



SDMFC Membership FAQ

1. Why become a member?

- a. By establishing membership we hope to better coordinate and expand our collective impact. Membership creates buy-in from member organizations and allows us to have a better understanding of all member programs and services. This allows us to strengthen our mission and impact to serve military families in San Diego County.

2. What are the benefits to being a member?

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

3. Are membership dues required?

- a. At this time, membership dues are not required. We understand that some organizations are unable to pay dues for a variety of reasons. However, we hope that if your organization values the benefits of SDMFC membership, it will help to further the mission and sustainability of the SDMFC through payment of a membership fee.

4. What happens if my organization is not a member? Can I still show up to meetings?

- a. Yes. If your organization cannot or does not want to become a member you can still participate in all events, submit items for the e-blast, and generally participate in SDMFC activities. However, as a non-member, your organization will not have full access to the benefits listed above nor be formally recognized as a member organization. If you represent a government agency that has extenuating circumstances preventing official membership in the SDMFC, but would still like access to the benefits listed above, please contact Joe Buehrle at jbuehrle@saysandiego.org or (858) 496-0044 ext. 107.

5. Wait a second...I thought we were members already. How do I know if we are or not?

- a. At the beginning of 2014 we launched the "Resource Connection" portion of our site that allowed organizations to have resource profiles and be informally recognized as a SDMFC partner. Now, we are launching our formal membership process. Therefore, NO ORGANIZATION WAS A FORMAL MEMBER BEFORE THE JANUARY 31, 2015 STATE OF THE COLLABORATIVE CONVENING and all organizations will now need to submit a membership application and complete the corresponding steps (upon approval of application) that are outlined here: <http://sdmilitaryfamily.org/join/group/>.



- b. Member organizations are receiving special recognition on the “Resource Connection” page located here: <http://sdmilitaryfamily.org/resource-connection/service-provided/members/>. If you are not on this list, you are not considered a member.

6. Who needs to sign the membership application?

- a. The answer depends largely on the make-up and type of organization. In short, we are looking for the highest level leadership at your organization or within your program. For some organizations, this is the Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director. For others, it may be an authorized board member or regional lead. If you represent a government entity or have questions/concerns regarding obtaining this signature, please contact the Collaborative Coordinator Joe Buehrle at jbuehrle@saysandiego.org.

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