



## **TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS**

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### **Resource Kit for Journalists: Preparing Yourself to Speak with Survivors**

TAPS recommends several resources for members of the media who are planning to speak with the families of those who have died while serving in the military. The Dart Center for Journalism & Trauma (a project of Columbia Journalism School) has produced the following studies to help prepare reporters to speak with trauma survivors:

- [Best Practices in Trauma Reporting](#)
- [Covering Children and Trauma](#)
- [Tragedies and Journalists](#)

Additionally, here are some more specific resources you may find useful if you plan to interview a family member whose loved one died by suicide:

- [TAPS Webinar: Reporting and Messaging on Suicide in the Military](#)
- [Recommendations for Reporting on Suicide](#)
- [Poynter: Reporting on Suicide](#)