

**Amendment to Military Family Services Program (MFSP) Policy:
Support to Families of Civilian Personnel Before, During and After Deployment**

Current Populations Served

Funding for the MFSP currently supports the delivery of services to:

- Married or common-law, Regular Force CF members and their spouses. The term “spouse” should be broadly interpreted; CF policy recognizes both common-law and same-sex partners.
- Children and youth (up to and including the age of 18) of Regular Force CF members.
- Regular Force CF members who are single parents with children (up to and including the age of 18).
- Reservist families, before, during and after deployment.
- Parents of single Regular Force CF members before, during and after deployment.

Funding for the MFSP now also supports the delivery of services to an additional population, namely:

- *Families of Non-Public Fund (NPF) and DND civilian employees before, during and after deployment¹ with the CF on a mission outside of Canada*

Service Parameters: Funding for the MFSP supports the achievement of the goals and objectives of all MFSP mandated services for the families of civilian employees deployed on missions with the CF outside of Canada.

In this instance, ‘family’ includes the married or common-law spouse and/or children of the civilian employee. In the event of a single civilian employee who does not have children, ‘family’ can include the employee’s parents or another identified significant other.

Eligibility: The families of NPF and DND civilian employees are eligible for support prior to and during deployment, and for up to one year after the civilian employee’s return to Canada.

¹ *Deployment* is the temporary relocation of military forces or CF members on a mission to an area of operations, exclusive of normal training or exercise.