



Lesson Guide

Base Support Agencies

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Purpose

This lesson guide is designed to support the local development of Flight Commander Leadership Course materials. Selected facilitators should use this guide as they prepare presentation materials. For more information on how lessons are structured, or how to use them in the course, see the **Course Director's Handbook** or online Facilitator Resources.

Scope

Accomplishing the mission cannot happen if the people needed to execute are not available or not in the right mindset to be effective. The Department of the Air Force is aware of this and has instituted a number of supporting agencies on base to be able to help resolve a wide range of problems which Airmen and their families face. Whether it is just someone to talk to (Chaplain, SARC, etc.), someone who has an expertise in a specific area (legal, finance, Military Family Life Consultant, etc.), or a medical professional (behavioral/mental health, etc.), Airmen and Guardians experience many personal issues that are best handled by advocates outside of the unit or organization.

As a Flight Commander, you are charged with ensuring your team is physically and mentally prepared to accomplish the mission. To lead your flight in an efficient and effective manner, you must know what support agencies are at your team's disposal in order to address the multitude of matters that will inevitably arise in the lives of your team.

Recommended Objectives

By the end of this lesson, the participant should be able to:

1. Explain the functions of available base support agencies.
2. Discuss the circumstances under which each support agency would be useful and/or necessary.
3. Describe the flight leader's role in family care, Airman support, and unit inclusion.

Recommended POC / Presenter

- Current/former commander or first sergeant

Recommended Length:

- 30 minutes (inclusive of questions)

Recommended Approach

- Present informational slides, tailored to the agencies available at your location, with Q & A

Lesson Connections

- **Taking Care of Families**-part of the duties of a Flight Commander involves caring for the families of your team members. Knowing what family support resources are available will help you to advise the family in the appropriate manner.
- **Discipline, NJP, and the UCMJ**-Flight Commanders should know which base support agency may be leveraged to support certain disciplinary actions (e.g., Legal, SARC, ADAPT).

Additional Discussion

Depending on the audience, you may want to compare/contrast base support agencies with base services (i.e., dining facilities, fitness center, lodging, clubs, etc.).