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MEMORANDUM

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To: Commander, Navy Installations Command

Subj: FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM VICTIM ADVOCATES QUALIFICATION
REQUIREMENT POLICY CHANGE

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1752.2C
(b) NAVADMIN 159/22
(c) DoDM 6400.01, Volume 1
(d) DoDI 6400.06

1. The following policy changes to references (a) and (b) are effective immediately to align with references (c) and (d).

a. Required Experience. The Family Advocacy Program Victim Advocate (FAP VA) required experience in reference (a), chapter 20, is increased from 1 year to 2 years. The 2 years of required experience meets the Program Standards (PS) of reference (c), and qualifying years are established as follows:

(1) PS 44: All Family Advocacy Program (FAP) personnel who provide prevention and education services must have a minimum of 2 years of experience in a public family and children's service agency or family and children's services community organization, including 1 year of prevention, intervention, counseling, or treatment of child abuse and domestic abuse.

(2) PS 45: All FAP personnel who hold a position that provides victim advocacy services must have 2 years of experience in assisting and providing advocacy services to victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault.

(3) PS 46: All FAP personnel who provide advocacy services to parents or guardians of children impacted by Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children and Youth (PSB-CY) must have 2 years of experience in assisting and providing advocacy services to victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault as required in a PS 45 position, and also have or obtain specific training for child and adolescent development, PSB-CY, and trauma-informed care within 1 year of employment.

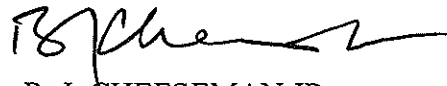
b. Post-Employment Credential Requirements. The Navy FAP VA credential requirement in reference (b) is changed from the Basic Advocate Credential to Provisional level. Reference (d) states that FAP VAs are required to meet victim assistance certification or credentialing

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requirements, as defined by their respective Military Service. Reference (b) directed FAP VAs to obtain Basic Advocate Credential within 6 months of hire. Reference (b) is modified to cancel the requirement for Basic Advocate Credential within 6 months of hire, and replaced with the requirement that FAP VAs obtain Provisional level credential within 6 months of hire.

2. These policy changes will be included in the next update to OPNAVINST 1752.2 (series), Family Advocacy Program.

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