



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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The Department of the Air Force Child & Youth Education Services School Liaison Program serve as the primary link between the installations, schools and military connected families. As the subject matter experts for educational support for Pre-K-12 students, they provide resources, build partnerships and advocate to help our students thrive academically, socially and emotionally, regardless of duty station, deployments or transition status.

SPECIAL NEEDS

The Department of the Air Force Child and Youth Programs provide reasonable accommodations to support inclusion and participation of children and youth with disabilities. This includes children or youth with or at risk of disabilities, chronic illnesses and physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions that require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children/youth in general.

Each installation must establish an Inclusion Action Team. The Inclusion Action Team is comprised of a multidisciplinary group of professionals. The purpose of the team is to assess reasonable accommodations for children and youth with identified developmental and/or medical requirements.





CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (CDC)

Child Development Centers (CDC) offer care for children from 6 weeks through 5 years of age. Promotes the cognitive, social, emotional, cultural, language and physical development of children through programs and services that recognize differences in children and encourage self-confidence, curiosity, creativity, self-discipline and resiliency.

ELIGIBILITY

Child care eligibility is contingent on the status of the sponsor. Eligible patrons as outlined in [DoDI 6060.02](#), include active duty military, DoD civilian employees, guard or reserve on active duty orders, active duty coast guard members, combat related wounded warriors in an active duty status, Gold Star spouses of military members who died from a combat-related incident, those acting in loco parentis for the dependent child of an otherwise eligible patron, eligible employees of DoD contractors, and others who may be authorized on a space available basis. In the case of unmarried, legally separated parents with joint custody or divorced parents with joint custody, children or youth are eligible for child care only when they reside with the eligible sponsor at least 25 percent of the time in a month. If granted child care during active duty status, children of combat related wounded warriors may remain in child care until their dependent child reaches age twelve. Children of combat related wounded warriors who are medically retired as a result of combat related injuries may remain in the existing program until the child(ren) is (are) no longer age eligible.

HOW TO REQUEST CARE

Military families will complete a Request for Care at militarychildcare.com. MilitaryChildCare.com (MCC) is a Department of Defense website for military families seeking child care. This site will allow families to search for and request care from a wide range of military operated and military subsidized child care options across all Services to include Child Development Centers, School Age Care Programs, and Family Child Care Homes. Families can expect standardized procedures for effective waiting list management, expedited placement of children and youth into available programs, and enhanced daily operations for programs.



CHILD CARE FEES

Fees are based on the DoD and Department of the Air Force (DAF) annual fee policy and on total family income (TFI). Parent fees may not be adjusted more than once a year.

[See Child Care Fees Chart](#)

CHILD CARE PRIORITIES

Installations must follow priorities in accordance with [DoDI 6060.02](#).

[See DoD Child Care Priorities Chart](#)



ACCREDITATION

Accreditation helps families recognize quality early learning programs and feel comfortable knowing that their children are receiving a high-quality, research-based education that will prepare them for future success. All CDCs must be accredited by a national accrediting agency in accordance with 10 USC Ch 88 (Public Law) and [DoDI 6060.02](#). With the exception of RAF Croughton and Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, DAF CDCs are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC Accreditation assists CDC Staff develop a shared understanding and commitment to quality. Research shows a direct correlation between high-quality early learning and children's positive long-term outcomes in life. Including increased educational attainment, healthier lifestyles, and more successful careers. RAF Croughton and Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base are accredited by National Accreditation Commission (NAC).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) CERTIFICATION

The military equivalent of state licensing, DoD Certification represents verified compliance with standards regarding fire, health, safety, developmental programming, child abuse prevention, funding, and staff training. Our Child and Youth Programs are certified by DoD each year. As a result of the strict oversight and adherence to standards, along with the trained staff and quality curriculum, our programs have been recognized as a model for the nation.

TRAINING

Training and Curriculum Specialist(s) (T&C) are assigned to each DAF Child and Youth Services Flight. The T&Cs are responsible to support the training needs/requirements for all personnel (staff, contractors, specified volunteers). Based on position, all personnel must complete orientation and annual training requirements. In addition, all staff must complete a set of competency based training modules. Direct care staff are observed and debriefed on a monthly basis.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

All personnel (staff, contractors, specified volunteers) must obtain and maintain a Child Care Background Check in accordance with the Public Law.

CDC OFFERINGS

FULL DAY/WEEKLY CHILD CARE

Provides up to 50 hours of weekly child care (no more than 10 hours of care each day).

HOURLY CARE

May be offered to support short-term needs on the installation.

PART-DAY ENRICHMENT (PDE) PROGRAM

Provides parents, who do not need full time child care, the opportunity for their children to participate in an early childhood experience.

GIVE PARENTS A BREAK (GPAB)

Sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society GPAB provides child care for eligible parents who are subject to unique stresses due to the nature of military life including deployments, remote tours of duty, and extended working hours.

FCC OFFERINGS

FULL DAY/WEEKLY CHILD CARE

Provides full day weekly child care.

HOURLY CARE

May be offered to support short-term needs based on provider availability.

DAF FCC EXPANDED CHILD CARE (ECC)

The ECC Program assists families in obtaining high-quality child care from certified providers at or near the installation. Child care is available for children 2 weeks to 12 years. ECC is available at all DAF led Active Duty locations with an active FCC Program or at other non-DAF led installations/locations where approved providers are available. Use of ECC is permitted once all paperwork is completed and approved. Parents using ECC are expected to arrange their work schedules to have ample time to be with their children. Care is dependent on the availability of funding and providers. Currently, there are 21 separate programs to support families.

DAF FCC Expanded Child Care (ECC) Offerings Include:

- DAF FCC Subsidy Program (SUB)
- DAF FCC Extended Duty Care (EDC)
- FCC 24/7 Child Care
- Missile Care (MC)
- Missile Care 2 (MC2)
- RPA Extended Duty Child Care (RPAC)
- RPA Care 2 (RPAC2)
- Military Spouse Appointment Child Care (MSAC)
- Deployment/Remote Assignment Child Care Support
- Home Community Care (HCC)
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- Exceptional Family Member Program Respite Child Care Program (EFMP RCP)
- FCC Provider Orientation Child Care (FCC POC)
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DAF FCC SUBSIDY PROGRAM (SUB)

The SUB Program is designed to assist family's utilization of an FCC home and pay the same weekly fee they would be charged for child care in a Department of the Air Force Child Development Center (CDC) or Department of the Air Force School-Age Care (SAC) Program. Families who are enrolled in the DAF FCC SUB Program are purchasing 50 hours of care each week (Sunday-Saturday) to meet their full time child care needs or the number of hours to meet their Before and After School child care needs. Prior to utilizing any DAF FCC ECC Hourly Program, the family must use the hours purchased in DAF FCC SUB Program, unless there are unique circumstances approved by AFSVC/SVPY.

Eligibility requirements:

- Member of Military Service Active Duty, Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status or DoD civilians
- All adults living in the
- Assigned to, working or living on the installation household must be either working, enrolled in school, or seeking employment
- Spouses actively seeking employment must submit verification every 30 days once the child is enrolled in care. The child may be removed from care if the spouse has not gained employment after 90 days.

Fees:

Fees are based on the DoD and the Department of the Air Force annual fee policy and on total family income (TFI). Parent fees may not be adjusted more than once a year.

[See Child Care Fees Chart](#)



DAF FCC EXTENDED DUTY CARE (EDC)

The EDC Program is designed to assist families when weekly parental workloads, due to extended duty hours, exceed the normal operating hours of the facility where they are already purchasing full-time care.

Examples: mission related duty, extended duty days, temporary shift change (not to exceed 3 working days), rapid mobilization, dual military or single parent deployment until alternate child care is arranged, federal holidays, installation wide down days when DAF Child and Youth Programs are closed and parents are required to work, mandatory PT.

Eligibility requirements:

- Member of the Military Service Active Duty, Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status, or DoD Civilian
- Assigned to, living or working on the installation
- Must be scheduled to work – work must directly impact the mission
- No other adult in the household available to provide care
- Must be purchasing full-time care and/or during the school year Before and After School Care

Fees:

There is no cost to the member as long as their weekly child care fee has been paid.

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request (each military member)
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider
- If full time care is not on the installation, provide a copy of the contract from the program
- If applicable, provide a copy of TDY orders



FCC 24/7 CHILD CARE

The FCC 24/7 Child Care Program is designed to assist families when their work schedules are outside the normal operating hours of the facility where they are already purchasing full-time care. This program is specifically designed to support shift workers and any personnel who are required to work overnights, holidays, and weekends (e.g. Security Forces, Command Post, Fire Department, Medical, Force Support, Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance and Distributed Common Ground System).

Eligibility requirements:

- Member of the Military Service Active Duty, Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status, or DoD Civilian
- Assigned to, living or working on the installation
- Must be scheduled to work – work must directly impact the mission
- No other adult in the household available to provide care
- Must be purchasing full-time care or during the school year Before and After School Care

Fees:

There is no cost to the member as long as their weekly child care fee has been paid.

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request (each military member)
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider
- If full time care is not on the installation, provide a copy of the contract from the program



MISSILE CARE (MG)

The MC Program is available at FE Warren, Malmstrom, and Minot AFBs and is designed to provide overnight, weekend, and holiday child care for those members assigned to work for more than 24 hours in the missile field.

Eligibility requirements:

- Member of the Military Service Active Duty, Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status, or DoD Civilian
- Assigned to, living or working on the installation
- Assigned to work for more than 24 hours in the missile field
- No other adult in the household available to provide care
- Must be purchasing full-time care and/or during the school year Before and After School Care

Fees:

There is no cost to the member as long as their weekly child care fee has been paid.

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request (each military member)
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider
- If full time care is not on the installation, provide a copy of the contract from the program



MISSILE CARE 2 (MG2)

The MG2 Program is available at FE Warren, Malinstrom, and Minot AFBs and is designed to provide child care for spouses to attend approved appointments, if the military sponsor is assigned to work for more than 24 hours in the missile field.

Eligibility requirements:

- Spouse of a member of the Military Service Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member assigned to the Missile Field in an active duty status
- Assigned to, living or working on the installation
- Assigned to work for more than 24 hours in the missile field
- Spouse must be attending an approved appointment

Examples of approved appointments:

- Medical appointments
 - o [Temporary Enhancements 27 Sept 2020–27 Mar 2021 – Medical/Therapy appointments for their children](#)
- Classes offered by Airmen and Family Readiness Centers, Chaplain, Family Advocacy, and Medical Agencies
- Employment opportunities
 - o Job interviews
 - o Initial job training/new employee orientation

– Volunteer opportunities are not an approved appointment.

- Appointments for active duty military members are not eligible, unless the active duty member must attend the appointment with their spouse.
- No other adult in the household available to provide care

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Fees:

There is no cost to the member.

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request, sponsor's supervisor signature not required
- Provide appointment documentation
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider

RPA EXTENDED DUTY CHILD CARE (RPAC)

The Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAC) Extended Duty Care Program is available to those members who are assigned to support the RPA Mission. It is designed to provide overnight, weekend, and holiday care.

Eligibility requirements:

- Member of the Military Service Active Duty, Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status, or DOD Civilian
- Assigned to, living or working on the installation
- Assigned to support the RPA Mission
- No other adult in the household available to provide care
- Must be purchasing full-time care or during the school year Before and After School Care

Fees:

There is no cost to the member as long as their weekly child care fee has been paid.

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request (each military member)
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider
- If full time care is not on the installation, provide a copy of the contract from the program



RPA CARE 2 (RPAC2)

The RPA Care 2 (RPAC2) is designed to provide child care for spouses, whose sponsor is supporting the RPA Mission, to attend approved appointments. It is designed to provide overnight, weekend, and holiday care.

Eligibility requirements:

- Spouse of a member of the Military Service Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member in an active duty status who is supporting the RPA Mission
- Member of the Military Service Active Duty, Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status.
- Assigned to, living or working on the installation
- Assigned to support the RPA mission
- Spouse must be attending an approved appointment

Examples of approved appointments:

- Medical appointments
 - o **Temporary Enhancements 27 Sept 2020–27 Mar 2021 –Medical/Therapy appointments for their children**
- Classes offered by Airmen and Family Readiness Centers, Chaplain, Family Advocacy, and Medical Agencies

– Employment opportunities

- o Job interviews
- o Initial job training/new employee orientation
- Volunteer opportunities are **not** an approved appointment.
- Appointments for active duty military members are not eligible, unless the active duty member must attend the appointment with their spouse.
- No other adult in the household available to provide care

Fees:

There is no cost to the member.

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request, sponsor's supervisor signature not required
- Provide appointment documentation
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider

MILITARY SPOUSE APPOINTMENT CHILD CARE (MSAC)

MSAC is designed to provide child care for spouses to attend approved appointments related to key aspects of military life.

Eligibility requirements:

- Spouse of a member of the Military Service Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member in an active duty status
- Member of the Military Service Active Duty, Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status, or DoD Civilian
- Assigned to, living or working on the installation
- Spouse must be attending an approved appointment

Examples of approved appointments:

- Medical appointments
 - o **Temporary Enhancements 27 Sept 2020–27 Mar 2021 –Medical/Therapy appointments for their children**
- Classes offered by Airmen and Family Readiness Centers, Chaplain, Family Advocacy, and Medical Agencies
- Employment opportunities
 - o Job interviews
 - o Initial job training/new employee orientation
- Volunteer opportunities are **not** an approved appointment.

– Appointments for active duty military

- members are not eligible, unless the active duty member must attend the appointment with their spouse.
- Key Spouse initial training, mentoring training and refresher training up to 12 hours a calendar year
- Navy Ombudsmen for activities: command directed/authorized participation, training/conferences and visits to commands to meet with command ombudsmen and family members
- No other adult in the household available to provide care

Fees:

There is no cost to the member.

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request, sponsor's supervisor signature not required
- Provide appointment documentation
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider
- If applicable, Volunteer Agreement

DEPLOYMENT/REMOTE ASSIGNMENT CHILD CARE SUPPORT

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The Deployment/Remote Assignment Child Care Support allows families 16 hours for pre-deployment, 16 hours each month of the deployment/remote assignment, and 16 hours post deployment. DAF FCC Deployment Child Care Support may be used once the member has orders and ends 60 days upon return from the deployment. DAF FCC Remote Assignment Child Care may be used each month the member is on remote assignment.

Eligibility requirements:

- Member of the Military Service Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status
- Assigned to, living or working on the installation
- Deployed in support of a contingency operation
- Deployed for a minimum of 30 calendar days or personnel who routinely deploy on a short-term basis (cumulative of 30 days in a month period)
- No other adult in the household available to provide care

Fees:

There is no cost to the member.

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request, sponsor's supervisor signature not required
- Provide copy of Deployment/Remote Assignment Orders
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider

HOME COMMUNITY CARE (HCC)

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The HCC Program is designed to provide child care for those members of the Guard and Reserves (CAT A and B) during their regularly scheduled, or properly re-scheduled, drill periods. This care is for Training Periods and Unit Training Assemblies only. Other forms of Inactive Duty training (e.g. RMPs and AFTPs) do not qualify for HCC. In addition, individuals on active duty orders (e.g. AT, ADOs, MPA or RPA) do not qualify for HCC.

Eligibility requirements:

- Member of the Military Service Reserve or Guard
- Assigned to an Air Force Guard or Reserve Unit/Installation
- No other adult in the household available to provide care

Fees:

There is no cost to the member

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider
- If applicable, AF 40A, ARROW System Documentation, or installation's revised UTA schedule



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE (EMC)

The EMC Program is designed to assist families who are experiencing a medical situation with an immediate family member.

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| Eligibility requirements: | Fees: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of the Military Service Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status• Assigned to, living or working on the installation• No other adult in the household available to provide care | <p>There is no cost to the member</p> |
| How to Request Care: | How to Request Care: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete DAF FCC ECC Request• Provide Physician's Statement to include diagnosis and prognosis• Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider | |
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WOUNDED WARRIOR CARE (WWC)

The WWC Program is designed to assist families when the Wounded Warrior has medical and/or military appointments.

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| Eligibility requirements: | Fees: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of the Military Service with a Wounded Warrior Status• Member of the Military Service Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status• Retiree• No other adult in the household available to provide care | <p>There is no cost to the member</p> |
| How to Request Care: | How to Request Care: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete DAF FCC ECC Request, sponsor's supervisor signature not required• Provide verification of Wounded Warrior Status• Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider | |
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CHILD CARE SUPPORT FOR FALLEN WARRIORS (BC)

The BC Program is designed to assist families with civilian and military appointments to deal with a fallen warrior.

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| Eligibility requirements: | Fees: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fallen Warrior was a Member of the Military Service• Fallen Warrior was an Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status• No other adult in the household available to provide care | There is no cost. |
| How to Request Care: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete DAF FCC ECC Request, sponsor's supervisor signature not required• Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider | |



PCS CHILD CARE FOR ARMY, NAVY, AND MARINES ASSIGNED TO DAF LED INSTALLATIONS AND ALL SERVICES TRANSITION ASSISTANCE CHILD CARE (PCSCC)

The PCSCC Program is designed to help relieve some of the stress felt by families in the process of a PCS move or transitioning from the military. Army, Navy, and Marine families assigned to, living on, or working on an DAF led installation are eligible for both the PCS and Transition Assistance Child Care Programs. DAF families are eligible for the Transition Assistance Child Care. Note: DAF families receive PCS Child Care from the AFAS PCS. Army, Navy, and Marine families PCSing are eligible for 20 hours of child care per child at both the departing and inbound installations. These families may use the child care 60 days before the family's departure and 60 days upon arriving at the new installation.

Transitioning families are eligible for child care based on scheduled appointments/transition classes.

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| Eligibility requirements: | Fees: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of the Military Service (other than DAF) Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty Status who is PCSing/PCS'd• Member of the Military Service Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty Status who is retiring/separating | There is no cost to the member. |
| How to Request Care: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed DAF FCC ECC Request• Complete enrollment paperwork with the FCC Provider• If applicable, provide PCS Orders• If applicable, provide Appointment Documentation or Transition Assistance Program Registration | |

AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY CHILD CARE FOR PCS (AFAS PCS)

Sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, the AFAS PCS Program is designed to help relieve some of the stress felt by families in the process of a PCS move. AFAS PCS provides 20 hours of child care per child at both the departing and Inbound Installation. Families may use the child care 60 days before the family's departure and 60 days upon arriving at the new installation.

Eligibility requirements:

- Member of the Air Force
- Active Duty
- Active Duty Member Retiring

Fees:

There is no cost to the member.

How to Request Care:

- Completed Child Care for PCS Certificate obtained from the Airman & Family Readiness Center
- Complete enrollment paperwork with the FCC Provider



EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM RESPITE CHILD CARE PROGRAM (EFMP RCP)

The EFMP RCP is designed to assist Department of the Air Force families with short-term, specialized child care (to help reduce the stresses associated with caring for an exceptional family member). The program provides 40 hours of care each month for both the EFMP child and siblings up to age 13. For those young adults, between 19-23 years of age, and they are identified as the Exceptional Family Member, Respite Child Care may be available on a case-by-case basis. For additional EFMP RCP information call, 1-800-443-4828.

Eligibility requirements:

- Member of the Military Service Active Duty or Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status
- Airman must be Q-coded
- Verification of at least one child who has been identified as an Exceptional Family Member and is moderate/severe

Fees:

There is no cost to the member.

How to Request Care:

- EFMP Verification Form
 - Completed DAF FCC ECC Request or Schedule Request (supervisor signature not required)
 - Maintain current paperwork on all children in care
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FCC PROVIDER ORIENTATION CHILD CARE (FCC POCG)

FCC Provider Orientation Program is designed to support FCC applicants as they go through the process/training of becoming a FCC provider at an Air Force installation.

Eligibility requirements:

- DAF FCC Applicant
- Verification from the FCC Coordinator that the provider will be attending orientation training
- No other adult in the household available to provide care

Fees:

There is no cost to the FCC provider applicant.

How to Request Care:

- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request, sponsor's supervisor signature not required
 - Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider
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COMMUNITY BASED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Child Care Aware (CCA) of America Programs are designed to assist CONUS Air Force families who do not have access to on installation CDC, SAC, or FCC providers.

For eligibility requirements and questions, please visit their link at:

<http://usa.childcareaware.org/military-programs/military-families/air-force/free-assistance/> or call 1-800-424-2246.

If you require additional assistance in locating a Community Based Child Care Program, please inform CCA you need enhanced services. OCONUS DAF Families should contact the Child and Youth Services Flight Chief at your installation.

