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9 Steps to Respite Care for Military Caregivers

The ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center is developing a series of fact sheets for family caregivers. These fact sheets are a guide for getting the respite care you deserve.

Military and Veteran Caregivers may face special challenges. Sometimes, Veterans have unique physical, emotional and behavioral conditions that require specialized care. For example, younger Veterans may have traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injuries, amputations and post-traumatic stress disorder. Aging Veterans also may be diagnosed with dementia, including Alzheimer's disease. Providing care for these Veterans can be complicated and challenging.

[9 Steps to Respite Care for Military Caregivers](#) will help you have a better understanding of the resources that are available, what you can expect and how to select a high-quality service that best meets the needs of your family. This fact sheet outlines nine simple steps to help you assess your own needs, identify the different types of respite, and provide information on how to find and pay for services. The information provided will also help you plan and make the most of your respite time, better prepare your family member for respite, offer guidance on orienting respite providers, and provide a comprehensive list of resources specific to the needs of the person in your care.

The mission of the [ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center](#) is to assist and promote the development of quality respite and crisis care programs; to help families locate respite and crisis care services in their communities; and to serve as a strong voice for respite in all forums.

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