

Do You Have a Child with Special Needs?



The Legal Assistance team offers special education consultation for EFMP families in the areas of federal IDEA, Section 504, and, if applicable, state education laws. Beyond consultations, Legal Assistance attorneys can assist with referrals to resources and non-profit organizations, should a family require more extensive representation. Expanded services may be available in Regions Southwest and Mid-Atlantic.

Navy families can now access free legal resources and services on the **MyNavy Family mobile application**. Using only your personal device, you can complete Special Power of Attorney forms, fill in other important legal paperwork, or locate the nearest legal office. Visit <https://www.applocker.navy.mil> to learn more.



Managing life's challenges can look different for everyone.
You don't have to go through it alone.



Veterans Crisis Line

- 24 hour confidential support available
- 7 days a week
- 365 days a year
- Text 838255
- Online chat available at www.veteranscrisisline.net

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
 (800) 273-TALK (8256)

Are You a Victim of Domestic Violence?

Help is Available

If you are a victim of domestic violence, or if you are in danger and fear for your safety, contact the police.

After you are safe, you may want to speak with a Legal Assistance attorney, who can help you explore legal options and link you to a wide range of military and civilian resources. Navy Legal Assistance attorneys also can provide victims legal advice regarding divorce, separation, and other support opportunities.

If you are located in San Diego, CA; Norfolk, VA; Bremerton, WA; or Jacksonville, FL, you may be able to speak with a specialized domestic violence attorney who is authorized to provide expanded legal services. They can assist victims with advocating for Military Protective Orders or obtaining Civilian Protective Orders, and they also provide referral services.

Legal Assistance attorneys are prohibited from advising on criminal matters; representing alleged abusers; and representing victims in courts for divorce, custody, and/or support matters.

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NAVY LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Ensuring Sailors and their families receive sound legal advice that addresses their needs and resolves legal issues, so they can focus on warfighting and executing the Navy mission.

To find a Navy Legal Assistance office visit www.jag.navy.mil

Primary and Secondary Clients

Legal Assistance is intended primarily for active-duty personnel, including Reservists and members of the National Guard on active federal duty for 30 days or more.

As resources permit, Legal Assistance may also be provided to the following:

1. Dependents of active-duty service members
2. Retired service members
3. Dependents of retired or deceased service members
4. Reservists on active duty for single periods of 29 days or less and their dependents
5. Active-duty or inactive Reservists consistent with mobilization readiness needs
6. Reservists following release from active duty and their dependents
7. Civilian personnel deploying for at least 30 days to a combat zone or accompanying/supporting a unit/ship in a foreign country for 30 days or more, if no local civilian legal assistance is available
8. Civilian contractor personnel with contracts that requires the U.S. government to provide legal assistance
9. Members of allied forces and their dependents in the U.S., serving with the U.S. Armed Forces
10. A 20/20/20 un-re-married former spouse
11. Spouses, former spouses, and children who are victims of abuse by members losing the right to retired pay under 10 U.S.C. § 1408(h)
12. Dependents of members separated for dependent abuse

Tier I Services

Tier I services are standard legal readiness services that are prioritized above other Legal Assistance services. Advice and related services regarding the following matters may be limited due to the availability of a qualified attorney or other resources.

- Basic Foreclosure Advice
- Consumer Fraud Advice
- Crime Victim Information and Referral Advice
- Demobilization Briefings
- Deployment Briefings
- Disaster Relief Support
- Domestic Relations Advice
 - Child Custody Advice
 - Child Support Advice
 - Divorce Advice
 - Domestic Violence Advice
 - Guardianship Advice Including Temporary Guardian to Mentally Incompetent Member
 - Legal Separation Advice
 - Paternity Advice
 - Spousal Support Advice
- Estate Planning Advice and Basic Will Package Drafting
- Exceptional Family Military Program (EFMP) Advice
- Family Care Plan Advice
- Landlord/Tenant Advice
- Military Naturalization Advice
- Notary services
- Power of Attorney Advice
- Preventative Law Briefings
- Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) Advice
- Temporary Guardian to Mentally Incompetent Member
- OCONUS Status of Forces Advice for employment
- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment
- Rights Act Advice (Reserves)

Tier II Services

Tier II services are second-priority services. Advice or services regarding the following matters may be available to eligible persons but could be limited due to availability of a qualified attorney or other resources.

- Adoption Advice
- Dependent Immigration Advice

Tier III Services

Tier III services are third-priority services not normally provided by active-duty military Legal Assistance providers. In rare circumstances in which Tier I and Tier II support is fully established, addressed and sustainable, support in the following matters shall only be extended to eligible clients by fully qualified providers with the express permission of a unit Commanding Officer.

- Bankruptcy Advice
- Drafting Family Law/Divorce Documents
- Federal and State Tax Advice

Tier IV Services

Tier IV services are not normally provided by active-duty military legal assistance providers. In rare circumstances in which Tier I and Tier II support is fully established, addressed and sustainable, support in the following matters may be balanced against Tier III services and extended to eligible clients by fully qualified providers only with the express permission of the Commanding Officer of the Legal Assistance Office.

- Expanded Legal Assistance Program (ELAP), including appearing in court on behalf of an eligible victim client to obtain a Domestic Violence Civil Restraining Order