



**Featured Speaker**

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**Supporting Military  
Families with Children  
who have **Special Needs**  
Living in North Carolina  
Communities**

Thursday, January 25, 2018

1 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Location:**

Southern Regional AHEC  
1601 Owen Drive, Classroom E (3rd Floor)  
Fayetteville, NC 28304

## Target Audience

This workshop will be beneficial for military and civilian service providers, clinicians, teachers, military families, community members.

## Program Description

Military families living in communities across North Carolina, whose children have special needs, may not be able to access the broad array of formal and informal support. This support is needed to ensure their child's full potential is realized while the social and emotional needs of the family are also being addressed. This potential may be further challenged by the realities of military life that include relocation, separation of family members, and deployment. Whether living on post or in the community, many military families still find themselves feeling isolated and alone, both by the realities of their military status and by their child's special needs. Although military families may be eligible for services and resources from the military and civilian service systems, these systems are not well integrated and services may be fragmented. Service providers are often unaware of the broad range of resources available to military families through both civilian and military service systems and how to access them. A comprehensive network of both informal and formal resources help to ensure that military families living in communities across North Carolina with children who have developmental disabilities are able to access the supports they need support and strengthen child and family well-being.

## Objectives

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Explain the unique needs of military families with children who have developmental disabilities;
- Identify and access formal and informal supports from both military and civilian service systems; and
- Review and list family supports.

## Agenda

12:30 – 1 p.m.	Registration / Welcome
1 – 2 p.m.	The Unique Needs of Military Families;
2 – 2:15 p.m.	Identifying and Accessing Military-Civilian Supports and Services
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 – 4:15 p.m.	Strategies to Support Military Families in North Carolina
4:15 p.m.	Adjourn

## Speakers

**Tamara Norris, MSSW, MPA** is the Director of the Family Support Program, and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work, where she has taught Community, Management, and Policy Practice courses; supervised graduate students in field placement; and worked with the NC Child Welfare Education Collaborative, the NC Family and Children's Resource Program, and the Field Education Office. She joined the Family Support Program in 2005. Early in her career, she worked in program development and funding with major social services agencies in New York City. She has been in Chapel Hill since 1992, and worked at several nonprofit organizations in addition to UNC. Ms. Norris has Master of Science in Social Work and Master of Public Administration degrees from Columbia University.

**Barbara Leach** is a Family Support Specialist and Special Projects Coordinator at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work, Family Support Program. She joined the Family Support Program in 2005. Prior to joining the Family Support Program, she was a training specialist for the UNC School of Social Work, Children's Mental Health Project. Ms. Leach has over 30 years of experience as an advocate for families with children who have mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, and other special needs. Ms. Leach is an experienced trainer and facilitator who has made numerous state and national presentations. Presentation and workshop topics include: family-centered practice, family- and self- advocacy, family support, cultural competence, and family/provider partnerships.

## Fee

\$55.00 if registration and payment are postmarked on or before January 18, 2018; \$65.00 thereafter.

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