

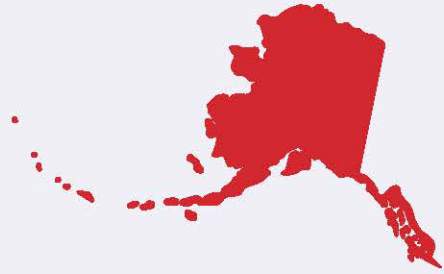


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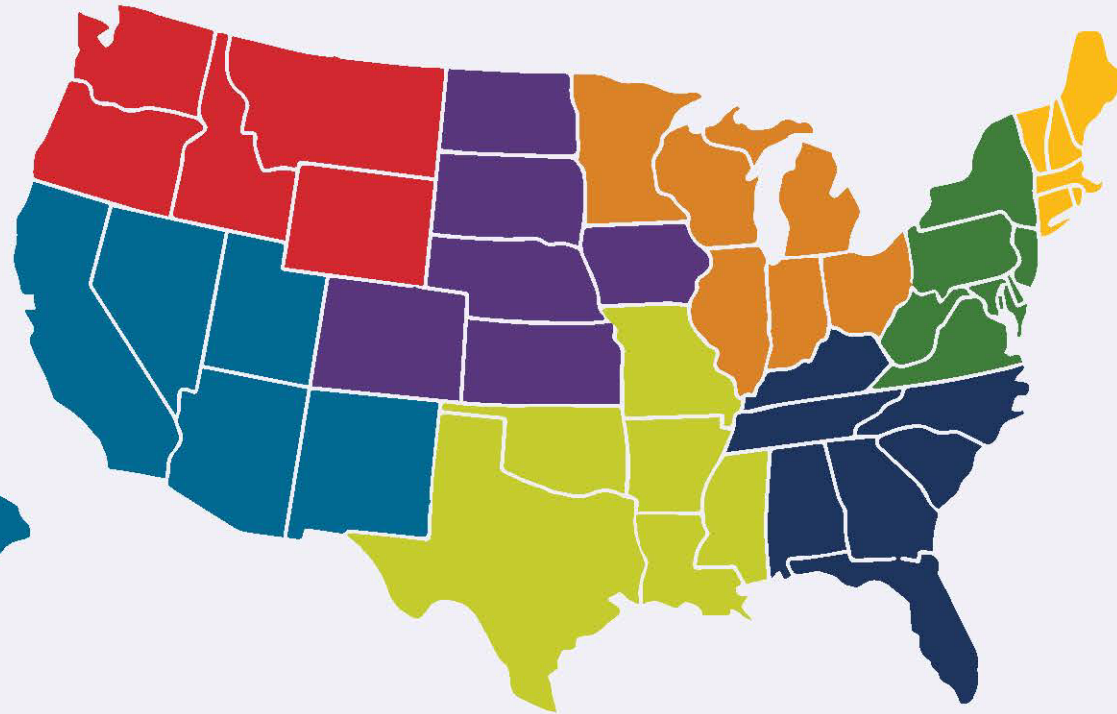


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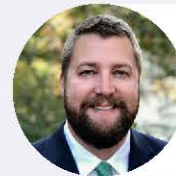
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# Taking Care of Our Military Families

## September 2022 DOD Memo: Taking Care of Our Service Members and Their Families

“The Department of Defense has a sacred obligation to take care of our service members and families. Doing so is a national security imperative. Our military families provide the strong foundation for our force, and we owe them our full support.”  
– Lloyd J. Austin, secretary of defense

## September 2021 Joining Forces Report: Strengthening America’s Military Families

“The families of our service members and veterans, caregivers, and survivors ... may not wear a uniform ... but they sacrifice for us all. They give their best to the United States, and we owe them nothing but our best in return.”  
– Dr. Jill Biden, first lady of the U.S.



# Key Issues



**Enhanced Military Spouse  
Licensure Portability**



**Military Spouse  
Occupational Licensure  
Access**



**Licensing Compacts**



**Purple Star Schools  
Program**



**Open Enrollment  
Flexibility**



**Child Abuse Identification  
and Reporting**



**Concurrent Juvenile  
Jurisdiction**



**Licensure Exemptions for  
Military Family Child Care  
Providers**



**Defining Armed Forces**



**Military and Family Life  
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# Working with state policymakers to support military families

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