The courage to connect: Military fathers of young children reflect on parenting in the context of repeated deployments

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Service members (n=15) deployed within the past 2 years, father to at least one child under age 6, were asked for five words or phrases to describe their relationship with their young child:

The words and phrases above reflect the diversity and range of feelings fathers experience as they work to create and/or sustain strong father-child relationships in the context of repeated deployments.