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Strong Partnership

The United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force have joined in a partnership with the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA) to support military families.

NACCRRRA works with more than 800 Child Care Resource & Referral agencies. These agencies are located in every state and most communities across the United States and help military families locate affordable, high-quality civilian child care programs in the communities where they reside.

For More Information:

Call Child Care Aware™ toll-free at 1 (800) 424-2246

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Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood

*high-quality child care
is closer to you than ever before...*



Why is child care needed?

Many Active Duty Service Members live in communities where no military child care is available or where there are long waiting lists for child care on the installation.

To meet their needs, the Department of Defense (DoD) has asked the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) to partner with state and local Child Care Resource & Referral agencies (CCR&Rs) to refer military families to nationally accredited civilian child care programs and help additional civilian child care programs in selected communities become accredited.

The Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN) program also supports the cost of high-quality civilian child care for eligible Service Members.

The civilian child care programs that provide MCCYN are comparable in quality to military-operated on-base programs.

How much will Service Member's costs be reduced through MCCYN?

Fee reductions will vary depending upon total family income, geographic location, DoD child care fee policies and available funding. The fee assistance program is limited to single parent families, families with a working spouse, or a spouse who is enrolled in school. Spouses looking for work are eligible for fee assistance for 60 days.

Examples of programs eligible to participate in MCCYN:

1. Nationally accredited child care centers or accredited family child care (FCC) homes
2. FCC homes with a CDA-credentialed provider or an FCC provider with an Associate's degree or higher in Early Childhood Education or Child Development

NOTE:

Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood is not an entitlement and is subject to geographic availability of child care and DoD/military Service funding.

MILITARY CHILD CARE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

is an initiative to locate and help pay for child care when on-base child care programs are not available or accessible.

Who's eligible?

Children of geographically dispersed **Active Duty** families with no access to on-base child care. Examples include children of Active Duty Recruiters, ROTC Instructors, MEPCOM personnel, Service Members on independent duty assignments and Service Members living in communities that are not within reasonable commuting distances to military installations.

Children of Active Duty families who are wait-listed per Service policy and not currently enrolled in on-base child care.

Note: MCCYN programs may not be available in all locations.

Child Age Groups Served: 6 weeks - 12 years

Child Care Options:

Children may attend civilian child care centers, FCC homes and after-school programs. Children may use full-day, part-day and hourly child care.

This program is subject to geographic location and vacancy.



How does the program work?

1. The Service Member, spouse or legal guardian contacts Child Care Aware, a division of NACCRRA, at **1-800-424-2246** or via the web at www.naccrra.org/military/assistance.php.
2. Staff will ask for some initial information to determine eligibility and child care needs.
3. When the child's eligibility is determined, NACCRRA staff will link the Service Member Family to their local CCR&R for help locating an available high-quality child care space.
4. Once the child care space is found, the family will complete the fee assistance application.
5. Copies of the following documents must be provided as part of the application process:
 - Signed copy of the application
 - Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) for the Service Member
 - Spouse's most recent pay stub or proof of enrollment in school
 - Child(ren)'s birth certificate(s) or self-certification of parenthood
 - Child care provider fee assistance application and required documentation
6. As soon as the application and documents are received, the enrollment process begins.
7. The enrollment process takes between one and five business days to complete, following receipt of the family's completed application and information from the participating civilian child care program.
8. The Service Member Family pays a reduced fee directly to the child care program. The difference is paid to the child care program by the Military Service through NACCRRA.

