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**\*\*NEW PILOT PROGRAM for medically-released Veterans and their families\*\***

**Halifax, NS** – The Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre (H&R MFRC) would like to officially announce its participation as a pilot site for the Veterans Family Program (VFP).

The H&R MFRC is one of seven locations chosen for this four-year pilot project. The primary goal of the VFP is assist medically-released Veterans and their families to effectively prepare for and transition to civilian life. Eligible Veterans are those medically released between November 30, 2014 and October 31, 2017. Veterans and their families, who previously would not have access to the MFRC upon release, will now have continued access to the MFRC's programs and services for two years from the date of the Veteran's release.

Programs and services available to Veterans and their families consist of community integration, transition support, intervention support, employment and education, personal growth and development, second language programming, children and youth workshops and access to a 24/7 family information line.

The program can be accessed through self-referral, a community partner referral or through the Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax Integrated Personnel Support Center (IPSC). This program will be delivered by the H&R MFRC in partnership with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and Military Family Services (MFS).

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**Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre**

The H&R MFRC is a not-for-profit, charitable organization, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of a minimum of 51 per cent military family members. The mission of the H&R MFRC is to strengthen the well-being of all those who share the unique experience of military life. The H&R MFRC serves military families in Halifax and region, Central and Northern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, with service sites in Halifax, Shearwater and Sydney, Cape Breton. For more information on the H&R MFRC, please visit: <http://www.halifaxmfr.ca>.

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