SEC. 546. ENHANCEMENTS TO YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM.

(a) SCOPE AND PURPOSE.—Section 582 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 111-181; 10 U.S.C. 10101 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "combat veteran"; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "informational events and activities" and inserting "information, events, and activities";

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—Such section is further amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "National Guard and Reserve members and their families" and inserting "eligible individuals";

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, their families," and inserting "eligible individuals";

(3) in subsection (d)(2)(C), by striking "members of the Armed Forces and their families" and inserting "eligible individuals";

(4) in subsection (h), in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking "members of the Armed Forces and their family members" and inserting "eligible individuals"; and

(B) by striking "such members and their family members" and inserting "such eligible individuals";

(5) in subsection (j), by striking "members of the Armed Forces and their families" and inserting "eligible individuals"; and

(6) in subsection (k), by striking "individual members of the Armed Forces and their families" and inserting "eligible individuals".

(7) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(l) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—For the purposes of this section, the term "eligible individual" means a member of a reserve component, a member of their family, or a designated representative who the Secretary of Defense determines to be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.".

(c) OFFICE FOR REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS.—

(1) OVERSIGHT OF YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM.—Subparagraph (1)(A) of subsection (d) of such section is amended by striking the second and third sentence and inserting "The office shall exercise oversight over the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program and shall be responsible for coordination with State National Guard and Reserve organizations, including existing family and support programs.".

(2) PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE QUALITY OF LIFE SERVICES.—Subparagraph (1)(B) of such subsection is amended by striking "substance abuse and mental health treatment services" and inserting "substance abuse, mental health treatment, and other quality of life services".

(3) GRANT AUTHORITY.—Such subsection is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(3) GRANTS.—The Office for Reintegration Programs may make grants to conduct data collection, trend analysis, and curriculum development and to prepare reports in support of activities under this section.".

(d) COORDINATION WITH COAST GUARD RESERVE.—Such section is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(1)(A), by striking "and Air Force Reserve" and inserting "Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve"; and

(2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking "and Air Force Reserve" and inserting "Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve".

(e) DUE DATE OF ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT.—Subsection (e)(4) of such section is amended by striking "March" and inserting "April".

(f) SUPPORT TEAMS.—Subsection (f) of such section is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "administer the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program at the State level" and inserting "support and assist State National Guard and Reserve organization efforts'"; and

(2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(1) to provide reintegration curriculum and information;".

(g) OPERATION OF PROGRAM.—

(1) ENHANCED FLEXIBILITY.—Subsection (g) of such section is amended to read as follows:

"(g) OPERATION OF PROGRAM.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office for Reintegration Programs shall assist State National Guard and Reserve organizations with the development and provision of information, events, and activities to support the health and well-being of eligible individuals before, during, and after periods of activation, mobilization, or deployment.

"(2) FOCUS OF INFORMATION, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES.—

"(A) BEFORE ACTIVATION, MOBILIZATION, OR DEPLOYMENT.—Before such a period, the information, events, and activities described in paragraph (1) should focus on preparing eligible individuals and affected communities for the rigors of activation, mobilization, and deployment.

"(B) DURING ACTIVATION, MOBILIZATION, OR DEPLOYMENT.—During such a period, the information, events, and activities described in paragraph (1) should focus on—

"(i) helping eligible individuals cope with the challenges and stress associated with such period;

"(ii) decreasing the isolation of eligible individuals during such period; and

"(iii) preparing eligible individuals for the challenges associated with reintegration.

"(C) AFTER ACTIVATION, MOBILIZATION, OR DEPLOYMENT.—After such a period, the information, events, and activities described in paragraph (1) should focus on—

"(i) reconnecting the member with their families, friends, and communities;

"(ii) providing information on employment opportunities;

"(iii) helping eligible individuals deal with the challenges of reintegration;

"(iv) ensuring that eligible individuals understand what benefits they are entitled to and what resources are available to help them overcome the challenges of reintegration; and

"(v) providing a forum for addressing negative behaviors related to operational stress and reintegration.

"(3) MEMBER PAY.—Members shall receive appropriate pay for days spent attending such events and activities.

"(4) MINIMUM NUMBER OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.—The State National Guard and Reserve Organizations shall provide to eligible individuals—

"(A) one event or activity before a period of activation, mobilization, or deployment;

"(B) one event or activity during a period of activation, mobilization, or deployment; and

"(C) two events or activities after a period of activation, mobilization, or deployment.".

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking "throughout the entire deployment cycle";

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking "well-being through the 4 phases" through the end of the subsection and inserting "well-being."; and

(ii) in the heading, by striking "; DEPLOYMENT CYCLE";

(C) in subsection (d)(2)(C), by striking "throughout the deployment cycle described in subsection (g); and

(D) in subsection (f), by striking "STATE DEPLOYMENT CYCLE" in the heading.

(h) ADDITIONAL PERMITTED OUTREACH SERVICE.—Subsection (h) of such section is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(16) Stress management and positive coping skills.".

(i) SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT-WIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS.—Such section is further amended by inserting after subsection (h) the following new subsection:

"(i) SUPPORT OF SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS.—The Office for Reintegration Programs shall assist the Defense Suicide Prevention Office and the Defense Centers of Excellence for

Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury to collect and analyze information, suggestions, and best practices from State National Guard and Reserve organizations with suicide prevention and community response programs.".

(j) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—Such section is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(1)(B), by striking "Substance Abuse and the Mental Health Services Administration" and inserting "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration"; and

(2) in subsection (e)(3)(C), by striking "Office of Reintegration Programs" and inserting "Office for Reintegration Programs".

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would amend section 582 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 111-181; 10 U.S.C. 10101 note, which governs the Department of Defense Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP). The current language creates a rigid construct for the delivery of deployment readiness and reintegration support based on conflicts of years past. The proposed amendments provide commanders flexibility in program applicability and execution, eliminate unneeded redundancy by reducing the total number of YRRP events and activities required, and address some minor administrative changes. The four major proposed changes are:

- Eligible Individuals: The proposed language allows the Secretary of Defense to determine eligibility for YRRP based on the needs of the Department of Defense in an ever-changing operational environment. As new mission types continue to present themselves (e.g. Operation United Assistance), the Department must remain agile in adapting to the needs of Reserve Component Service members, their families and communities.
- Eliminate Unneeded Redundancy: The proposal also provides for a reduction in the number of required YRRP events throughout the deployment cycle by establishing a minimum of four versus the previous model of six. The addition of Transition GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) through the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 eliminated the need for one phase of YRRP. Another event is eliminated from the post-deployment timeframe based on lessons learned and feedback from Service members and families.
- Timing of Services: The current language of Public Law 110-181 requires a restrictive 30-60-90 day post-deployment schedule for YRRP events. Based on feedback from the Services and research conducted by the Office for Reintegration Programs, the timeframe for post-deployment activities must be expanded. The proposed language

provides for needed expansion beyond 30-60-90 post-deployment days to address long-term reintegration challenges.

- Flexible Delivery: The proposed language also establishes flexibility for the Services to deliver YRRP events and activities through alternate methods (i.e. online learning, webinars) based on their operating culture and type/duration of deployments. As an example, the Air Force Reserve may choose a mix of in-person and online events for their Airmen on 90-day deployments versus the Army Reserve who may choose to focus on in-person events for their Soldiers on 365-day deployments. Minimum requirements for information and resources shared will remain the same, but a flexible delivery model supports the evolving needs of the Services.

Other proposed changes include language that provides for:

- Inclusion of the Coast Guard Reserve as a member of the YRRP advisory board (fixes an initial oversight)
- Grant-making authority for the Office for Reintegration Programs in support of data collection, trend analysis, curriculum development and report preparation
- Continued support for suicide prevention efforts and State-led programs of outreach

These proposed changes reflect that, in many respects, reunion and reintegration activities are just beginning as the medium- and long-term effects of the past 13 years' numerous deployments start to surface. Research shows many reintegration challenges do not present themselves until well after the Service member returns to home, career and community. Service members and families face physical and behavioral health concerns, an unstable economy, communication challenges, suicidal ideations and employers and communities who may not understand their needs or how they can help; YRRP provides needed resources to mitigate those challenges.

Since 2008, YRRP has served more than 1.4M Service members and families through events and activities, providing information, support and assistance to maintain ready Reserve Components and more resilient members and families. The Services have fully embraced YRRP as the premier deployment cycle support program for the Reserve Components and are adapting it for use in support of a wide variety of missions.

Congress (House Report 113-102 and Senate Report 113-176) and leaders within the Department of Defense, including the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and Reserve Component Chiefs, have recognized the need for an enduring readiness and reintegration program for National Guard and Reserve. This proposal addresses needed amendments to section 582 of Public Law 110-181 to ensure the enduring nature of YRRP through more flexible, efficient and effective practices.

Budget Implications: At this time, the Services are only projecting Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding toward YRRP expenses (as reflected in the table below). However, the proposed legislative changes would allow the Services to balance total program costs across OCO and base budgets in future years based on the nature of the deployments supported. Ideally, requirements for OCO missions would be funded through associated OCO funds tied to

those deployments, and requirements for non-OCO missions would be funded through base funding designated for deployment-related Service member and family support.

The proposed changes in the number of required events results in a significant cost savings to the Services over the current model [55% reduction in future costs from FY 2013's total Service program expenditures ($161.42M)].

	FY 2016	Appropriation From	Budget Activity	Dash-1 Line Item	Program Element
Army (National Guard)	16.5	Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard OCO	BA01	1	131G18100
Army (Reserve)	10.43	Military Personnel, Army Reserve OCO	BA01	10 10 10 10 80 80	1A1802000 1A3802000 1B3802000 1B1802000 1G18J0000 1G38J0000
Army (Reserve)	14.4	Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve OCO	BA01	100	131R18210
Navy	.53	Military Personnel, Navy OCO	BA01	80/1C6C	0509520N
Navy	1.17	Operation and Maintenance, Navy OCO	BA01	80/1C6C	0509520N
Air Force (National Guard)	2.64	Military Personnel, Air National Guard OCO	BA01	01/011G	0509220F
Air Force (National Guard)	7.05	Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard OCO	BA01	01/011G	0509220F
Air Force (Reserve)	15.0	Military Personnel, Air Force Reserve OCO	BA01	80	0505520F
Air Force (Reserve)	5.2	Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve (OCO)	BA01	80	0505520F
Total (Military Personnel)	**28.6**	**Military Personnel OCO**	**--**	**--**	**--**
Total (Operation & Maintenance)	**44.32**	**Operation & Maintenance OCO**	**--**	**--**	**--**

	FY 2016
Army NG	17,100
Army Res	11,000

Navy	3,000
Marine Corps	1,000
Air Force NG	4,000
Air Force Res	3,000
Total	39,100

*Estimated number of annual activations by Service.

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to Section 582 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, as amended:

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.-The Secretary of Defense shall establish a national ~~combat veteran~~ reintegration program to provide ~~National Guard and Reserve members and their families~~ eligible individuals with sufficient information, services, referral, and proactive outreach opportunities ~~throughout the entire deployment cycle~~. This program shall be known as the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

(b) PURPOSE OF PROGRAM~~; DEPLOYMENT CYCLE~~.-The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program shall consist of ~~informational events and activities~~ information, events, and activities (including programs of outreach) for ~~members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, their families,~~ eligible individuals and community members to facilitate access to services supporting their health and well-being ~~through the 4 phases of the deployment cycle:~~

~~(1) Pre-Deployment.~~
~~(2) Deployment.~~
~~(3) Demobilization.~~
~~(4) Post-Deployment-Reconstitution~~.

(c) EXECUTIVE AGENT.-The Secretary shall designate the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness as the Department of Defense executive agent for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

(d) OFFICE FOR REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS.-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.-

(A) IN GENERAL.-The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall establish the Office for Reintegration Programs within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. ~~The office shall administer all reintegration programs in coordination with State National Guard organizations. The office shall be responsible for coordination with existing National Guard and Reserve family and support programs.~~ The office shall exercise oversight over the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program and shall be responsible for coordination with State National Guard and Reserve organizations, including existing family and support programs. The Directors of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard and the Chiefs of the Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, ~~and~~ Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve may appoint liaison officers to coordinate with the permanent office staff.

(B) PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCESS.-The office may enter into partnerships with other public entities, including the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and ~~the~~ Mental Health Services Administration and

the Department of Veterans Affairs, for access to necessary ~~substance abuse and mental health treatment services~~ substance abuse, mental health treatment, and other qualify of life services from local State-licensed service providers. Service and State-based programs may provide access to curriculum, training, and support for services to members and families from all components.

(2) CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN REINTEGRATION.-The Office for Reintegration Programs shall establish a Center for Excellence in Reintegration within the office. The Center shall have the following functions:

(A) To collect and analyze 'lessons learned' and suggestions from State National Guard and Reserve organizations with existing or developing reintegration programs.

(B) To assist in developing training aids and briefing materials and training representatives from State National Guard and Reserve organizations.

(C) To develop and implement a process for evaluating the effectiveness of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program in supporting the health and well-being of eligible individuals~~members of the Armed Forces and their families throughout the deployment cycle described in subsection (g)~~.

(D) To develop and implement a process for identifying best practices in the delivery of information and services in programs of outreach as described in subsection (j).

(3) GRANTS.—The Office for Reintegration Programs may make grants to conduct data collection, trend analysis, and curriculum development and to prepare reports in support of activities under this section.

(e) ADVISORY BOARD.-

(1) APPOINTMENT.-The Secretary of Defense shall appoint an advisory board to analyze the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program and report on areas of success and areas for necessary improvements. The advisory board shall include the Director of the Army National Guard, the Director of the Air National Guard, Chiefs of the Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, ~~and~~ Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, an Adjutant General on a rotational basis as determined by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and any other Department of Defense, Federal Government agency, or outside organization as determined by the Secretary of Defense. The members of the advisory board may designate representatives in their stead.

(2) SCHEDULE.-The advisory board shall meet on a schedule determined by the Secretary of Defense.

(3) INITIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.-The advisory board shall issue internal reports as necessary and shall submit an initial report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives not later than 180 days after the end of the 1-year period beginning on the date of the establishment of the Office for Reintegration Programs. The report shall contain-

(A) an evaluation of the implementation of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program by State National Guard and Reserve organizations;

(B) an assessment of any unmet resource requirements; and

(C) recommendations regarding closer coordination between the Office ~~of~~ for Reintegration Programs and State National Guard and Reserve organizations.

(4) ANNUAL REPORTS.-The advisory board shall submit annual reports to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives following the initial report by the first week in ~~March~~ April of subsequent years following the initial report.

(f) ~~STATE DEPLOYMENT CYCLE~~ SUPPORT TEAMS.-The Office for Reintegration Programs may employ personnel to ~~administer the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program at the State level~~ support and assist State National Guard and Reserve organizations' efforts. The primary function of team members shall be-

(1) to provide reintegration curriculum and information ~~to implement the reintegration curriculum through the deployment cycle described in subsection (g)~~;

(2) to obtain necessary service providers; and

(3) to educate service providers and community-based organizations regarding the unique military nature of the reintegration program.

(g) OPERATION OF PROGRAM ~~THROUGH DEPLOYMENT CYCLE~~.-

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office for Reintegration Programs shall assist State National Guard and Reserve organizations with the development and provision of information, events, and activities to support the health and well-being of eligible individuals before, during, and after periods of activation, mobilization, or deployment.

(2) FOCUS OF INFORMATION, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES.—

(A) BEFORE ACTIVATION, MOBILIZATION, OR DEPLOYMENT.—Before such a period, the information, events, and activities described in paragraph (1) should focus on preparing eligible individuals and affected communities for the rigors of activation, mobilization, and deployment.

(B) DURING ACTIVATION, MOBILIZATION, OR DEPLOYMENT.—During such a period, the information, events, and activities described in paragraph (1) should focus on—

(i) helping eligible individuals cope with the challenges and stress associated with such period;

(ii) decreasing the isolation of eligible individuals during such period; and

(iii) preparing eligible individuals for the challenges associated with reintegration.

(C) AFTER ACTIVATION, MOBILIZATION, OR DEPLOYMENT.—After such a period, the information, events, and activities described in paragraph (1) should focus on—

(i) reconnecting the member with their families, friends, and communities;

(ii) providing information on employment opportunities;

(iii) helping eligible individuals deal with the challenges of reintegration;

(iv) ensuring that eligible individuals understand what benefits they are entitled to and what resources are available to help them overcome the challenges of reintegration; and

(v) providing a forum for addressing negative behaviors related to operational stress and reintegration.

(3) MEMBER PAY.—Members shall receive appropriate pay for days spent attending such events and activities.

(4) MINIMUM NUMBER OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.—The State National Guard and Reserve Organizations shall provide to eligible individuals—

(A) one event or activity before a period of activation, mobilization, or deployment;

(B) one event or activity during a period of activation, mobilization, or deployment; and

(C) two events or activities after a period of activation, mobilization, or deployment.

~~(1) IN GENERAL.-The Office for Reintegration Programs shall analyze the demographics, placement of State Family Assistance Centers and their resources before a mobilization alert is issued to affected State National Guard and Reserve organizations. The Office of Reintegration Programs shall consult with affected State National Guard and Reserve organizations following the issuance of a mobilization alert and implement the reintegration events in accordance with the Reintegration Program phase model.~~

~~(2) PRE-DEPLOYMENT PHASE.-The Pre-Deployment Phase shall constitute the time from first notification of mobilization until deployment of the mobilized National Guard or Reserve unit. Events and activities shall focus on providing education and ensuring the readiness of members of the unit, their families, and affected communities for the rigors of a combat deployment.~~

~~(3) DEPLOYMENT PHASE.-The Deployment Phase shall constitute the period from deployment of the mobilized National Guard or Reserve unit until the unit arrives at a demobilization station inside the continental United States. Events and services provided shall focus on the challenges and stress associated with separation and having a member in a combat zone and to decrease the isolation of families during deployment. Information sessions shall utilize State National Guard and Reserve resources in coordination with the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Office, Transition Assistance Advisors, and the State Family Programs Director.~~

~~(4) DEMOBILIZATION PHASE.-~~

~~(A) IN GENERAL.-The Demobilization Phase shall constitute the period from arrival of the National Guard or Reserve unit at the demobilization station until its departure for home station.~~

~~(B) INITIAL REINTEGRATION ACTIVITY.-The purpose of this reintegration program is to educate members about the resources that are available to them and to connect members to service providers who can assist them in overcoming the challenges of reintegration.~~

~~(5) POST-DEPLOYMENT-RECONSTITUTION PHASE.-~~

~~(A) IN GENERAL.-The Post-Deployment-Reconstitution Phase shall constitute the period from arrival at home station until 180 days following demobilization. Activities and services provided shall focus on reconnecting members with their families and communities, providing information on employment opportunities, and providing resources and information necessary for successful reintegration. Reintegration events shall begin with elements of the Initial Reintegration Activity program that were not completed during the Demobilization Phase.~~

~~(B) 30-DAY, 60-DAY, AND 90-DAY REINTEGRATION ACTIVITIES.-The State National Guard and Reserve organizations shall hold reintegration activities at the~~

~~30-day, 60-day, and 90-day interval following demobilization. These activities shall focus on reconnecting members and their families with the service providers from the Initial Reintegration Activity to ensure that members and their families understand what benefits they are entitled to and what resources are available to help them overcome the challenges of reintegration. The Reintegration Activities shall also provide a forum for members and their families to address negative behaviors related to combat stress and transition.~~

~~(C) MEMBER PAY. Members shall receive appropriate pay for days spent attending the Reintegration Activities at the 30-day, 60-day, and 90-day intervals.~~

(h) OUTREACH SERVICES.-As part of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, the Office for Reintegration Programs may develop programs of outreach to ~~members of the Armed Forces and their family members~~ eligible individuals to educate such ~~members and their family members~~ eligible individuals about the assistance and services available to them under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. Such assistance and services may include the following:

(1) Marriage counseling.

(2) Services for children.

(3) Substance abuse awareness and treatment.

(4) Mental health awareness and treatment.

(5) Financial counseling.

(6) Anger management counseling.

(7) Domestic violence awareness and prevention.

(8) Employment assistance.

(9) Preparing and updating family care plans.

(10) Development of strategies for living with a member of the Armed Forces with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury.

(11) Other services that may be appropriate to address the unique needs of members of the Armed Forces and their families who live in rural or remote areas with respect to family readiness and servicemember reintegration.

(12) Assisting members of the Armed Forces and their families find and receive assistance with military family readiness and servicemember reintegration, including referral services.

(13) Development of strategies and programs that recognize the need for long-term follow-up services for reintegrating members of the Armed Forces and their families for extended periods following deployments, including between deployments.

(14) Assisting members of the Armed Forces and their families in receiving services and assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs, including referral services.

(15) Resiliency training to promote comprehensive programs for members of the Armed Forces to build mental and emotional resiliency for successfully meeting the demands of the deployment cycle.

(16) Stress management and positive coping skills.

(i) SUPPORT OF SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS.—The Office for Reintegration Programs shall assist the Defense Suicide Prevention Office and the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury to collect and analyze information, suggestions, and best practices from State National Guard and Reserve organizations with suicide prevention and community response programs.

~~[(i) Repealed. Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title V, §581(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1766.]~~

(j) STATE-LED PROGRAMS OF OUTREACH.-The Office for Reintegration Programs may work with the States, whether acting through or in coordination with their National Guard and Reserve organizations, to assist the States and such organizations in developing and carrying out programs of outreach for eligible individuals~~members of the Armed Forces and their families~~ to inform and educate them on the assistance and services available to them under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, including the assistance and services described in subsection (h).

(k) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES UNDER PROGRAMS OF OUTREACH.-For purposes of this section, the activities and services provided under programs of outreach may include personalized and substantive care coordination services targeted specifically to individual eligible individuals ~~members of the Armed Forces and their families~~.

(j) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—For the purposes of this section, the term "eligible individual" means a member of a reserve component, a member of their family, or a designated representative who the Secretary of Defense determines to be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.