About Us

Illinois Connections for Families of Fallen (ICFF) is a collaborative effort of representatives of over 25 different local and national agencies dedicated to helping Illinois Families of Fallen Service Members.

The group was established by the Michael Reese Health Trust and Health & Disability Advocates as a result of the leadership and advocacy of the Army Survivor Outreach Services Program.

Mission

Connect Families of Fallen Service Members to services, resources, and peers to help Families find their new normal.

Regardless of their relationship to the Fallen, the circumstances in which the Service Member died, or the duty status of the Service Member

Illinois Connections for Families of the Fallen (ICFF) Agencies Include:

- Army Survivor Outreach Services
- Health & Disability Advocates
- Barr-Harris Children's Grief Center
- La Rabida Children's Hospital
- Chicago Child Trauma Center
- The Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis
- The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
- Childrens Home + Aid
- Children's Research Triangle
- Diveheart
- Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition
- Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- Illinois Governors Office
- Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, (INCCRRA)
- Institute for Therapy Through the Arts
- McCormick Foundation
- Michael Reese Health Trust
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network
- Northwestern University
- Operation Support our Troops America
- Operation Homefront
- Southwestern Illinois College
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Zero to Three

Never Forgotten

Never Alone

Looking for a way for you or your organization to share your passion and expertise while supporting military families in your community?
Join your Local ICFF Regional Committee Today!

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Connecting Families To:

Peer Support

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Resources

ICFF Connects Families To

Peer Support

ICFF understands the strength that Families of the Fallen find in each other. We are creating a network of support by connecting families with others who have experienced a similar loss.

Support for existing Peer Groups:

We can provide child care, presenters, facilitators, counselors, marketing and other support for local groups. We are happy to help so please contact us.

Peer Connections:

We are creating new opportunities for families to interact in their local area through our Peer Connections program. We will help create a family run group in your local area. These groups can take many forms from a formal support group with a counselor or something more social like a monthly lunch group.

For information about a Peer Connections group near you please email us at:
ICFF@Hdadvocates.org

Community

Connections Events:

ICFF Connections are statewide events that are open to all Families of Fallen Service Members. These events are organized into tracks that focus on children, creative arts activities, groups/workshops and resources. The topics for the groups and workshops are selected by polling the families that have attended previous events. These events happen around the state so that we can connect families in different communities.

Regional ICFF Committees:

There are Northern, Central and Southern Illinois regional ICFF groups. They are comprised of volunteers from local community organizations and survivors that develop or support local initiatives for Families of the Fallen.

Resources

Resource Materials:

ICFF creates resource materials. Our comprehensive resource guide, "Community Connections", was designed with Illinois families in mind. It has become a valuable tool for Families of the Fallen throughout Illinois. Contact ICFF to request a copy of the guide.

Resource Referrals:

The ICFF has a broad base of volunteers and we can link you to many service organizations for help. One of our key partners, Army Survivor Outreach Services, are experts on resources for Families of the Fallen. They serve all families regardless of the branch of service or manner of death.