

Kelli May Douglas



Kelli May Douglas serves as a Regional Defense-State Liaison within the Defense-State Liaison Office (DSLO), under the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military, Community and Family Policy. Since 2018, she has provided expert consultation to state policymakers and military leaders throughout the Southwest and Pacific, addressing critical quality of life issues for service members and their families. Her work includes conducting deep policy analysis, sharing relevant research and information, offering guidance on state policies and processes, and facilitating collaborative development of and advocacy for state legislation to enhance the well-being and stability of military families and bolster operational readiness.

Prior to joining DSLO, Ms. Douglas dedicated a decade to supporting military families as an installation and regional school liaison for the United States Marine Corps. In this role, she leveraged her skills in organizational design and implementation, curriculum and training, cross-sector coalition-building, and intergovernmental relations to improve educational outcomes for military-connected children. Her extensive background also includes teaching elementary school domestically in several states and internationally for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). Ms. Douglas also previously worked as an independent special education advocate, assisting families in securing equal access to quality education for their children with disabilities. Ms. Douglas holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of West Florida and a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Grand Canyon University.

With deep roots in the military community as the daughter of a career Marine Corps family, former military spouse, and mother of two adult military-connected children, Ms. Douglas brings a lifetime of dedication to supporting those who serve.