

Attending Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Events FAQ - For Give an Hour Volunteers

What is the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP)?

- The Yellow Ribbon program provides resources and support to Family members and Soldier to assure they are prepared and able to cope with the difficulties of extended separation and deployment -- helping geographically dispersed Families network together, connect with each other and their unit/command leadership and Family Programs' staff.
- YRRP attends to both the Family members' and Soldiers' physical, behavioral and mental health needs. This requires trained professional speakers and counselors to come to events to educate and assist attendees with information, knowledge, skills and practical hands-on participation throughout the deployment cycle.
- Yellow Ribbon works in conjunction with partners including: Military OneSource, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Small Business Administration and the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs. This collaboration provides informative and interactive seminars and resources that are relevant to members of the National Guard and Reserve community.

How is Give an Hour Involved in Yellow Ribbon Reintegration?

- YRRP programming allows for Give an Hour to have direct contact with service members and families in the Guard and Reserve components of the military. By exhibiting and presenting a short introductory presentation, participants are exposed to the services Give an Hour can provide to them and how they may go about receiving them. For example, GAH volunteers attended 40 Yellow Ribbon reintegration events during 2012, and spent 1,440 hours in service to these events. An estimated 24,800 military family members attended these events and about 20,000 brochures were distributed.

What will I do while I am at the event?

- Your role at the YRRP event will vary based on your assigned time and date. Tasks include setting up display materials, manning the exhibit station provided by YRRP, giving a 30 second overview of Give an Hour to the event attendees (“Parade of Stars”), answering questions, handing out materials and gathering information on other groups who exhibit that may be additional partners of Give an Hour.
- Event attendees will visit your exhibit station during prescribed times during the day. Please ensure that you feel comfortable answering the following questions before attending.
 - What is Give an Hour? What does it do?
 - How can I/my family member receive Give an Hour services?

- Is there a cost to the program?
- What if I can't find a provider in my area?

What do I do if I am not a clinician and an attendee appears to need immediate assistance?

- Sometimes attendees begin to tell their stories and experiences to volunteers at the exhibit station. If you begin to feel that the person needs immediate assistance, direct them to the following exhibits MFLC (Military Family Life Consultants), Veterans Affairs and "PDHRSA". Those individuals are/have access to immediate services. If you are unable to locate these resources, please walk with the individual and find the nearest yellow ribbon staff member.