

What happens **after the IDC?**

- A letter with the results of the IDC is signed by the chairperson and given to the command representative
- The command representative is responsible for providing the letter to the sponsor
- Incidents are reviewed by FAP personnel to address risks and provide treatment recommendations regardless of the determination made at IDC

Prevention **Tips**

Commanding officers can help prevent IPV and child abuse by:

- Creating a command climate that encourages healthy relationships and does not tolerate abuse
- Being aware of warning signs such as decreased work performance, changes in behavior or appearance, or unexplained injuries
- Believing victims and ensuring they get support and assistance

Resources

- **Military One Source:**
www.militaryonesource.com
1.800.342.9647
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:**
www.thehotline.org
1.800.799.SAFE (7233)
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline**
1.800.656.HOPE (4673)
- **Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline:**
www.childhelp.org
1.800.4.A.CHILD (422.4453)
- **DSTRESS Line**
www.dstressline.com
1.877.476.7734

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INCIDENT DETERMINATION COMMITTEE

What Commanding Officers Need to Know



Commanding officers are responsible for ensuring victim safety and offender accountability. This pamphlet explains your role with the Family Advocacy Program's Incident Determination Committee and what you need to know about the process.

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is focused on the prevention, intervention, and treatment of incidents of intimate partner violence (IPV) and child abuse for Marines, Sailors, and their families.



What happens in **FAP**?

Intervention with victims and families begins the moment FAP receives a report. FAP provides:

- Educational classes on various life issues
- Prevention activities
- Support for new/expecting parents
- Safety planning and supportive services
- Victim advocacy services
- Clinical treatment for the victim, offender, and family members
- Continued communication with command

The Incident Determination Committee (IDC) determines whether allegations of suspected child abuse or unrestricted reports of IPV meet criteria.

What to expect **from the IDC**?

- Greater consistency in decision making
- The decision making tree removes biases by using standard definitions of child abuse and IPV
- Enhanced communication and command involvement in decisions regarding IPV and child abuse

What is discussed **at the IDC**?

- The IDC only discusses information pertinent to the incident being represented and its effects on the victim
- Limited victim or offender history may be discussed only to determine credibility



The IDC meeting is not a disciplinary proceeding. The requirements for due process for Uniform Code of Military Justice disciplinary proceedings are inapplicable to IDC meetings.

IDC Membership

The IDC is appointed by the installation Commander. The committee consists of:

- Installation Chief of Staff (IDC Chairperson)
- Installation Sergeant Major
- A military officer or SNCO from Provost Marshall's Office, Criminal Investigation Division, and/or Naval Criminal Investigative Services
- Staff Judge Advocate
- FAP Manager



Command's Role

Command participation is vital to the IDC

- Commanding officers have a vote during the IDC
- Commanding officers often have pertinent information regarding the allegation
- Commanding officers ensure the service member is adequately represented
- Commanding officers ensure the victims are fully protected