

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

YOUR QUICK GUIDE TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



This guide is designed to help military families access important information and timely mental health support services in their local communities. If you are part of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) community (CAF member, spouse/partner, parent, sibling or child of a serving, releasing or recently retired CAF member) or a partner agency supporting the military and Veteran community, then this quick quide is for you!

Calm & steady Normal fluctuations in mood

Fit, fed, rested In control physically,

mentally, emotionally
Performing well
Behaving ethically and

morally Sense of humor

Engaging in relaxation and recreation

Socially active Confident in self & others Easily agitated, angered, frustrated or tired

Difficulty focusing

Decreased interest in

activities Nervous

Impatient Unusual sadness

Difficulty sleeping Vigilance

Problems with daily functioning [home, work, school]

Persistent anxiety or sadness
Feeling hopeless

Angry reactions Noticeable fatigue

Poor concentration Inability to enjoy activities

Excessive distrust & resentment

Sleep disturbances

Hypervigilance Persistent physical symptoms [aches and pains]

Severe deterioration in daily functioning [home, work, school]

Excessive anxiety, fatigue or sadness

Regular panic attacks Angry outbursts

Severe memory lapses

Cannot perform daily routine

Significant sleep disturbances

Loss of control

Avoiding or withdrawing

Significant change in hehaviour

Indications of suicidal thoughts, intentions

Symptoms get worse over time instead of getting better

FAMILY INFORMATION LINE 24/7



1-800-866-4546 (North America) 00-800-771-17722 (International) 1-613-995-5234 (Collect calls)



FIL@CAFconnection.ca

The Family Information Line (FIL) is a confidential, personal and bilingual service offering information, support, referrals and crisis management 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Trained FIL Counsellors can help connect military families with a variety of national and local services.

CANADIAN FORCES MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CFMAP) 24/7



This voluntary, confidential and free short-term counselling service is designed to help CAF members (Regular and Reserve Force, Cadets and Canadian Rangers) and their families who have concerns that affect their personal well-being and/or professional life.

MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRES (MFRC)



www.CAFconnection.ca

MFRCs offer a variety of mental health programs and services delivered by trained counsellors, Family Liaison Officers and Veteran Family Program Coordinators to military families. These services range from outreach and engagement, peer support, educational workshops, short-term crisis and intervention to counselling for individuals, couples and families.

VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA ASSISTANCE SERVICES 24/7



1-800-268-7708 1-800-567-5803 for the hearing impaired

VAC offers free and confidential counselling and referral services that are available for Veterans, former RCMP members, their families and caregivers. Bereavement services are also available.

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES CHAPLAINS



1-800-866-4546 (FIL)

Military Chaplains provide confidential and free multi-faith counselling and spiritual support to military members and their families. Mental Health Chaplains are available in some communities.

CANADIAN FORCES HEALTH SERVICES (CFHS)



1-800-866-4546 (FIL)

CFHS provides mental health and psychosocial programs and services primarily for CAF members. The support services may include family members when clinical activities are in direct support of the CAF member's care or treatment. For more information visit:

www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-healthservices-mental/index.page

ROAD TO MENTAL READINESS (R2MR)



1-800-866-4546 (FIL)



R2MR_Ops_Trg@forces.gc.ca

R2MR is an educational program designed to help CAF members and their families manage difficulties related to deployments, extended separations, transition and reintegration. Training is delivered for families at MFRCs and for CAF members through CF Health Services.

To download the R2MR app visit:

Apple Store: http://bit.do/RVPMapple Google Play: http://bit.do/RVPMgoogle

STRENGTHENING THE FORCES (STF)



613-996-8326 1-800-866-4546 (FIL)

Strengthening the Forces is a health promotion program. CAF families can participate in various programs that address addiction awareness and prevention, injury prevention and active living, nutritional wellness and social wellness, stress management, anger management, suicide awareness and interpersonal communications.

RAINBOWS FOR ALL CHILDREN CANADA



1-877-403-2733



www.rainbows.ca

Rainbows is an international organization dedicated to supporting children and youth as they experience grief and heal from loss, whether from death, divorce, deployment, or other trauma. Rainbows is provided free of charge to all Canadian children, youth, and their families. The program is offered through many local schools, hospitals, boys and girls clubs and Community Family Services organizations including some MFRCs.

KIDS HELP PHONE 24/7



1-800-668-6868



www.kidshelpphone.ca

Kids Help Phone is Canada's only national service offering professional counselling, information and referrals 24/7 by phone, Live Chat and the Always There chat app, through its free, and anonymous service. Young people can connect in both English and French for the support they need, in the way they need it most, and can also benefit from the Resources Around me database, which includes over 10,000 youth-serving programs and services in Canada.

To access mental health information, services or programs:

In person: at your local MFRC

By phone: Family Information Line 1-800-866-4546

By email: FIL@CAFconnection.ca

Online: www.CAFconnection.ca



Call 911

if you or your loved ones are experiencing an immediate mental health crisis, family violence or witnessing a crime in progress.