



Children and Youth Initiatives

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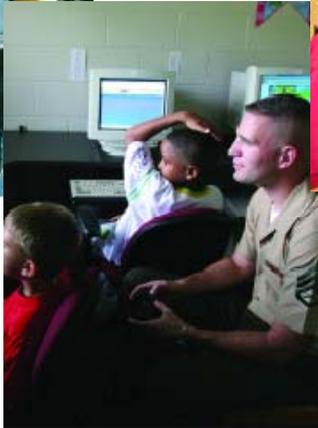
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Military Community & Family Policy*



Military Community and Family Policy



Supporting the Department of Defense mission by promoting self-reliance and resiliency in military and family members





Today ...

DoD military child care is a model for the nation, a cost efficient system of care for quality service delivery, providing services unavailable anywhere else ...





However...

We must continue to improve programs and services offered to our families



Many initiatives are in place to meet needs and concerns you've identified

These initiatives expand our capacity to assist families and the communities they live in



Emergency Intervention

<p>Army</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ft Lewis - Ft Campbell - Ft Bragg - Detroit Arsenal - Redstone Arsenal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ft Riley - Ft Bliss - Ft Lee - Picatinny Arsenal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ft Carson - Hunter Air Field - Tobyhanna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ft Stewart - Ft Drum - Walter Reed - Anniston Army Depot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ft Polk - Ft Sill - Ft Hood
<p>Navy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norfolk - Pensacola 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - San Diego - Dallas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pearl Harbor - CBN Gulfport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bethesda 	
<p>USMC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camp Pendleton - Camp Lejeune 				
<p>Air Force</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nellis - Little Rock - Edwards - Academy - Kirtland - Eglin - Fairchild 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mountain Home - Moody - Tinker - Osan - Buckley - Ramstein - FE Warren 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offutt - Hurlburt - Hanscom - Yokota - Eielson - Geilenkirchen - Seymour Johnson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holloman - Hickam - Lakenheath - Offutt - Kadena - Beale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arnold - Elmendorf - Travis - Columbus - Vogelweh - MacDill

Emergency Intervention total: 40 Centers and 46 Additions or Renovations and 7680 spaces



Issue: Child Care

Child Care Locator

If you are looking for child care in the U.S., the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) is able to provide child care subsidies to most service members. To find out if you qualify call from the US: 1-800-342-9647 or visit www.naccrra.org/militaryprograms.

Use this child care locator to find child care centers or family child care homes. If you are unable to find child care near you, click on "Contact Us" above and then click on "Refer Me to Child Care" for more assistance.

Please note: If you are looking for child care on a military installation, please call 1-800-342-9647 to be referred to your nearest military Child Development Center.

This locator is not to be used for emergency care, nannies, or summer camps.

To search for multiple addresses, click [here](#).

LOCATION AND CARE INFORMATION

Address

City

State
 Please Select

Zip

Distance (radius in miles)
 10

Care Type
 Child care center
 Family child care home
 All

NEED TO TALK?
 Call Now 1-800-342-9647
[INTERNATIONAL CALLING](#)
[MORE NUMBERS](#)
 We're available 24/7
[IN-PERSON COUNSELING](#)
[E-MAIL A CONSULTANT](#)

SEARCH & DECISION TOOLS

- Financial Calculators
- Child Care Locator
- Relocation Tool
- Plan My Move
- [MORE](#)
- SELF ASSESSMENT TOOLS**

Children & Youth

NACCRRA provides child care subsidies to most service members. NACCRRA recently ranked DoD child care as #1 in the nation. [Find out more.](#)

Prevent child abuse. [Find out what you can do.](#)

ADOPTION

- Adopting Step or Foster Children
- Adoption Options
- Raising an Adopted Child
- Understanding the Adoption Process

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

- Abuse and Neglect of Children
- Child's Stress and Grief
- Divorce/Separation - Impact on Children

BECOMING A PARENT

- Caring for a New Baby/Breastfeeding
- Planning for Parenthood
- Pregnancy

K-12 EDUCATION

- Content subjects (etc.)
- Homework/Study Tutoring
- Kindergarten/First grade readiness
- Parent Involvement in School
- School Selection
- School Transitions/Changes
- Understanding Testing and Reports

LOSS/BIRTH COMPLICATIONS

- Parental Loss/Birth Complications

SELF ASSESSMENT TOOLS

- Do You Give It Your Best?
- Do You Have Debt Problems?
- Is a Traumatic Event Causing You Stress?

CHILD CARE

- Adjusting to New Child Care
- Backup Child Care
- Before- and After-School Care/Programs
- Child Care Centers
- Communicating with Child Care Providers
- Family Child Care Homes
- Informal Child Care/Babysitters
- In-Home Care - Nannies/Au Pairs
- Nursery Schools/Pre-K Programs
- Older Child Home Alone
- Paying for Child Care
- Summer Child Care/Camps

PARENTING SKILLS

- Advocating
- Balancing
- Choosing
- Communicating with Your Kids
- Discipline/Responsible Behavior
- Family Relocation
- Grandparents/Extended Family
- Parenting and Household Responsibilities
- Sibling Relationships
- Single Parenting
- Stepparenting

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

- Childhood Disease

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

- Early School Years

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SEARCH & DECISION TOOLS

- Financial Calculators

Child Care Locator

NACCRRA resource (for activated reserve)

Call for Special Needs Child Care Consult

Child Abuse Prevention

Parenting and Child Care Topics

Homepage Navigation



Parenting Assistance

- Resources listed under 'Parenting' Category
- Specific Child Care Resources Available:
 - ✓ Web-links
 - ✓ Articles
 - ✓ State Regulations
 - ✓ Guidance

The screenshot shows the Military OneSource website interface. At the top, there are navigation options for language (English | Español) and theme. A left sidebar lists various categories: Body, Career, Crisis, Deployment, Education, Elder Care, Guard/Reserve, Legal, Mind, Money, Moving, Parenting, Recreation, Relationships, Severely Injured, Special Needs, and Transition. The main content area is titled 'HOME / PARENTING Parenting'. Below the title, there is a section for 'NACCRRRA Military Partnerships' with a text block stating: 'NACCRRRA provides child care subsidies to most service members. To find out more, call from the U.S.: 1-800-342-9647 or visit the [NACCRRRA Web site.](#)' and a small image of a young girl.

The screenshot shows the Military OneSource website interface for 'Child Care Centers'. The breadcrumb trail is 'HOME / PARENTING / CHILD CARE CENTERS'. The page is organized into several columns:

- Categories:** Body, Career, Crisis, Deployment, Education, Elder Care, Guard/Reserve, Legal, Mind, Money, Moving, Parenting, Recreation, Relationships, Severely Injured, Special Needs, Transition.
- ADoption:** Adopting Step or Foster Children, Adoption Options, Raising an Adopted Child, Understanding the Adoption Process.
- CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH:** Abuse and Neglect of Children, Child's Stress and Grief, Divorce/Separation - Impact of.
- BECOMING A PARENT:** Caring for a New Baby/Breastfeeding, Planning for Parenthood, Pregnancy, Pregnancy Loss/Birth Complications.
- HEALTHY CHILDREN:** Healthy Children.
- CHILD CARE:** Adjusting to New Child Care, Backup Child Care, Before- and After-School Care/Programs, Child Care Centers.
- PARENTING SKILLS:** Advocating for Children, Balancing Work and Family, Choosing Children's Products, Communicating with Your Kids.
- Child Care Centers:**
 - ARTICLES:** Accreditation: Quality Standards for Child Care, Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA), Certification and Accreditation: Quality Standards for Military Child Care, Child Care for Children with Special Needs, Choosing a Preschool.
 - AUDIOS:** Child care and health: Child immunization, Child care and health: Cleaning and disinfection, Child care and health: Diapering, Child care and health: Exclusion for illness, Child care and health: First aid and kits.
 - BOOKLETS & RECORDINGS:** Child Care Handbook.
 - CHILD CARE REGULATIONS:** Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California.
 - WORKSHEETS & CHECKLISTS:** Child Care Center Questions, Child Care in Your Neighborhood, Child Care Reference Check Form, Children, Youth and Teen Programs, Medical Information and Release Form for Your Child's Caregiver.



Contingency Operations and Deployments Impact Our Families

What are your families experiencing?

What initiatives are available in your community to support families?





Deployment Support Resources



www.militaryonesource.com

- *Military Youth Coping with Separation* Video
- Guide for Helping Children and Youth Cope with Separation
- Sesame Street "*Talk, Listen, Connect*" kits



www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil

- Caring for Kids after Trauma
- Zero to Three: Little Listeners



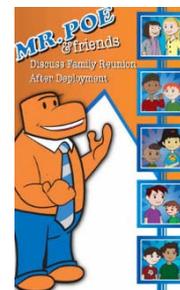


Mr. Poe and Friends

Discuss Family Reunion After Deployment



- DVD designed to help families address the challenges of separation and reunion on school-age children due to deployment
- Mr. Poe was born in 2003 through the combined efforts of an Army Reserve Chaplain and an Army Pediatrician
- Target audience:
 - 6-11 year old children
 - Military families
 - Family support teams
 - Community resource teams
- 12 training modules - Dads, Grandparents, Moms & Kids, Friends, etc.





Baby Signs

- Simple, successful communication skills for babies
- Numerous positive benefits
 - Reduces frustration
 - Enhances language skills
- Ideal for deployed families w/babies





National Youth Partners Bridge the Gap



4-H

A community of young people learning leadership, citizenship and life skills



Located in all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military installations worldwide

Find 4-H near you:
www.csrees.usda.gov/Extension/index.html
www.national4-headquarters.gov/comm/4h_military.html



National Youth Partners

Boys & Girls Clubs of America (B&GCA)



Mission: Youth Outreach

www.bgca.org/programs/military



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**



Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC)



- Masters- and PhD-level consultants provide non-medical, short term, situational, problem solving counseling services
- At high-deployment Army installations, Child and Youth programs placed consultants in the facilities to assist with child behavior concerns
- Support DoDEA/CYS summer camps





Helping America's Youth Initiative



- Nationwide effort to raise awareness about challenges facing youth, spearheaded by Mrs. Laura Bush
- Intent is to motivate caring adults to connect with youth in three key areas, family, school, and community
- Attention to military youth at two HAY national events
 - Military professionals spoke to the needs of youth
 - Military youth participated
- Special event held at Andrews AFB highlighting the sacrifices of military children in December





Issue: Deployment

Military HOMEFRONT | Pay Charts | Military Health System | MySTATE

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Deployment Resources

Did You Know? We offer customized research ...

24/7 Help Center
Call Now: 1-800-342-9647
Email A Consultant
In-Person Counseling
Discussion Boards

Self Assessment Tools
Are Life Changes Causing You Stress?

Military Installations
Choose Branch: Please Select
Choose Installation: 498th ABS-Moron Spain

Free Newsletters
 Guard and Reserve
 Military OneSource Connection
 Single Life in the Military
 Personal & Family Readiness
 Money Matters

HOME / DEPLOYMENT / DEALING WITH DEPLOYMENT

Dealing with Deployment

ARTICLES

- American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services
- American Red Cross Services for Military Families
- Building Family Rituals While You Are Deployed
- Child Care Backup Planning When Your Spouse is Deployed
- Coping with a Deployment Extension

BOOKLETS & RECORDINGS

- Finding Strength in Family and Community (CD)
- Sesame Street DVD Kit - Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families During Military Deployment
- These Boots: A spouse's guide to stepping up and standing tall during deployment
- Your Soldier, Your Army

QUICK TIPS

- Quick Tips for Communicating During Deployment
- Quick Tips for Keeping a Relationship Strong During Deployment
- Quick Tips for Strengthening Family During Deployment
- Quick Tips to Help Prepare Your Children for Your Deployment

RESOURCE GUIDES

- A First Guide for Army Spouses and Family Members
- Books and Resources for Children About Deployment
- Combat Stress Resources for Military Families
- Our Sons Our Daughters: A National Guard Parent's Guidebook to Deployment (military)

WORKSHEETS & CHECKLISTS

- Air Force Readiness Edge for Commanders and Supervisors
- Air Force Readiness Edge for Families
- Children and a Deploying Parent
- Children's Services Program Brochure
- Counseling and Advocacy Program

WEB LINKS

- Air Force Crossroads
- America Supports You
- American Red Cross
- Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES)
- Army Behavioral Health

Categories

- Body
- Career
- Crisis
- Deployment
- Education
- Elder Care
- Guard/Reserve
- Legal
- Mind
- Money
- Moving
- Parenting
- Recreation
- Relationships
- Severely Injured
- Special Needs
- Transition

News & Community

- Customer Support Tools
- Download Center
- Parents

Homepage Navigation

These Boots Recording

Dealing with Deployment:
These Boots: A spouse's guide to stepping up and standing tall during deployment

[LISTEN/DOWNLOAD](#)

CD, 60 minutes

When your spouse deploys, the challenges -- emotional and practical -- can seem overwhelming. On this recording, Jacey Eckhart, a military wife for 18 years and columnist for the Virginian-Pilot, offers suggestions and strategies to help you prepare for deployment, survive (and even thrive) while you're "married but single," and get ready for homecoming. You'll also learn ways to communicate with your spouse, help children cope, use resources, and build a community for support and encouragement.

[// SUBMIT FEEDBACK //](#)

Dealing with Deployment:
Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families During Military Deployment

Being a part of a military family can be a challenge. This bilingual DVD kit is designed to help military families with children ages 3-5 cope with feelings, challenges, and concerns experienced during various phases of deployment: pre-deployment, deployment, and homecoming. The kit includes a DVD featuring the beloved Muppets from Sesame Street, and a parent/caregiver magazine and poster. Created through a partnership with Sesame Workshop and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., with additional support from the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH) and the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC).

Order your individual copy now by clicking "Add to Cart" above.

Please note- Due to limited supply, bulk orders are no longer being accepted.

The Sesame Street video and parent/caregiver materials are also available for download at <http://www.sesameworkshop.org/tc>.

View sample video clips of the DVD in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Coming late Spring, 2008! A new Sesame Street DVD kit is in the works. *Talk, Listen, Connect: Deployment, Homecomings, Changes*, will help children of injured veterans and other returning service members to adjust to the changes in their parents. This exciting new DVD kit will include copies of the first video and the new production. Please return to <http://www.militaryonesource.com> in the upcoming months to find out more.

Sesame Street DVD



DoDEA Educational Partnership Directorate (EPD)



- **EPD Mission:** To provide high quality education opportunities for all military children and to help military-connected school systems throughout the nation.
- **EPD Goals:**
 - Provide military children continuity and seamless transitions of academic study
 - Gather and share research-based best practices, programs and tools with school districts and installations
 - Assist parents to become informed advocates of quality education choices
 - Advance the quality of educational programs for all military children
 - Provide leadership and advocacy programs on issues surrounding deployment
 - Create legislation and policy enhancements and understandings that will positively impact military children's education.
 - Extend opportunities for student learning through online/virtual and other research-based models.
- **EPD Partners:** Local Education Agencies, Military Services, Department of Education, Military Impacted Schools Association, Military Child Education Coalition, NMFA, and many more.



School Support Resources



"Building Resilient Kids"

- Free distance learning course funded by a grant to Johns Hopkins University Military Child Initiative
- Designed to help school administrators, teachers, and support staff, understand the needs of their students from military families.
- Course contains three modules on deployment, including issues surrounding separation during war and coping with the disability and/or loss of a parent
- www.jhsph.edu/mci



School Support Resources



BULLYING PREVENTION

Military OneSource Articles:

- "Cyberbullying"
- "Bullying and Harrassment in School"
- www.militaryonesource.com



"Stop Bullying Now!" Campaign - an interactive web site

- Developed by Health and Human Services' Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)
- www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov





Family Support Resources



Adoption

- Military OneSource
- DoDI 1341.9, Reimbursement Policy
- DoDI 1327.6, Leave
- Military Homefront: Link to Military Resources
<http://military.adoption.com>
- Adoption Services for Military Families
<http://www.adoptuskids.org>



Military HOMEFRONT

Supporting our Troops & their Families

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 - DoD Policies on Child Abuse
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 - Child Abuse Prevention
 - Civilian Child Advocates
 - Transitional Compensation
 - Shaken Baby Syndrome
 - FAP Child Abuse Data Directories
 - Resource Materials
 - CO Domestic Violence Training

Troops, Families Can Access Free Tax-Filing Services



Welcome to the Family Advocacy Homepage on Interpersonal Abuse

FREE resources available for installation service providers!

The American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Domestic Violence has published "[Standards of Practice for Lawyers Representing Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in Civil Protection Order Cases.](#)" This resource is downloadable from the ABA website.

The Battered Women's Justice Project has published an update to "[Understanding the Military Response to Domestic Violence: Tools for Civilian Advocates,](#)" which is downloadable from the BWJP website in the "Military" section.

The goal of this site is to provide program managers with basic information about the Family Advocacy Program (FAP), child abuse, domestic abuse, FAP prevention programs such as the New Parent Support Program (NPSP), the Family Advocacy Command Assistance Team (FACAT), information on the latest policies and collaborative projects pertaining to child abuse and domestic abuse, and resources and links for further information on these subjects.

[What is the Family Advocacy Program?](#)

[Domestic Abuse](#)

[Child Abuse](#)

Family Advocacy Program Directory

Visit [MilitaryINSTALLATIONS](#) for a complete searchable directory of all installation Family Advocacy Program offices throughout the world, including maps and directions.

Military INSTALLATIONS
Locate services and installations

- QOL Resources**
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