



Membership Application

Mission: The San Diego Military Family Collaborative provides an inclusive forum to maximize the collective impact of community resources to enhance military family life.

Terms of Agreement

The San Diego Military Family Collaborative (SDMFC) will:

- Operate in a professional, responsible, ethical and lawful manner.
- Ensure the structure, programs and services are relevant to current needs of military families by staying informed of emerging trends, gaps in services and feedback from our members. (*For example, member representatives may join task forces focused on current needs and trends*).
- Ensure members are aware of programs and services available to support their peers, family and community.
- Provide program coordination and staff support through Social Advocates for Youth, San Diego.

Members will:

- Offer programs/services free of charge or on an income based sliding scale for military personnel and their families.
- Hold staff accountable to conduct themselves in a professional, responsible, ethical and lawful manner.
- Provide feedback that can assist in improving SDMFC initiatives.
- Embrace the mission of the SDMFC, Family Support Principles* and the Five Protective Factors*.
- Demonstrate a pattern of engagement at either the monthly convening's and/or task force meetings by having an agency representative attend at least one meeting per month 75% of the time.

Terms:

- At the discretion of the Coordinating Council, the SDMFC reserves the right to refuse membership to any organization, group or individual that is not acting in a professional manner or in a manner not conducive to the mission and vision of the SDMFC.

Member Benefits

- Priority and special member rates (as applicable) to attend SDMFC trainings and annual conference.
- Eligible for advanced placement in certification training in the Standards of Quality Family Strengthening and Support. (2015 Training dates TBA)
- Member staff eligibility for Task Force, Coordinating Council and other leadership roles.
- Unique recognition on the SDMFC website.
- Members only access to post events, view/post to community exchange (like a backend craigslist to post resources, client needs, etc). (2015 launch TBA)
- Unique recognition and promotion on SDMFC social media.
- Eligible to request signed *letters of support* from SDMFC Coordinating Council when seeking grants/funds, advocacy support, etc.

Membership Commitment

By having the highest level of staff sign this agreement, the Member Organization confirms their intent to work together cooperatively as a part of the San Diego Military Family Collaborative and under the stated conditions in this document, as well as abiding by the Family Support Principles listed below.

Agency/Organization

Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director, Authorized Board Member, or Highest Level Leadership*

(_____) _____
Phone Number

Email Address

Signature

Date

**If you are a government entity or have questions/concerns regarding obtaining this signature, please contact Collaborative Coordinator Joe Buehrle at jbuehrle@saysandiego.org.*

***Applications are reviewed monthly by the Coordinating Council.
You will receive a response within 30 days of submitting an application***

Next steps for memberships approved:

1. Complete your Resource Profile online.
2. As able, select a membership donation/due amount (suggested: \$50-\$100) \$_____
 - More information, profile and donation details online: <http://sdmilitaryfamily.org/join/group/>

Membership Representatives

Please list the contact information for the primary network contact who will be the liaison regarding your SDMFC Online Profile. Also, feel free to list others who would like to receive an invite to be added to receive the weekly SDMFC e-newsletter and member only events/announcements. Please include additional names on a separate sheet if needed.

Name	Title	Phone	E-mail address
<i>Primary Contact if different than the above:</i>			

For questions or to return completed form:

Please contact Lea Bush: leab@jfssd.org ; (858) 637-3378; Fax #: 858-496-0077
Address: 3487 Santo Road, San Diego, California 92124 (ATTN: Joe Buehrle)

Family Support Principles*

1. Staff and families work together in relationships based on equality and respect.
2. Staff enhances families' capacity to support the growth and development of all family members – adults, youth, and children.
3. Families are resources to their own members, to other families, to programs, and to communities.
4. Programs affirm and strengthen families' cultural, racial, and linguistic identities and enhance their ability to function in a multicultural society.
5. Programs are embedded in their communities and contribute to the community-building process.
6. Programs advocate with families for services and systems that are fair, responsive, and accountable to the families served.
7. Practitioners work together with families to mobilize formal and informal resources to support family development.
8. Programs are flexible and continually responsive to emerging family and community issues.
9. Principles of family support are modeled in all program activities, including planning, governance, and administration.

**Source: Family Support America*

The Strengthening Families' Five Protective Factors*

- Parent Resilience
- Social Connections
- Concrete Support in Times of Need
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Social and Emotional Competence of Children

**Source: Center for the Study of Social Policy – Strengthening Families Approach:
www.cssp.org/reform/strengtheningfamilies*

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