



*Helping Floridians impacted by
deployment to Afghanistan & Iraq*

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Thanks to BrAlve, Florida is less likely and more prepared to handle incidents as seen at Fort Hood, Texas

BrAlve Support Services for Military Personnel and their Families

Miami, FL - Nov. 6, 2009 – Yesterday, the Military Community was greatly impacted by a tragic event in Texas. Today, many of our servicemen and their families are dealing with the aftermath of this terrible traumatic event.

Switchboard of Miami and other Florida Helpline/2-1-1 agencies are offering their specialty hotline **1-877-BrAlve8 (1-877-282-4838)** to assist those impacted by the repercussion of this dreadful act.

We provide support to all branches of the military with crisis counseling, and information and referral to social services to military servicemen and servicewomen and their families. You are encouraged to call the BrAlve hotline anytime, night or day, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. All services are free and confidential. Florida is home to 1.8 million military veterans which is the second largest population in the country.

This Helpline system is funded through The **Dade Community Foundation, The Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, and The Community Foundation, Inc.** (Jacksonville) as part of their initiative, **The BrAlve Fund.**

For more information, go to the website www.floridabraive.org ; on Facebook - www.facebook.com/floridabraive ; to follow on twitter - @floridabraive www.twitter.com/floridabraive or contact Switchboard of Miami www.switchboardmiami.org .

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