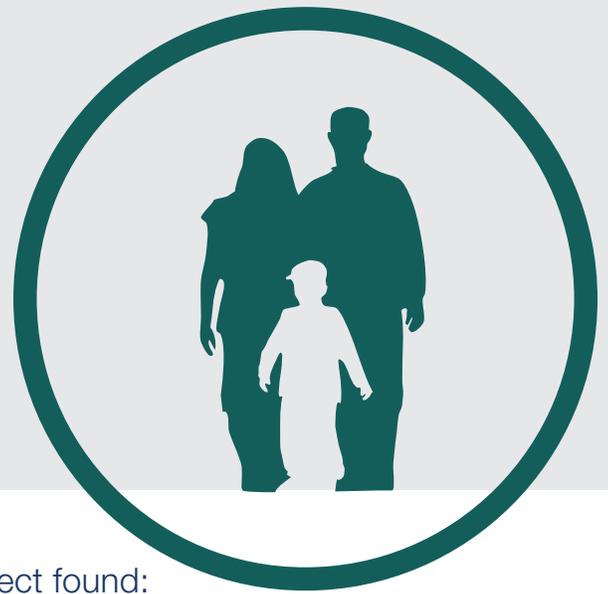


IMPACT OF MILITARY LIFE ON CHILDREN OVER TIME



The **Department of Defense** Military Family Life Project found:

Children who maintain a strong connection with their deployed parent benefit in the following ways:

23% easier to reconnect after the deployment

SMS



4% fewer behavior problems at home and school



13% fewer attachment problems (for example, being clingy, demanding, afraid or impatient)



More months away on deployment = worse reconnections with children

When children experience easier reconnections, the spouse of the deployed member is:

30% more satisfied with the military way of life

30% more likely to support staying on active duty



Most Active Duty families do not have difficulty reconnecting after deployment

Fewer child behavior problems = easier reconnections after deployment

When a child displays behavior problems, the spouse of the deployed member is less satisfied with the military way of life



The Military Life Family Project, sponsored by the Department of Defense, was created to understand the impact of multiple deployments and permanent change-of-station moves on Active Duty military families over years of combat operations. Data were collected from the same military spouses over three years.

For more study findings, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/MilFamStudy>