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Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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TAPS Maryland Family Campout

July 8 - 11, 2021

Find comfort and support for your family while surrounded by the healing powers of nature at our TAPS Family Campout. Step away from the stresses of daily life, learn about your grief journey and find tools for the path ahead. Through camp activities, family and individual time, you will find helpful coping and communication skills and learn ways to enrich the family unit. Registration is open until June 28, 2021. [Learn more](#) and register today!

TAPS Playlist: Finding Solace in Music

Music has the power to move us, help us recall precious memories, and bring us comfort. World Music Day is June 21, and we would like to share the story behind the creation of the TAPS Songs of Love and Remembrance playlist on Spotify. Surviving father Andy Weiss, curator of the list, found inspiration from his TAPS Family as he built the list. Songs that reflect loss, tears, pride, and hope. [Read Andy's story](#) and listen to all the songs that have special meaning to other survivors.



Moms Mentoring Moms Virtual Gathering

June 15 - November 19, 2021

Surviving moms whose loss occurred more than one year ago are invited to join our Moms Mentoring Moms Virtual Gathering. Sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from June 15 to November 19. These interactive sessions will provide you a safe space for sharing your heart, receiving support and encouragement while building strong and enduring friendships. Two sessions will be offered for east coast and west coast time zones. [Registration is now open.](#)

Western Regional Seminar and Good Grief Camp

July 23 - 25, 2021, Los Angeles, California

Take time this summer to refresh and nourish your heart at a TAPS Regional Seminar. July takes us to Los Angeles for a time of hope and healing for adults and youth. Our seminars meet you where you are in your grief journey and provide you with valuable tools to help you cope with loss and build a strong support network. [Register today](#) and join your TAPS Family!



TAPS News - Advocating for You!

Update from our Policy Team

TAPS representatives testified before the Senate on survivor and toxic exposure bills that would increase Survivors' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); grant in-state tuition for Chapter 35 recipients; expand Fry Scholarships to families of service members' who die in the 120 Release From Active Duty (REFRAD) period; ensure survivor benefits during COVID-19; create presumption of service-connection for veterans exposed to burn pits and toxins, expand healthcare and treatment, and concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins in specified deployment areas. TAPS also testified before the House on survivor education and submitted testimony on Toxic Exposure.

[See How TAPS is Working for You!](#)

Men's Video Chat

Join this online forum dedicated solely for men where you can connect and talk with others in a safe and supportive environment. Men's chats are held bi-monthly on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Our next session will be on **June 23**. To access our chats, you must be registered with the [TAPS Online Community](#). Register and share time with others traveling the grief journey.

[Check our Full Chat Schedule and Join Us!](#)



The TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing® serves as a resource and training center, providing a hub for high-quality collaboration between professionals working in the field of grief and loss. Webinars and resources offer practical information on coping with loss and are accessible to all who seek current strategies, the most effective tools, and best practices for supporting those who are grieving and those who serve the grieving. Visit our website to find the current [Institute schedule](#) as well as [previous sessions](#) available on-demand.



TAPS is here for you!

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