

TALKING PAPER
ON
ANG YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

- ANG Yellow Ribbon Reintegration

- Policy - H.R.4986 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Passed by Both House and Senate) SEC. 582.YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM.
 - SOD mandated to establish a national combat veteran reintegration program

- Program, officially named as the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.
 - Provides information, services, referral, and proactive outreach throughout deployment cycle.

- Purpose, Program consist of informational events and activities for;
 - Members, their families, and community members
 - Facilitate access to services supporting health and well-being
 - Through the 4 phases of the deployment cycle:

- Discussion, Establishes CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN REINTEGRATION
 - Collect and analyze 'lessons learned' and recommendations from;
 - NG and Reserve organizations with existing or developing programs
 - Assist and develop training aids and briefing materials
 - Train representatives from NG and Reserve organizations

- Advisory Board, Analyzes the programs success and shortfalls
 - Submits assessment and recommendations based on;
 - Monthly and quarterly reports received from state organizations

- Services, Generally consist of;
 - Pre deployment - Providing education to ensure member's readiness, their families and affected communities during deployment rigors
 - Deployment - Follow up on challenges/stressors of separation
 - Post deployment - from return until 180 days following demobilization
 - Reconnect members with families and communities

Continued:

- Provide resources and information needed for successful reintegration.

-Specific Services, Services range from;

- Marriage counseling
- Services for children
- Suicide prevention
- Substance abuse awareness and treatment
- Mental health awareness and treatment
- Financial counseling
- Anger management counseling
- Domestic violence awareness and prevention
- Employment assistance
- Preparing and updating family care plans
- Development of strategies for living with a member of the Armed Forces with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury
- Other services as may be appropriate for unique needs members and their families

FYI, There may be other diversified services, which are implemented through out the program as circumstance and situational demands dictate.