FAMILY CARE PLAN PRELIMINARY SCREENING

For use of this form, see AR 600-20; the proponent agency is DCS, G-1.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. Section 3013, Secretary of the Army: Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To emphasize to Soldiers the significance of their responsibilities to the military service and their family members while performing required military duties.

ROUTINE USES: None.

DISCLOSURE: Mandatory; failure to maintain a Family Care Plan could subject you to separation, administrative action, or disciplinary action under the UCMJ.

PART I - COUNSELING	INITIALS
I have been counseled that: 1. The Family Care Plan is not a legal document that can change a court mandated custodial arrangement, nor can it interfere with a parent's right to custody of his/her child. Its sole purpose is to document for Army purposes the plan by which Soldiers provide for the care of their Family Members when military duties prevent the Soldier from doing so.	
2. The best way to plan and care for my minor child/children is to obtain a court order identifying who will have temporary custody of my minor child/children in the event that I am unable or unavailable to care for them.	
3. If I have an existing court order, removal of the child from the state or modification of the provisions of the order without the courts review and consent may be a violation of the court order and could result in civil action or criminal charges against me.	
4. If inconsistencies exist between this Plan and any court order or decree, the court order will have greater legal effect.	

PART II - SCREENING CHECKLIST	YES	NO	STOP
1. a. Is the other parent of the child/children alive?	☐	☐	If no, then STOP
b. If Yes, does your Family Care Plan designate this person as the guardian of the child/children?	☐	☐	If yes, then STOP
2. a. Is there a court order or separation agreement concerning the custody of your child/children?	☐	☐	If no, go to Question 3
b. If Yes, does the order or agreement provide for an alternate custody arrangement if you are unable to exercise your custody rights?	☐	☐	If no, go to Question 3
c. If Yes, does the designation of the guardian of the child/children under the Family Care Plan comply with the provisions of the court order or marital separation agreement?	☐	☐	If yes, then STOP
3. If the other parent is not designated as the guardian of the child under the Family Care Plan, has that person consented to the designation of the guardian of the child/children under the Family Care Plan?	☐	☐	If yes, then STOP

WARNING: If you did not reach a STOP, then your designation of a guardian under the Family Care Plan may be at risk of challenge by the other parent. Even if the other parent has consented, if your designation is inconsistent with the terms of a court order, you may be at risk of being in contempt of court. You should consult with an attorney to determine if your Family Care Plan is at risk and if so, what steps you can take to protect yourself.

PART III - SOLDIER CERTIFICATION

Soldier: I have been counseled as indicated above and have read and understand the information regarding designation of a guardian.

1. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME	3. DATE *(YYYYMMDD)*
2. SIGNATURE OF SOLDIER	