

## Resettlement Is For Families Too

If your soldier is leaving the Army and already talking to the Career Transition Partnership about his resettlement, you might have wondered if you could be included in the resettlement process. When married personnel leave the Services, their partners naturally share the concerns about their future. As well as the Service Leaver having to find a new job, the family may be looking for a new house, children may be changing schools and the spouse may also have to find a new job.

The Career Transition Partnership would like to make families more aware of the help they can offer spouses. For example, the Regional Resettlement Centre in Aldershot welcomes spouses to their housing and finance presentations, and to their Resources Room, where details of job vacancies in different parts of the country are displayed, with research facilities for a wide range of careers. There is an extensive collection of books, magazines and computer programmes dealing with all aspects of career transition, as well as access to the Internet, and word processing assistance to help clients write their CVs.

The CTP also offers a Business Start-up Workshop for those Service leavers who want to become self-employed, and a New Horizons Workshop for those who wish to retire gracefully. Spouses are especially welcome at these workshops. The CTP also runs a three-day Career Transition Workshop, where one of their Training Consultants will help Service Leavers to analyse and value the skills, experience and personal qualities they have developed throughout their time in the Forces, so that they can successfully market themselves to a potential employer. During this Workshop, the Service Leaver will have a Career interview with a CTP Consultant to develop a Personal Resettlement Plan, to which spouses are welcomed and can discuss any concerns. The Career Consultant will then provide ongoing assistance to see the Plan through, and be available to help the client for up to two years after leaving the Services.

For further details of all Regional Resettlement Centres and CTP services call 01252 348682 or visit the CTP website at [www.ctp.org.uk](http://www.ctp.org.uk)