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## Purpose

Our purpose is to deliver on the Navy's commitment to surviving families of deceased service members. The Navy Gold Star (NGS) Program connects you with people who can help you cope with your loss.

Many times after you have lost a loved one, there are unresolved issues or questions that may surface months or years after the loss. The Navy is dedicated to providing long-term casualty assistance to foster resiliency for surviving families of deceased service members for as long as they desire.

NGS uses an all-inclusive approach to delivering services through a combination of both available government and non-government programs and organizations, i.e., chaplain services, personal financial counseling, school liaison assistance, family employment, and clinical counseling.

Past experiences have shown that financial management is especially critical during the initial stages of receiving benefits to ensure a solid financial future.

## Eligibility

Eligible personnel include the widow, parents, and the next of kin of deceased service members. The term “widow” includes widowers. The term “parents” includes the mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis. The term “next of kin” only includes children, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, and half-sisters. The term “children” includes stepchildren and children through adoption.

## Who to Contact

NGS coordinators function as the long-term support personnel for survivors. They facilitate support groups, provide life skills education, and connect survivors with counseling resources. The coordinators work closely with existing organizations and programs to deliver the best possible service at the right time. NGS coordinators closest to you can be found on the Navy Gold Star website. Call or email them for support or to just ask a question. They are specifically designated and trained for you.



## For More Information:

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