

Deployment: Increased risk of child mistreatment

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A North Carolina nonprofit study alleges children in some Army families are vulnerable to abuse and neglect by their mothers when their fathers are away at war.

The study, published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association, found mothers were three times more likely to have a report of child mistreatment when fathers were deployed as opposed to when fathers were home. The Army announced recently its intention to hire more than 1,000 additional support assistants to help families of deployed active-duty Army Reserve and National Guard units. The information was obtained from researching 1,600 Army families worldwide.