

SHARP resources now available to Army civilians

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The director of the Army Resilience Directorate, James Helis, recently announced new policies extending SHARP resources to Army civilians. The policy unveiled Sep. 17, 2021, allows Army civilians to receive Army Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention services.

This policy change is the latest effort by the Army to eliminate sexual assault and harassment. Senior Army leaders have said it is one of their top priorities to build cohesive teams across the force.

"The new directive offers an unrestricted reporting option and victim advocacy services through the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program to Department of the Army Civilians," said Renee Brent, one of Carlisle Barrack's Sexual Assault Response Coordinators.

...receiving to make an unrestricted report of sexual assault eligible to receive victim advocacy services from SARC and SHARP Victim Advocates or Victim Representatives. These services do not include expedited transfers or any additional medical entitlements or legal services that DA Civilians are not already authorized by law or policy. Activities are required to comply with collective bargaining obligations, as applicable."

"If a DA Civilian wants to make an unrestricted report, the SARC and SHARP VA or SHARP VR will assist with reporting to the appropriate law enforcement agency. SARCs will coordinate with CID and local law enforcement agencies to ensure that victims can be accompanied to interviews," said Brent

Earlier this year, the Army announced that it would overhaul its SHARP program. On Sept. 7, Army Secretary Christine Wormuth announced that the Army would establish an office that would serve as an independent entity to oversee sexual assault cases.

"The Army has worked tirelessly to ensure parity for Army Civilians when it comes to SHARP services," said Jill Londagin, SHARP program director.

"Victims who make an unrestricted report of sexual assault can receive advocacy services from a SARC and a victim advocate for as long as they want instead of just while receiving emergency medical treatment while overseas," Londagin said.

Sexual Assault Response Coordinators are the backbone of any military organization's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program. Your guides here at Carlisle Barracks are Ms. Renee Brent at 717.245.3086 and SFC Billie Robinson, 717.245.4925. Their offices are located in Bldg. 46, Anne Ely Hall, Rm. 207.