



EXPANSION OF THE VETERAN FAMILY PROGRAM ACROSS ALL MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRES

Background

Military Family Resource Centres (MFRCs) are the hubs of military communities. Located on Canadian Armed Forces Bases and Wings and communities across Canada, there are **32 Military Family Resource Centres** that provide programs and services that empower and encourage strong, independent individuals and families.

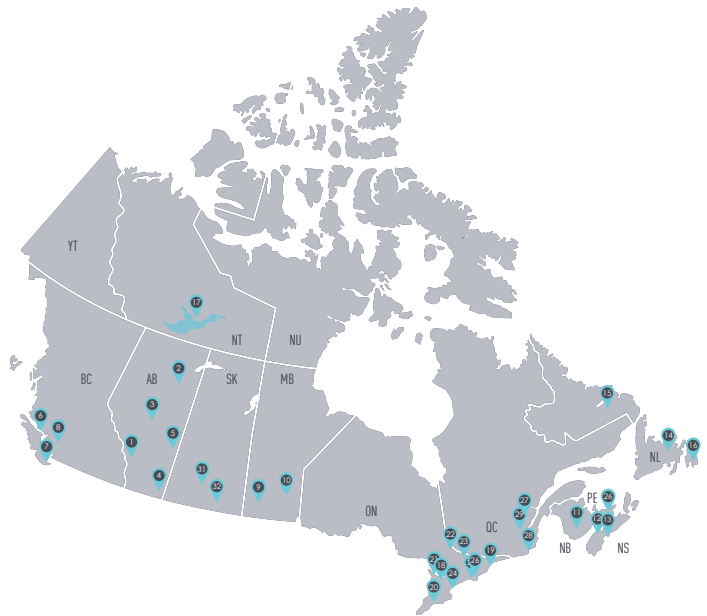
A pilot Veteran Family Program, launched in October 2015, allowed medically-releasing Canadian Armed Forces members and medically-released Veterans, as well as their families, to access seven Military Family Resource Centres in Esquimalt, Edmonton, Shilo, Valcartier, Trenton, North Bay and Halifax. The families could also access the telephone-based Family Information Line and the website www.CAFconnection.ca. These services had previously been available to still-serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families only.

Expanding the Veteran Family Program enables medically-releasing Canadian Armed Forces members and medically-released Veterans as well as their families, to have continued and uninterrupted access to all 32 Military Family Resource Centres across the country.

Quick Facts

Research has shown that the transition from military to post-service life can be an especially stressful time. Ensuring uninterrupted access to these services would help to address some of the challenges faced by newly transitioning Veterans and their families.

Military Family Resource Centres are arm's-length, independent not-for-profit organizations that provide a range of support services to Canadian Armed Forces members and their families. Military Family Resource



Centres have 32 locations across Canada. Services include: transition programs, referral services, intervention support and advocacy.

Families of medically-released Veterans, will have access to all Military Family Resource Centres across the country, as well as the Family Information Line and online tools on [CAFconnection.ca](http://www.CAFconnection.ca).

The expansion represents a commitment of \$147 million over six years to Veterans and their families.

Full list of MFRC locations

<https://www.cafconnection.ca/National/Local-Sites/Connect-to-Your-Local-CAF-Community.aspx>

