to Support

The Defense-State Liaison Office stands ready to help you make changes in these areas and others that matter to military families.

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