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Eric Barreras is the Training & Technical Assistance Manager for the U.S. Center for SafeSport where he serves as the liaison to the Athletic Advisory Committee (ACC), assists with curriculum development, develops train the trainer programs, and facilitates survivor presentations for athletic programs across the country.

Mr. Barreras entered the NM Army National Guard in the mid-90s and subsequently enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1998. In 2001, he participated in the investigative internship program with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) and was subsequently selected to become a CID Special Agent. During his career with CID, Mr. Barreras conducted and/or supervised a wide variety of sexual assault investigations in multiple jurisdictions across the nation. In 2013, following retirement from military service he served as a subject matter expert for sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse investigations for the Monterey County Public Defender's Office in Salinas, CA. In 2014, Mr. Barreras transitioned back into USACIDC as a civilian Supervisory Special Agent, where he was

responsible for managing the Special Victims Unit (SVU) at Fort Sill, OK. During that span, Mr. Barreras also served as a sexual assault/domestic violence and child abuse investigative subject matter expert for USACIDC.

In 2015, Mr. Barreras accepted a position with the U.S. Air Force as a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Specialist at the Presidio of Monterey, CA, where his team managed to earn the 2015 Department of Defense (DoD) Innovation Award and 2017 Air Education and Training Command (AETC) SAPR Team Award. In addition, he was hand selected by the Headquarters Air Force SAPR Operations Staff to assist with the restructuring of the Air Force's SAPR training curriculum. Eric subsequently accepted a position with the U.S. Coast Guard as a Field Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) for the 11th Coast Guard District with the responsibility of managing the Sexual Assault Prevention, Response and Recovery (SAPRR) program for all Coast Guard personnel in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and California. In 2018, he was recognized by DoD as the SARC of the Year for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Mr. Barreras has a bachelor's degree in Sociology with special emphasis in Criminal Justice. He also served as a volunteer victim advocate/sexual assault counselor for the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center and proudly served as a key member on their Board of Directors. He also previously served as an Associate Board Member for End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI). He is currently serving as a member of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance. In addition, Mr. Barreras is the Founder/CEO of Difference Makers (10 Strong), which is a group of passionate speakers whose primary goal is to address sexual violence in military and civilian communities around the globe.