

# THE HABITS of Highly Effective Families®

FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

## Strong families build happy homes

## The Challenge

It's no secret that many families today are struggling or are in trouble. Being a member of a military family poses a unique set of challenges. Among the normal problems faced by families, military families must also deal with the added stress of deployment, re-integration, and relocation.

## **The Solution**

## INTRODUCING THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE FAMILIES FOR MILITARY FAMILIES 2.0

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families for Military Families 2.0 provides a much needed framework for applying universal, self-evident principles that enable family members to better communicate about their problems and resolve them successfully.

Dr. Stephen R. Covey has noted that strong families don't just happen; they require the combined energy, talent, desire, vision, and dedication of all their members. Through the processes, tools, and skills outlined in *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families for Military Families 2.0* workshop, family members will be able to gain confidence in their knowledge and ability to strengthen their own families.



## **OBJECTIVES FOR STRONG MILITARY FAMILIES**

- 1. Decide what they want their family to stand for in the future.
- 2. Prioritize what is most important and put first things first.
- 3. Seek harmony, appreciate differences, and value strengths.
- 4. Solve problems through listening for understanding.
- 5. Find balance and resiliency through family renewal and establishing traditions.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families for Military Families 2.0 workshop is based on Stephen R. Covey's No. 1 bestsellers: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families. This engaging family-strengthening program has been proven successful with thousands of families because it employs a self-discovery, principle-centered approach empowering all kinds of families in all stages of their lives.

## The Process

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families for Military Families 2.0 workshop consists of 7–14 hours of curriculum that can be taught in a one- or two-day facilitator-led workshop or in two-hour modules. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families for Military Families 2.0 follows a reinforced learning process that includes the following:

- A comprehensive and easy-to-read guidebook.
- Award-winning videos.
- Thought-provoking experiential activities.
- A healthy balance of values, principles (character) and skills.
- An interactive, idea-filled planning calendar for building companionships in marriage (optional item for purchase).

### Participants will learn how to:

- Apply an "Inside-Out Approach" to problem solving and goal creation.
- Resolve differences in marriage and family relationships by creatively cooperating together.
- Establish a better work/life balance.
- Build deeper relationships of trust and love at home and with extended family.
- Abandon unhealthy behaviors.
- Employ the skills of Empathic Listening and Synergy.
- Build family traditions, unity, and a "nurturing family culture."
- Learn to effectively challenge and motivate children.

## **Core Competencies**

## Habit 1: Be Proactive®

- Take initiative.
- React less, take responsibility for their actions, and make better choices based on values.

## Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind®

- Identify family priorities.
- Define what you want your family to stand for.
- Create vision of your family's future.

### Habit 3: Put First Things First®

- Identify family priorities.
- Schedule and focus on most important activities.
- Honor commitments made to family members; make a promise, keep it.

#### Habit 4: Think Win-Win®

- Build high-trust relationships.
- Think in terms of mutual benefit.
- Practice conflict resolution.

# Habit 5: Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood®

- Seek first to listen with the intent to understand the thoughts and feelings of others.
- Communicate your understanding of others.
- Overcome communication pitfalls.

## Habit 6: Synergize®

- Apply effective problem solving.
- Apply collaborative decision making.
- Value differences and build on strengths.

#### Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw®

- Achieve family and work balance.
- Apply continuous improvement.
- Build resiliency through renewal.

"One of the most powerful things you can pass on to your children is the sense of building a life based on a mission."

—Dr. Stephen R. Covey

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