

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
FIELD MEDICAL TRAINING BATTALION-EAST  
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**2401-LDR-1001 Personal Assistance**

**TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

1. Without the aid of references, identify sources of social services, without omitting key components.  
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**ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

1 Given a list of choices, identify sources of social services, in accordance with reference [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil) Military One Source.  
(2401-LDR-1001a)

2 Without aid of reference, identify the Chaplain's role, in accordance with reference MCTP 3-30D Religious Ministry in the United States Marine Corps.  
(2401-LDR-1001b)

1. **The Purpose of Unit, Personal & Family Readiness** is unit centric, guided by the Family Readiness Command Team that reinforces the relationship between the unit and the services relevant to the unit, the unit members, and their families. The primary goal of UPFRP is to empower Marines and family members, providing them the opportunities to not just survive but to thrive while taking on the challenges of the military lifestyle. The program is supported by Deployment Readiness Coordinators (DRC) or Uniformed Readiness Coordinators (URC) who implement the Commander's family readiness vision, manage the tenets of the UPFRP, and assist unit Marines, Sailors and families maintain a constant state of family readiness.

2. **THE RED CROSS**. The American Red Cross acts as a 24-hour emergency communications service in emergencies and confirms emergency leave requests. In addition, the Red Cross informs Marines and Sailors of family illness, death, or other family emergencies and reunites families immediately in coordination with local chains of command and other related agencies.

3. **THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY**. The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides assistance with qualifying financial emergencies in the form of interest-free loans and monetary grants. However, the society requires Marines to undergo budgetary or financial counseling prior to receiving assistance. For example, no-interest loans are available for basic living expenses, auto repairs, and emergency leave. In addition, the society provides material assistance such as clothing, furniture, bedding, and childcare accessories during emergencies and times of need. Provides assistance for issues related to:

- Emergency transportation
- Funerals
- Medical & dental bills
- Food, rent, & utilities
- Disaster relief assistance
- Child care
- Essential vehicle repairs
- Unforeseen family emergencies

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#### 4. THE CHAPLAIN'S ROLE

a. The Chaplain's Role is to "promote the spiritual, religious, moral, and personal well-being of the members of the Department of the Navy," which includes the Navy and the United States Marine Corps. Additionally, the Chaplain Corps provides chaplains to its sister sea service, the United States Coast Guard as well as the following;

Religious & Spiritual Support  
Cover all Major Faith Groups  
Will assist regardless of your religious preference  
Provides assistance both garrison and Forward Deployed

b. All personnel seeking assistance from their Chaplain are protected under SECNAV INSTRUCTION 1730.9\_ Privileged and Confidential Communications to Chaplains. The purpose of this written instruction is to allow for unconstrained communication of acts of religion or matters of conscience in complete privacy encourages Service Members, their families, and other authorized personnel to seek assistance and disclose the nature of the issue, enhancing the scope and quality of care.

- SECNAVINST 1730.9\_ mandates all Chaplains, Religious Program Specialists (RPs), or Chaplain Assistants will protect confidential communications with personnel who receive assistance or council.
- Only the counselee may release the Chaplain, RP, or Chaplain Assistant from confidentiality.
- All Chaplains, RPs, and Chaplain Assistants are bound to protect confidential communication to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### 5. Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operations (CREDO) :

- CREDO offers free weekend retreats to help Marines grow toward increased functional ability, spiritual maturity, & acceptance of responsibility.
- CREDO retreats are located at Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton, and Twentynine Palms.

#### 6. THE MARINE CORPS FAMILY SERVICE CENTER.

a. The Marine Corps Family Service Center (MCFCS) provides information, assistance, and guidance to both unmarried and married Marines and their family members. Subsequently, assistance comes in the form of the following:

- (1) personal counseling
- (2) financial counseling
- (3) relocation assistance
- (4) personal development
- (5) employment assistance
- (6) information and referral regarding resources on base and the surrounding community

b. Additionally, the Marine Corps Family Service Center coordinates existing family support resources and social services offered by federal, state, and local programs such as:

- (1) Child Care Center
- (2) Family Advocacy Committee
- (3) Legal Assistance Office
- (4) United Way of America
- (5) Alliance of Information and Referral Service

c. Furthermore, the Marine Corps Family Service Center serves as the focal point for family concerns within the military community and advises commanders of current factors affecting families of Marines. In addition, the Marine Corps Family Service Center provides information and briefings in support of the Marine Corps Personal Affairs Program. As such, assistance may come in the form of:

- (1) Conducting pre- and post-deployment briefings and supports families during separations.
- (2) Participation in the Family Enrichment Program to prepare Marines for family life and parenthood.

(3) Participation in the Community Advisory Committee that evaluates, develops, and implements military family programs.

7. **MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY SERVICES**. The Mission of Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) is to take care of Marines and their families by providing quality of life programs, products, and services in support of the Marine Corps objectives.

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8. **Military One Source Mission** is to contribute to force readiness and quality of life by providing policies and programs that advance the well-being of service members, their families, survivors and other eligible members of the military community. Services provided are as follows:

- Relationship Counseling
- Non-Medical counseling for stress relief
- Financial Counseling
- Child Care Options
- Spouse scholarships, education and career benefits

9. **EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP)**: ensures continuum of care for eligible Marine Corps family members by identifying families with special needs, and maximizing confidentiality and the provision of services to enhance the quality of life provided to the Marine Corps family in order to meet the mission of the Marine Corps. Services provided are as follows:

- Connect families to medical, educational and community services
- Assist families with special education needs
- Provide resource, referral, and support throughout PCS transitions

REFERENCE(S) :

Exceptional Family Member Program, MCO P1754.4B  
Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), ALMAR 016/03  
Marine Corps Personal Services Manual, MCO P1700.24B W/Ch1  
Marine Corps Values: A User's Guide for Discussion Leaders MCRP 6-11B  
Semper Fit Fitness and Health Promotion Policy, MCO 1700.29