



# Find and Afford Quality Child Care in the Community

**Learn about qualified child care providers with Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS, or MCCYN-PLUS**

The Defense Department has expanded child care fee assistance to include state quality rated providers to increase availability of child care options in the community for military families when on-installation care is unavailable.

## **MCCYN**

Accessing affordable, quality care is essential to children's well-being and parents' peace of mind.

While parents can still find full-time, on-installation care through MilitaryChildCare.com, fee assistance is available for off-installation care through the DOD's MCCYN program.

MCCYN supports active-duty military members and active National Guard and reserve members in locations with extensive waitlists or when families do not live close to a military installation. When on-installation child care is unavailable for eligible military families, MCCYN reduces the out-of-pocket expense.

## **MCCYN-PLUS**

The DOD expanded the MCCYN program, creating MCCYN-PLUS, to further help military families access affordable, quality child care in the local community. This initiative utilizes the states' Quality Rating and Improvement Systems, or QRIS, as an indicator of provider quality in lieu of national accreditation.

The MCCYN-PLUS initiative increases access to quality child care providers in the local community.

The program continues to grow and expand into new locations. Eligible families can receive assistance with locating accredited or state quality rated community child care providers.

Licensed care providers who take part in their state's quality improvement program may be eligible for MCCYN-PLUS fee assistance. This means that parents get more quality child care options, and eligible care providers have the opportunity to support and expand their businesses to military families while receiving fee assistance.

**Learn more about the MCCYN-PLUS expansion:**  
<https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/feeassistancerespiteproviders/>

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