

# WORKING WITH FEDERAL PARTNERS

There are nearly 1.5 million military-connected children in the United States. Military families live in every state, in communities that are home to large military installations, and in communities far away from installations. When child maltreatment occurs in a military family, Department of Defense programs play a critical and often mandatory role. Military families require care that meets their unique needs, including coordination of Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) and Department of Defense (DoD) services. NCA has established seven memorandum of understanding (MOUs) with Military Criminal Investigative Organizations (MCIOs) and DoD Family Advocacy Programs (FAPs) to support CAC-military partnerships nationwide.

**Wednesday,  
February 19,  
2024**

**12-1PM  
CT**

**VIRTUAL  
VIA ZOOM**

**Free to attend!**

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Participants will increase their knowledge of

1. The seven memorandums of understanding
2. How CAC MDTs can support military families and work with military partner programs.
3. Participants will learn about other opportunities for CAC-federal partnerships, including the NCA-FBI MOU.

**CEUs approved for social work, psychology and juvenile court officers.**

**CLE's approved for legal/judges. Post pending for law enforcement.**

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