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GOAL: Availability of comprehensive services for CF families before, during and after deployment / separation (including CF-related training and imposed restriction), as part of an overall CF Family Deployment & Reunion Strategy

OBJECTIVES:

- Outreach (e.g.: education about military lifestyle of CF families, Service Providers, Educators, Chain of Command, and other stakeholders; inclusion of underserved populations, such as
 - children and youth,
 - reservists and parents of single members, and
 - CF families on Imposed Restriction)
- Standardized and consistent definitions (what is family and what is deployment), protocol (who is offering support and when), and services (what services are offered)
- Accountability measures (evidence-based practice; national and achievable measures and standards)
- Education and Awareness for all stakeholders (COC, military families, wider civilian community)

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SHORT TERM

- **DONE:** Environmental Scan and drafts of standards underway/complete—DSG symposium, Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations (e.g.: “script” idea of contacts between COC, MFRC and family); standardized definitions of all deployment and reunion-related situations completed by MFSP
- **DONE:** MFSP Deployment Support Database (Searchable database of web-based resources) on-line on DMFS website since Feb 07 and now has over 190 resources

MEDIUM TERM

- **STRENGTH BEHIND UNIFORM AND MFRC.CA WEBSITE:** SBU to be officially launched Jan 09; mfrc.ca website—will be launched in next few months, with educational issues/resources on military lifestyle
- **SCHOOL CURRICULUM ON CF FAMILY LIFESTYLE—**Facilitator guides for children’s books, which are designed to integrate into school curriculum (assessment/learning tools)
- **CF FAMILY DEPLOYMENT AND REUNION HANDBOOKS** (Final draft being completed; looking at dissemination in Jan-Feb 09)

- CF FAMILY REUNION TOOLKIT (web-based resources for families to be completed by Apr 09)
- CF-INVEST IN KIDS WEBSITE AND RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN 0-5 (web-based resources FS&R—deployment, imposed restriction, training—and relocation by Apr 09)—AC already struck and Invest in Kids sending proposal in next week
- MEDIA AWARENESS GUIDE—For CF families to handle media, esp. around critical incident, etc.; Draft already created by Public Affairs—can disseminate more widely in next few months
- UPDATING CF YOUTH WEBSITE—offers youth-based information for CF youth on locations, stress management, discussion forum, etc.—work is underway

LONG TERM

- INFORMATION MANAGEMENT + NATIONAL DATABASE FOR CF FAMILY INFORMATION— DSG contact form updated by Blue Ribbon Panel in Oct 08 and will allow for better communication of family info between locations