

Ms. Katherine Robertson, LCSW, Family Advocacy Program Manager, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military Community and Family Policy (Department of Defense). Ms. Robertson has the responsibility for policy development, the oversight framework, and budget support of the Family Advocacy Programs (FAP) in the Military Departments supporting military families worldwide. FAP is the DoD program designated to address child abuse and domestic abuse in military families in cooperation with civilian social service agencies and military and civilian law enforcement agencies. She has responsibilities for responding to Congress on legislative requirements to include the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence recommendations and the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requirements.

Prior to her current position, she was the Head of Policy and Strategy for the Department of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO), and she was the Navy's Deputy Manager for Counseling, Advocacy and Prevention (CAP) Programs which include the Family Advocacy Program, New Parent Support Program, Clinical Counseling and SAPR program. Ms. Robertson has testified before a Congressional subcommittee on the Navy SAPR program, and has briefed HASC, SASC, and White House staff on the Family Advocacy Program.

Ms. Robertson has over 30 years of experience working in management and clinical services in military family programs (Army, OSD, and Navy). Ms. Robertson has a broad background in military family programs to include Child & Youth Program Management, Family Advocacy Program, Clinical Case Management Supervisor, and SAPR/Clinical Program Manager. She has extensive clinical experience working with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She has worked at the installation, Region, and Headquarters level and at OSD. Her two sons are active duty (Army, Air Force) and both were deployed in Afghanistan. Ms. Robertson holds a Masters in Education with certification in Counseling from the University of Southern California and a MSW from University of South Carolina. She is a licensed LCSW in NC and VA.