MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANT (MFLC) PROGRAM SUMMARY

The DoD (Department of Defense) is committed to supporting military families, recognizing that service to our nation places a heavy demand on these families. As a behavioral health subcontractor for the DoD, MHN Government Services is currently offering practitioners a unique opportunity to support Service members and their families.

The MFLC program was piloted under the name Military Family Life Consultant in 2004 to meet the specific need of providing supplemental services to families of extended 1st Armored Division Soldiers. The success of the program in United States Army/Europe has resulted in expansion of MFLC services for all Military Services within the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Europe and the Pacific Rim.

The MFLC program is contracted through the Office of the Secretary of Defense. MFLCs work at military installations both stateside and overseas, assisting Service members and their families with a variety of issues, through the cycles of deployment and reintegration back to their families and communities.

The program was designed to deliver short term, situational, problem-solving non-medical counseling services. MFLC support addresses issues that occur specifically within the military lifestyle and helps Service members and their families cope with normal reactions to the stressful/adverse situations created by deployments and reintegration. The services of MFLCs are intended to augment existing military counseling services.

Role of Consultants

The consultants’ role in this program is unique in that they are not working as traditional therapists. The primary MFLC role is to assess needs, provide support or refer to appropriate resources as necessary. Assisting a Military Service member and/or family in developing an action plan to address a problem is a key component of the program. All consultants work under the direction of an MHN clinical supervisor and a military point of contact (POC).

Although locations, programs and commitment length vary, practitioners on rotational assignments are typically asked to make a 60- to 180-day time commitment to the assignment. (We have an increasing need for practitioners willing to accept at least 60-day assignments.) On Demand assignments also include non-medical counseling support and psycho-educational presentations and primarily support National Guard/Reserve Component Service members and their families. On Demand services are typically required on weekends, at National Guard Drill Centers or Reserve Centers. Acceptance of any assignment is voluntary; there is no obligation to commit.
To be considered for the MFLC Program, consultants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Must have a valid state license as an independent behavioral health care practitioner. Providers eligible for network participation are: Psychologists, Social Workers, Professional Counselors, Marriage Family Therapists.
- Must have professional liability insurance of at least $1 million/$1 million
- Must have an active U.S. Passport; (or be willing to acquire one before being contracted for assignments outside the United States)
- Must have or be able to acquire a Social Security card
- Must have a valid drivers license and willingness to drive at assigned locations
- Must have the ability to drive a standard transmission vehicle if interested in working overseas
- May not be currently employed by a behavioral health care plan
- Must have a valid email address and frequent computer access
- Must physically be able to carry one’s own luggage through travel process, and be willing and able to walk and be physically active while on bases

Preferred Direct Practice Experience. You must have three of the following:

- Training and experience in rapid assessment and problem resolution (e.g. EAP)
- Ability to work in various environments helping people identify problems and develop action plans
- Experience working with children and adolescents
- Experience working with couples and families
- Experience working with grief and loss
- Experience with Veterans or Veteran Affairs
- Experience working with military personnel and families
- Experience working in school systems

Participation in the program is contingent upon:

- Recommendation of the Clinical Director following a personal interview
- Meet MHN’s credentialing requirements
- Passing a criminal history and background check
- Compliance with MFLC training program

If you meet all of the minimum qualifications, possess three or more Preferred Direct Practice Experience requirements and would be interested in participating in this program, please complete the MFLC questionnaire at this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mflcquestionnairescreeningapplication