Commander Nonsupport Guide

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Possible topics to discuss during counseling:

- ☐ Explain the Army's position with regard to failure of a Soldier to provide support to family members not residing with him/her.
- ☐ Explain AR 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody, and Paternity in detail with the Soldier.
- ☐ Explain that personnel subject to the UCMJ who fail to comply with the financial support obligations imposed by AR 608-99, paragraphs 2-5 or 2-9 are subject to punishment, adverse administrative action and other adverse actions authorized by applicable sections of the United States Code.
- ☐ Emphasize that a Soldier cannot fall into arrears without violating this regulation and that family members who are entitled to financial support should be paid on the first day of the month following the month for which it is authorized.

Possible Plan of Action: (Person counseled develops plan with counselor's guidance).

- ☐ If the Soldier has a right to receive basic allowance for housing (BAH) entitlement the Soldier would be ordered to provide BAH II-WITH to his supported family members as well as maintain their identification cards and medical/dental coverage.
- ☐ If the Soldier has a court order or separation agreement, the Soldier would be ordered to provide the court established or agreed upon amount of support to his family members.
- ☐ Allow the Soldier to consult with legal assistance on the case. The Judge Advocate General promulgates all Army policies regarding the obligation of Soldiers to provide financial support to their family members. Consult with the SJA concerning divorce, separation, and suspected non-support matters, as they are serious and can adversely affect a career if not properly handled.
- ☐ Make an appointment with ACS to get a budget drawn up. Based on the budget, draft a plan to make payments to all creditors and provide a copy to the chain-of-command

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Possible Leader Responsibilities: (This is only an example for you to use as a guide).

- ☐ Follow-up with the spouse and monitor the situation.
- ☐ Schedule an appointment for the Soldier with ACS.
- ☐ Follow-up monthly to ensure the Soldier is staying within his/her budget and his/her bills are being paid.
- ☐ Assist the Soldier in resolving any other problems they may have.