

NEW ARMY PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS



“Soldiers and DA Civilians must feel comfortable raising allegations of sexual harassment or sexual assault, quickly receive the care and services they need, and be treated with dignity and respect throughout the process.”

— LT. GEN. GARY M. BRITO
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1

The Army is taking action to improve sexual assault and harassment reporting and victim support through a year-long pilot at seven Army locations. It is launching a SHARP fusion directorate that operates independently of the command, and is designed to care for, protect, and empower victims.

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES

- Lack of confidence in unit SHARP program among Soldiers
- Dispersed delivery of services, often resulting in suboptimal communication with victims
- Delays in the full delivery of services
- Difficulties navigating the process to obtain victim services
- Overall program oversight and responsiveness

NEW FUSION DIRECTORATE

- Provides an additional mechanism outside of victim's immediate chain of command
- Formalized data sharing and coordination to improve both efficiency and transparency
- Increased synchronization and accountability of victim care and support services
- Victim-centered approach to care, centrally organized
- Victim services coordinated under a senior Fusion Director, directly reporting to the Senior Commander

Flexible design can comply with any future changes in federal law or Department of Defense policy