



Amendment to Military Family Services Program (MFSP) Policy: Support to Parents of Single Regular Force Canadian Forces (CF) Members

Current Populations Served (Excerpt from MFSP: Parameters for Practice, 2004, pages 26-27)

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.¹

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

- ***Parents of single Regular Force CF members before, during and after deployment.***

Service Parameters: Funding for the MFSP supports the achievement of the goals and objectives of all MFSP mandated services for parents of single Regular Force CF members.

Eligibility: In the case of Single Regular Force members on deployment within Canada, parents are eligible for support prior to and during deployment, and for up to one year following the CF member’s return. For single Regular Force members scheduled to deploy outside Canada, parents are eligible for support prior to and during deployment, and for up to two years after the CF member’s return.

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

Priority: The priority for the expansion to ‘populations served’ is the parents of single Regular Force CF members. In the absence or instead of parents, the single Regular Force member can identify an alternate relative or individual of significance.

¹ For Reservists, ‘family’ is defined as spouse and children, or in the case of single Reservists, parents. See MFSP: Parameters for Practice (2004), Annex I page 1.