

# FRSA Briefing

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# ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

# **ACS Overview**

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- **ACS Mission Statement**
- **ACS Vision Statement**
- **Army Regulations**
- **What ACS does for Commanders and the Community**
- **5 Readiness Programs**
- **Additional Programs/Services**

# **ACS Mission Statement**

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**“ACS will assist commanders in maintaining readiness of individuals, families, and communities within America’s Army by developing, coordinating, and delivering services which promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability during war and peace.”**

# ACS Vision

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- **Self-sufficient families:** Strong, adaptable, interdependent families, couples and individuals
- **Safety:** Reduce the levels of violence within the Army community
- **Personnel Preparedness:** Higher soldier and unit readiness
- **Community Cohesion:** Cohesion with the military community, command involvement, interagency partnerships, and active family participation within the Army community

# What ACS does for the Commander and the Community

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- **Deployment Readiness**
- **Family Readiness**
- **Relocation Readiness**
- **Employment Readiness**
- **Financial Readiness**

## **And More...**

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- **Exceptional Family Member Program**
- **Information & Referral**
- **Foster Care**
- **Sponsor Training**
- **Outreach**
- **Emergency Assistance**
- **Accreditation Assistance/Evaluation**

# **Mobilization & Deployment**

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- **Family Assistance Plan**
- **Mobilization/Deployment Readiness**
- **Army Family Team Building**
- **Family Readiness Groups**
- **Operation R.E.A.D.Y.**

# **Family Readiness**

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- **Command and Troop Education**
- **Community Awareness Briefings**
- **Parent Education and Support**
- **Stress/Anger Management Classes**
- **Safety Education**

# Family Readiness

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- **Training for CRC members and other professionals**
- **Spouse Abuse prevention**
- **Relationship Support**
  - **Conflict Resolution**
  - **Communication**



# Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

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- Assistance For Families with Special Needs
- Respite Care
- Support Groups



# **Relocation Readiness**

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- **Cross-cultural training for bi-cultural families**
- **Training for pre/post moves**
- **Welcome Packets**
- **Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service (SITES), automated information system available worldwide**
- **Newcomers Orientation Briefing**

## Even More.....

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- **Guidance, Counseling, and Advocacy before, during, and after the move**
- **Outreach for Waiting Families**
- **Lending Closet**
- **Sponsor Training**



# Employment Readiness

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- **Job Preparation Workshops**
- **Job Development and Contact with Employers**
- **Job Skill Development and Assessment**



# **Financial Readiness**

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- **Financial Counseling and Planning**
- **Consumer Information/advocacy**
- **Money Management Education**
- **Consultation For Commanders**
- **Credit Education**
- **FSSA**

# Emergency Assistance

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- **Army Emergency Relief**
  - **Emergency Financial Assistance**
  - **Loans/Grants**
- **Food Locker/Vouchers**



# Volunteer Program

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- Significant resource and knowledge base
- ACS offers Volunteers...
  - Job Skills
  - Job References
  - Networking
  - Job Training
  - Educational Opportunities



# **ACS Emphasizes.....**

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- **Quality Programs and Services**
- **Command Support**
- **Family Readiness**
- **Soldier Readiness**
- **Unit Readiness**

# Summary

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## Army Community Service

Is Critical to Readiness

Provides Practical Solutions to  
Everyday Challenges

**ACS Enhances  
Self-reliance of  
Spouses and Families**