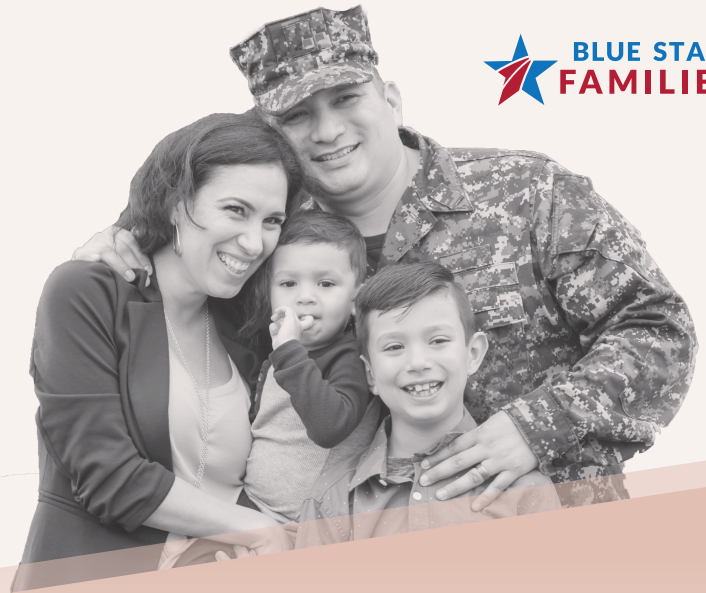


# CIVILIAN COMMUNITY INTEGRATION



Increasing Interaction with Civilian Communities is Key to Strong Families

## LOW INTEGRATION WITH CIVILIAN COMMUNITIES

**53%** want greater opportunities to meet people, make friends, or expand professional networks in civilian community

**51%** feel they don't belong in their local civilian community



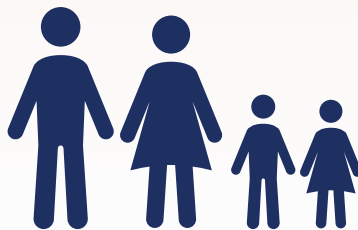
## LOCAL COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Best ways local civilian communities can improve integration

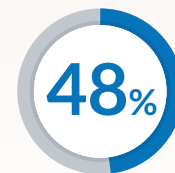
Increase sense of community

Hold more community events

Support the military



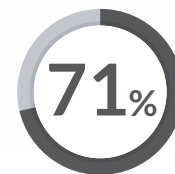
## COMMUNITY SUPPORT



do not feel supported by their local civilian community

Military families who report weekly interaction with local civilian community were more likely to recommend military service to others

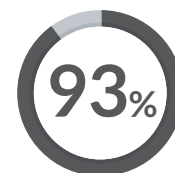
## VOLUNTEERISM



volunteered in the past year; of those, 78% volunteer in their civilian communities

**31%** have not had an in-depth conversation with a civilian in their community in the past month

**28%** of military spouses are unemployed and actively seeking work



working with others in neighborhood to improve community is a civic responsibility