



Overview – Presenting the Family Outreach Information Briefing

Background: As a result of the RSP Accreditation process, it was noted that states have significantly improved their emphasis on Family Outreach. Most states have implemented a basic Family Outreach Program consisting of family welcome letters, newsletters, dissemination of the Family Outreach Guide, and use of social media forums to keep families informed.

In a continuing effort to emphasize the importance of Family Outreach and keeping the families informed of the RSP journey, states are now encouraged to present a more comprehensive briefing to family members.

RSP Family Outreach Information Briefing:

This information briefing is intended for parents, spouses, siblings, grandparents, significant others or any family member the warrior chooses as their family outreach contact. This briefing goes beyond the welcome letter and information disseminated in the monthly newsletters or other packets sent to the families. In addition, to the power point presentation and the handout, this is a question and answer period at the end of the briefing.

The Intents of the information briefing is to educate the families about the RSP journey, as well as the benefits and resources available to both Warriors and family members. It should also help to prepare families for separation from their loved ones and offer ways they can support their Warrior prior to their departure and while they are away.

These briefings can be conducted monthly, quarterly, or as a breakout session for families during shipper briefing nights. Inviting guest speakers such as representatives from Tri-Care or Military One Source is recommended. This shows families that there are a multitude of resources dedicated to helping families through all phases of military service. Your state Family Program Office can assist you in arranging for speakers and can also provide you with information and handouts that may be helpful for families.

Resources/Handouts:

- Family Information Briefing PowerPoint slides with notes for presenter
- Basic Training Readiness Packet with checklist
- RSP Family Outreach Guide (if they did not receive one initially)
- Other suggested Handouts (Tri-Care brochure, Red Cross brochure, or literature available through your State Family program Office)