



DoD Joint Service Conference

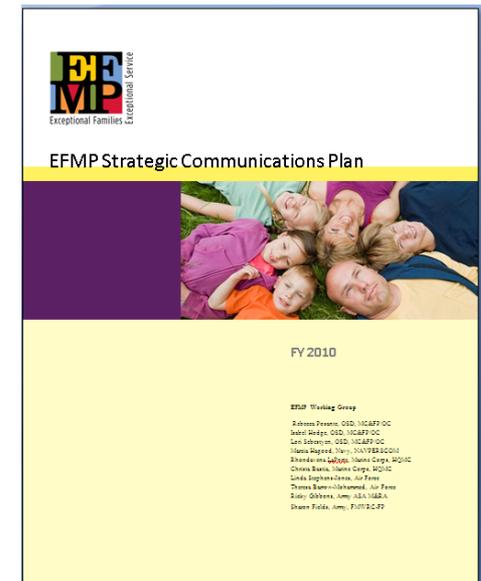
A Call To Action

Purpose of Working Group

- Identify issues families are facing
- Identify support systems available to them, and support that is needed but not available
- Develop a sustainable 5-year awareness campaign aimed at
 - Raising awareness of the programs and services available to families with special needs
 - Developing what is not available
 - Encouraging enrollment in the EFMP

Accomplishments to Date

- Established Joint Services Working Group
- Sponsored Joint Services Conference
- Developed Strategic Communication Plan
- Conducted Focus Group
- Identified Key Messages
- Branded EFMP



Key Messages

Message for Family Members

We care about your family and your quality of life

We are here to help you identify services that are available to support you

When your military member is deployed, we assist your family in locating the services they need

We will connect you to resources and help you navigate the system

Key Messages

Message for Service Members

Enrolling in EFMP ensures that your family member's needs are considered during the assignment coordination process.

Enrollment does not impact promotions or career progressions

We are here to assist your family in locating the services they need.

We support your exceptional family member throughout your military career

We want you to know about available services, because you are the best advocate for your exceptional family member

We listen, we care, we understand.



Program Logo

**Exceptional Family
Member Program**

**We know the system.
We can help.**



MOS

- Specialty Consultants
- Call Center Consultants
- Online Library
- Counseling
- EP Resource Guide
- Health Coaching
- Outreach
- Research



Special Needs Parent Tool Kit



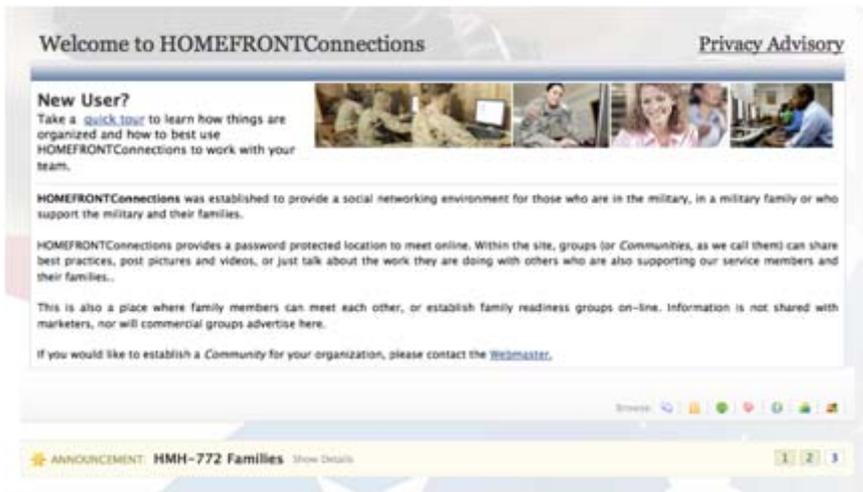
- Modules
 - Birth to Age Three
 - Special Education
 - Advocating for Your Child
 - Families in Transition
 - Resources and Support
 - Records and Tools

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DoD Social Networking

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- Secure social networking site
- Available to family groups



DoD Special Needs Facilitators Guide



- Modules
 - Birth to Age Three
 - Special Education
 - Advocating for Your Child
 - Families in Transition
 - Resources and Support
 - Unit/Command Brief
- www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil*

DoD Special Needs Smart Book

■ Chapters

- Introduction
- DoD Responsibility to Families with Special Needs
- Identification and Assignment of Personnel
- Education of EFM's
- Healthcare and Financial Aid Benefits
- Support for Military Families
- Professional Coordination and Collaboration
- Appendices (8)





EFMP Logo

- Logo will be available on MilitaryHOMEFRONT in user friendly format. Can be used for:
 - Websites
 - Newsletters
 - Print product
 - Marketing materials



Marketing Materials



Exceptional Family Member Program

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We can help.**



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The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) is directly responsible for programs and policies that support community quality of life for service members and their families worldwide.



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Message from the DUSD...



In the past few months, I've had the opportunity to take a firsthand look at some of our quality of life programs. It's been an enlightening and worthwhile 27,000-mile endeavor. During some fifteen plus trips to Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps installations, I've visited with commanders, met with military community members, and sought out our employees to listen to their views about the programs at the installation level.

At every stop, the commanders, military members, and families told me how much they rely on these important benefits and how much they appreciate our employees who work tirelessly to support them. Our beneficiaries believe, as do I, that we are doing great work - great work that needs to grow and change with the needs of our service members and their families. Improving the lives of military families is a continuous effort and requires all of us working together.

The next few months allow us as a nation to reflect on the needs of our service members and their families. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, November is Military Family Month, and December is a time when family and friends gather together to celebrate one another. Many of our military families will mark these days as a time when their loved ones are in harm's way. I know that when you can and where you can you'll do what you can to lighten their burden. Never forget that your work makes a difference!

Tommy T. Thomas
 Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Military Community & Family Policy

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Moving and Relocation Home

- Benefits and Allowances
- Installation Overview
- Moving 101
- Relocation Budget Planner
- Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Glossary

Get the Latest Information on Pre-paid Phone Cards

Take charge of your move!

For service and family members, moving is a way of life. The military provides many allowances and support services to assist with your move. All the information you need to know to plan a successful move can be found using the tools on this page.

Get Started!

Installation and State Information

Have you moved enough to already know the ropes? Skip the customizable tools and start getting to know your new location. Don't live near an installation but need resources in your state, find them here! Moving overseas to a small or remote location, visit [Department of State](#) international travel resources.

Enter an installation ([View a directory of installations](#))

GO >>

Enter a state

GO >>

Plan My Move

Create a personal moving calendar with checklists, phone lists, to do lists and links to critical moving processes and information. Find budget planners, housing applications, household goods customer satisfaction surveys and much more.

Where are you currently stationed?

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Calendar of Events
Casualty Assistance
Glossaries
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Lookup Installations & Directories of Services

With information on over 250 military installations and communities worldwide, **MilitaryINSTALLATIONS** has what you're looking for. **MilitaryINSTALLATIONS** provides complete directories, locations of installation programs and services, maps and directions. When using **MilitaryINSTALLATIONS** users are able to select from multiple search options.

See also: [Plan My Move](#), a powerful new set of tools to help you and your family make your next move a smooth one.

Program or Service

All

Branch of Service/Agency

All

Location

Enter an Installation, select a Country or State, click a state on the map, or simply enter your postal code below.

Installation:

Installation / Agency Lookup

Country

United States

State/Provinces

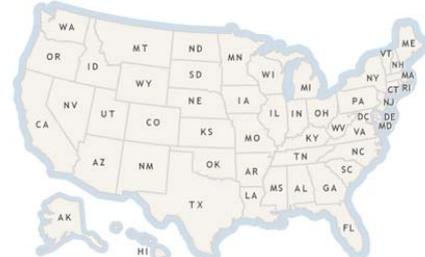
All

Postal Code

Within 50 miles

Search

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Relationship Building

- Housing Office
- Relocation Assistance Program
- Morale, Welfare, Recreations
- New Parent Support Program
- Personal Financial Program
- MOS Relationship Manager
- Community Agencies
- TRICARE
- Medical Treatment Facility
- Commanders and Key Personnel
- Public Affairs Office
- Children & Youth Programs
- School Liaison Officers
- Family Advocacy Program
- Family Readiness/Deployment
- Local SS/Medicare Offices
- Relief Societies

You Don't Need to Be an Expert!

- Video

Use Your Strengths!

■ Results

- Happier, more productive
- More positive interactions, better performance
- Recognition, rewards

■ How do you recognize a strength?

- Enthusiasm, energy
- Rapid learning, task completion is “easy”
- Time flies, “in the zone”
- Yearn for specific activity

Set Your Own Goals!

- Setting goals = increased personal satisfaction and performance
- Achieving goals = increased happiness
- Higher/harder goals = greater happiness, greater performance

Also.....

- Goal setting is good for military families, too!

Closing Comments