

**Study Introduction/Informed Consent and Questions
For the Panel Recruitment and Design Round (Round 0)**

[Header for the top of each page:] Preventing Domestic Abuse in the Armed Forces

The Research Study: The Department of Defense (DoD) is sponsoring a study to provide independent analyses and recommendations for improving domestic abuse prevention in the armed forces. RAND, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization, is conducting the study on behalf of DoD.

The Expert Panel: To help fill gaps in the scholarly literature on domestic abuse prevention activities that are effective, feasible, and appropriate for the military setting, the RAND research team is creating an advisory panel that brings together experts with knowledge from several domains:

- Domestic abuse survivor experiences, perceptions, needs, and help-seeking barriers and pathways
- Domestic abuse prevention strategies, including (but not limited to) outreach and communication to adults with risk factors for domestic abuse
- Types of measures, metrics, and approaches that could be used to evaluate the reach and effectiveness of domestic abuse prevention activities
- Aspects of the military setting relevant for domestic abuse prevention, such as military policies, programs, and services; challenges reaching and engaging family members; chain of command responsibilities and authorities; and military culture and organization.

You have been identified as an expert in one or more of these categories. The purpose of this form is to determine your interest in potentially participating in the panel and to gather information relevant for designing the panel.

Participation: The selected experts will participate in a 3-round virtual interactive process through the ExpertLens platform. Additional information about ExpertLens can be found [here](#).

Participation in this panel is completely voluntary, and does not require travel, scheduling meetings, or a DoD computer or network. Participants can connect from any location and device convenient to them, and on their own schedule within the panel's timeframe. Volunteers may discontinue participation at any time without any penalty.

The panel is expected to run from January 2022 through February 2022. Each round will be open for about seven days so that panelists can access the online platform at their convenience

to rate and post comments about domestic abuse topic areas. We expect the overall time commitment to be 3-4 hours spread out over 4 weeks.

Confidentiality: The information we are collecting is for research purposes only. Your personal information will not be shared outside of our project team. We will not disclose your identity, position, or characteristics to other participants during the panel process. On the expert panel discussion boards participants will be identified only by a unique alphanumeric code.

Risks and Benefits: We anticipate no risks to you, as participation involves applying your subject matter expertise to deliberations of possible future activities. A potential benefit to you would be the satisfaction of contributing to efforts to prevent domestic abuse in the military. Another possible benefit to you is that your expertise may be further developed through the discussions with other experts on the panel.

Questions: If you have further questions concerning the study, please contact **the project team** at: preventDA@rand.org

If you have any technical issues using this form, please contact the **ExpertLens administrator** at: expertlens@rand.org.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a participant in research, please contact **RAND's Human Subjects Protection Committee** at (866) 697-5620 or hspcinfo@rand.org. When you contact the Committee, please reference Study #2021-N0371.

Please indicate your interest in possibly serving on the voluntary expert advisory panel by answering the question below. If you indicate that you are interested, you will be asked a few questions about your background and have an opportunity to suggest domestic abuse prevention strategies for the panel to discuss.

Are you interested in participating in this expert panel?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

[Message if they respond "No"]:

Thank you for considering participation in this study and informing us of your decision.

[If they respond "Yes", proceed to the Questions]:

Questions
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[An asterisk denotes questions that require a response in order to proceed.]

*1. What email address should we use to contact you regarding the expert panel? This information will not be shared outside of the RAND research team managing the panel, and it will be used only for panel participation purposes.

_____ *[short open-ended text box]*

*2a. Which of the following expert categories apply to you? (Select all that apply)

☐ **Scholar**

- With research expertise in domestic abuse prevention, including outreach, communication, risk factors, and measurement and evaluation of domestic abuse prevention efforts

☐ **U.S. military program or service provider/practitioner**

- Including Family Advocacy Program staff, domestic abuse victim advocates, counselors, chaplains, medical personnel, or other military or civilian practitioners with domestic abuse expertise

☐ **U.S. military commander or senior noncommissioned officer**

- Who has dealt with several domestic abuse incidents or has actively coordinated with the Family Advocacy Program

☐ **Domestic abuse survivor** activist, lobbyist, organizer, or member of civilian advocacy or support groups

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*2b. *[If they selected more than one in 1a:]* You selected more than one of the following expert categories. Which one *most closely* reflects your greatest area of expertise related to domestic abuse prevention? (Please select only one this time)

○ **Scholar**

- With research expertise in domestic abuse prevention, including outreach, communication, risk factors, and measurement and evaluation of domestic abuse prevention efforts

- **U.S. military program or service providers/practitioner**
 - Including Family Advocacy Program staff, domestic abuse victim advocates, counselors, chaplains, medical personnel, or other military or civilian practitioners with domestic abuse expertise
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3. Some experts have openly identified themselves as survivors of domestic abuse. Does this apply to you?

- Yes
- No

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Please help us create a balanced expert panel by providing some additional information about yourself. This information will not be shown to other participants. It will be used only to select and describe the panel. We will not report participant characteristics associated with any individual input.

4. What is your affiliation with the U.S. military? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Current service member
- ☐ Current service member's spouse
- ☐ Current military civilian employee or contractor
- ☐ Former service member
- ☐ Former service member's spouse
- ☐ Former military civilian employee or contractor
- ☐ None of the above

5. *[If current or former affiliation checked above]* Which U.S. military organizations have you been affiliated with? If you have worked across multiple Services, please select the one(s) reflecting your greatest level of experience and expertise. *[Permit multiple selections]*

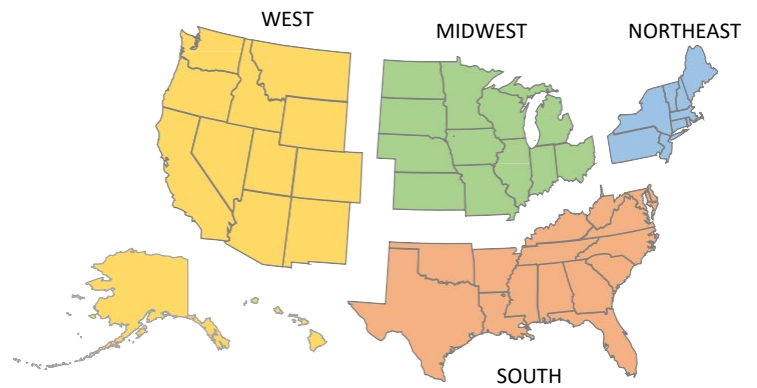
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Space Force
- ☐ Office of Secretary Defense

☐ Coast Guard (Department of Homeland Security)

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6. In which region do you reside?

- ☐ Midwest
- ☐ Northeast
- ☐ South
- ☐ West
- ☐ U.S. territories
- ☐ None of the above/ another country)



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7. How many years of experience with domestic abuse-related issues or activities do you have?

- ☐ Less than 5 years
- ☐ 5-9 years
- ☐ 10-19 years
- ☐ 20 years or more

8. Please mark any of the following racial or ethnic subgroups for which you have specialized expertise in tailoring prevention activities, including outreach and communication strategies:

- ☐ Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino populations
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native populations
- ☐ Asian American populations (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese)
- ☐ Black or African American populations
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander populations (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro)
- ☐ White populations

9. Please mark any age groups for which you have specialized expertise in tailoring prevention activities, including outreach and communication strategies?

- ☐ 16-19 years old
- ☐ 20-29 years old
- ☐ 30-39 years old
- ☐ 40-49 years old
- ☐ 50+ years old

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10. This final section will invite you to share any suggestions you have for possible **domestic abuse prevention** strategies the expert panel members should collectively consider during the iterative process.

For this panel, “domestic abuse” refers to domestic violence or a pattern of behavior resulting in emotional or psychological abuse, economic control, or interference with personal liberty that is directed toward a person who is one or more of the following:

- ☐ Current or former spouse.
- ☐ Person with whom the alleged abuser shares a child in common.
- ☐ Current or former intimate partner with whom the alleged abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.
- ☐ An intimate partner who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the alleged abuser.

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We will use your suggestions to help design the expert panel discussion agenda. The RAND research team will not report to anyone outside of the team your identity linked to your suggestions, or even whether you offered any suggestions. Whether you volunteered for the panel is also confidential information.

A. What strategies should be considered to help **prevent** domestic abuse among service members and their spouses/partners **before it occurs**? *Please do not include any personally identifying information in your response.*

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B. What strategies should be considered to help the military with outreach and communication to reach individuals who might have risk factors for domestic abuse? *Please do not include any personally identifying information in your response.*

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C. What strategies should be considered to help the military measure or evaluate how well its domestic abuse outreach, communication, and **prevention** activities are working? *Please do not include any personally identifying information in your response.*

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Thank you for your interest and your time responding to this request. We expect to select the panelists and follow up with volunteers in January 2022.