CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (CDC) 5
AGES: 6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS
The Department of the Air Force Child Development Centers are designed to provide a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for children and are uniquely designed to accommodate each child's developmental level.

• Full Day/Weekly Child Care
• Hourly Care
• Part-Day Enrichment (PDE) Program
• Give Parents A Break (GPAB)

FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCC) 9
AGES: 2 WEEKS TO 12 YEARS
The Department of the Air Force Family Child Care Program offers parents a quality alternative to center based child care. Family Child Care offers a small setting with personalized service, familiar home environments, mixed-age groups that allow younger and older children to learn from each other, and allows parents who have more than one child to utilize one child care setting.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS (YP) 31
AGES: 6 TO 18 YEARS
The Department of the Air Force Youth Programs (YP) offer opportunities for positive youth development by supporting the skills, interests, qualities, and abilities of all youth.

• School-Age Care
• Youth Sports and Fitness
• Programming for Positive Youth Development
• Partnerships
• Teen Programs
• Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Initiatives
• Residential Youth Camps
• Youth Sponsorship

CHILD & YOUTH EDUCATION SERVICES/ SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE (CYES-SLO) 43
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) 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 DoD 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

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Family Child Care offers child care to children and youth from 2 weeks to 12 years of age. Care is provided in homes located on or off installation that have been certified by the Mission Support Group Commander. One of the hallmarks of the FCC is its ability to tailor the types of care offered to virtually fit every schedule, deployment, or special need.

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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
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- FCC Provider Orientation Child Care (FCC POCC)
- Community Based Child Care Programs
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 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

How to Request Care:
- Complete a Request for Care at militarychildcare.com by selecting a FCC provider
- Complete DAF FCC SUB Program enrollment paperwork with FCC Program Office
  - DD Form 2652 (required each fee year)
  - Current Leave and Earning Statement/Post Secondary Education Program (required each fee year and/or change in priority status)
- Complete enrollment paperwork with selected FCC provider

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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
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

FCC 24/7 CHILD CARE

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 (MC)
The MC2 Program is available at FE Warren, Malmstrom, 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
  - 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
  - Job interviews
  - 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

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
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:**
- Employment opportunities
  - Job interviews
  - 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

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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
- 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

**Examples of approved appointments:**
- Medical appointments
  - 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
  - Job interviews
  - Initial job training/new employee orientation
- Volunteer opportunities are not an approved appointment.

**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

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 6 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)

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.

**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
- 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
- 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.

**Eligibility requirements:**
- 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

**Fees:**
There is no cost to the member

**How to Request Care:**
- Complete DAF FCC ECC Request, sponsor’s supervisor signature not required
- Provide verification of Wounded Warrior Status
- Complete enrollment paperwork with FCC Provider
**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.

**Eligibility requirements:**
- 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

**Fees:**
There is no cost.

**How to Request Care:**
- 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.

**Eligibility requirements:**
- 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

**Fees:**
There is no cost to the member.

**How to Request Care:**
- 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
FCC PROVIDER ORIENTATION CHILD CARE (FCC POCC)

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

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/fee-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.
Department of the Air Force Youth Programs (YP)  The Department of the Air Force Youth Programs (YP) offer opportunities for positive youth development by supporting the skills, interests, qualities, and abilities of all youth.

The Department of the Air Force operates Youth Programs on 72 DAF-led installations and provides opportunities for geographically separate youth.

YOUTH PROGRAMS OFFERINGS

- School-Age Care
  - Full day/Weekly Care
  - Hourly Care
  - Part-Day Enrichment (PBE) Program
  - Give Parents a Break (GPAB)
- Youth Sports and Fitness
- Programming for Positive Youth Development
- Partnerships
- Teen Programs
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Initiatives
- Residential Youth Camps
- Youth Sponsorship
**SCHOOL-AGE CARE**

School Age Care (SAC) offers child care (Before and After School Care and Full Day Care) for children and youth from 5 to 12 years of age. School Age Care is located in a separate facility or in a separate space in the YP facility.

SAC promotes the cognitive, social, emotional, cultural, language and physical development of children through programs and services that recognize differences in children and youth and encourages self-confidence, curiosity, creativity, self-discipline and resiliency.

**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.

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE**
Provides care “Before” school starts and “After” school ends. Transportation to and from school may be provided.

**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.

**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. Additional benefits from Child and Youth Programs (CYP) are standardized procedures for effective waiting list management, expedited placement of children and youth into available programs, and enhanced daily operations for programs.

**Eligibility**
Child care eligibility is contingent on the status of the sponsor. Eligible patrons as outlined in DoD 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.
Child Care Fees
Fees are based on the DoD and 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

Child Care Priorities
Installations must follow priorities in accordance with DoDI 6060.02.
See DOD Child Care Priorities Chart

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.

Accreditation
Accreditation helps families recognize quality programs and feel comfortable knowing that their youth are participating in a high quality program that will prepare them for future success. All SACs must be accredited by a national accrediting agency in accordance with 10 USC Ch 88 (Public Law) and DoDI 6060.02. DAF SACs are accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

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

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, specific volunteers). Based on position, all personnel must complete orientation training prior to working with youth 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.
Youth Sports and Fitness (YS&F) offers opportunities for sports, fitness, health and nutrition, outdoor recreation and motor skill development.

YS&F provides high quality recreation youth sports leagues and are recognized for their dedication through the National Alliance for Youth Sports Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider Certification.

YS&F provides:
- Certified and trained volunteer coaches
- Comprehensive background screening for staff and volunteers
- Parent Education and Involvement
- Written policies and procedures
- Accountability

Recreational Sports Leagues
Non-competitive youth sports opportunities that develop a sense of belonging and teamwork, build sport specific skills and provide quality family time for youth.

• Start Smart (Selections vary by Installation)
  A parent-child program to build fundamental motor skills without the threat of competition while having fun and developing self-confidence and a love of physical fitness.

YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS

PROGRAMMING FOR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

• Leadership and Service
  Empowering youth to find their voice and their passion to make a difference in their community and the world through opportunities for opportunities for planning, decision-making, advocacy while becoming responsible, caring citizens and acquiring skills to participate the democratic process.

• The Arts
  Fostering creativity and providing outlets for self-expression. From daily programs to instructional classes and summer camps, youth are encouraged to explore the arts. National Competitions in Fine Arts and Photography showcase talent of our youth (https://www.bgca.org/programs/the-arts/national-arts-contests)

• Sports and Recreation
  Programs to develop physical fitness, reduce stress and promote a positive use of leisure time, appreciation for the environment and interpersonal skills.

• Health and Wellness
  Building young people’s capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture well-being, inspire the pursuit of personal goals and grow into self-sufficient adults.

• Education
  Activities designed to inspire a love of learning, support academic skills and ensure that all youth graduate from high school on time, ready for a post-secondary path and skills for a 21st-century career.
PARTNERSHIPS

DAF Services partners with national youth serving organizations to provide a wide range of programs and services for youth and staff, including:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- USDA/4-H
- National Alliance for Youth Sports
- Council of Accreditation
- Military Youth of the Year

A premier scholarship and recognition program for teens ages 14-18 offered in partnership with Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The program honors and celebrates our most inspiring teens and their incredible journeys, showcasing outstanding leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle.

- Keystone Club

Keystone Clubs are dynamic programs challenging teens to become leaders and participate in community service. Offered through our BGCA partnership, Keystone is the most dynamic teen program, building valuable leadership and service experience as teens plan and implement programs in four areas: academic success, career exploration, community service, and teen outreach. The national conference is one of the highlights of the Keystone Year!

- Air Force Teen Council (AFTC)

An initiative to provide a voice for Air Force teens and a connection to installation leaders to provide a platform for the needs and passions of teens. Connections with other installations create a network of teens working to resolve issues and voice concerns to the highest levels of leadership on behalf of teens across the Air Force.

Outreach initiatives:

Get involved even if you are not near an DAF Youth Center!

- BGCA Mission Youth Outreach.
  BGCA provides free memberships to military-affiliated youth not living near an installation. Find a club near you!

- 4-H Local Clubs and Opportunities
  With a mission to inspire civic engagement, build skills in STEM and Agriculture and encourage healthy living, local 4-H clubs serve youth around the country and the world!

- 4-H at Home
  4 H at Home provides hands-on, educational activities for kids and teens all year long. Get our latest 4 H at Home Activity Guide, activities from 4 H Land-Grant Universities, and more.
HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL AND CREATIVITY OF YOUTH AND TEENS!

• **4-H National Youth STEM Challenge**
The 4 H STEM Challenge, formerly known as 4 H National Youth Science Day (4 H NYSD), is an annual initiative to inspire kids everywhere to take an interest in science, technology, engineering and math through hands-on learning. Since 2002, 4 H has developed fun, accessible challenges that shows kids how STEM skills can be applied to the world around them. In response to COVID19, 4-H created STEM challenge family kits so youth and parents can work together to solve this year’s challenge.

• **My Future**
BGCA on-line digital platform that showcases the work of youth and provides a fun and safe way to build technology skills. “It’s a space where kids can interact with each other – free from the prospect of cyberbullying – and share their accomplishments locally and nationally. It’s a great way to experience BGCA's digital programming, make friends and build a positive self-image through online achievement. “Close the gap on summer learning loss by trying out the games and activities at home!

• **BGCA STEM Centers of Innovation**
Through a generous grant program, DAF Youth Centers have the opportunity to be selected as a STEM Center of Innovation. The centers provide military youth with access to advanced technologies that stimulate creative approaches to STEM exploration, including 3-D printers, robotics, high-definition video production and conferencing equipment. A commitment to enhanced STEM programming provides individual and group activities, using real-world applications to help youth develop their STEM skills, critical thinking, teamwork and innovation.

**Check out the great programs that have been selected for this honor:**
– Buckley Youth Programs
– Eglin Youth Programs
– Hill Youth Programs
– JB Andrews Youth Programs
– JBLE-Langley Youth Programs
– Kirtland Youth Programs
– Los Angeles Youth Programs
– Ramstein Youth Programs
• Teen Aviation Camp at the USAF Academy
   This camp is an opportunity for teens interested in attending the United States Air Force Academy or general aviation. Aviation Camp is held annually. Flying in a Cessna 145 is one of many highlights of this camp. Teens entering their sophomore or junior year of high-school are selected through a competitive application process.

• Virtual Teen Aviation

• Space Camp at the US Space and Rocket Center
   At this six day residential camp 12-18 year olds experience simulated Space Shuttle missions, training simulators, rocket building and launches, scientific experiments, lectures, and more. Participants are selected through a competitive application process.

• US Sport Residential Youth Camps

• Sea World San Antonio Marine Careers Camp

• Teen Leadership Camping Challenges

• 4-H Military Partnership Camps
   Join the fun at a Military Kids camp for school-age youth this spring & summer. Leave behind the distractions of everyday life, and enjoy exciting activities, making friends with other youth from military families, creating millions of new memories and a whole lot more! Each day is packed with building positive traits, in conquering challenging activities, in mastering cooperative games that build skills that are helpful in real-life situations and in a whole lot of FUN!

• Specialty Camps (Selections vary by Installation):
  – Performing Arts
  – Paintball
  – Non-Traditional Sports
  – Soccer
  – Science
  – Archery
  – Culinary

Peer-to-peer youth sponsorship is provided in two different models. The School Liaison will serve as a primary support for the development of the school-based youth sponsorship programs (Transitions Centers, Transition Programs, S2S, JS2S, A4L) and the secondary support for the installation-based CYP Youth Sponsorship Program.

• School-Based Youth Sponsorship
   School liaisons facilitate a smooth transition for military children by creating an installation or community network of partnerships to include military families, local schools, the DoD Education Activity, CYP, DoD contractors such as School Military Family Life Counselors and Anchored4Life, and other installation or community partners. School-based youth sponsorship is a peer-to-peer program delivered at local school levels. School programs using peer-to-peer or student-led philosophies are most effective. School Liaisons work with districts and/or schools to create some type of youth sponsorship program or transitional support program for military youth when they enroll at a new school.

• Peer-to-Peer Youth Sponsorship
   Youth Programs look forward to welcoming youths and teens to their new installation. Peer-to-Peer youth sponsorship provides valuable connections and meaningful perspectives from youth and teens already stationed at gaining installations. Youth mentors are excited to answer questions, share insights and identify unique opportunities available in a new community. Families can reach out to the Youth Center to request.
Child and Youth Education Services/School Liaison Office (CYES-SL)

Through SLs partnerships with local, state level educators and other policymakers, the impact on quality PreK-12 education allows for tailored support to families. This assists commanders and total force families in meeting the challenging demands of the military lifestyle. The hallmark to force retention is the expectation that families are safe and well supported. Strong families improve mission readiness. The CYES program provides military children the opportunity to thrive academically, socially and emotionally, regardless of duty station, deployments or transition status.

MISSION

Child & Youth Education Services - School Liaison is committed to outreach, advocacy, and partnership initiatives that generate real-time solutions for military-connected students in grades PreK-12 as they face global educational challenges and transitions.

VISION

To deliver unparalleled educational advocacy, outreach, and partnerships for military-connected students around the globe!

TAGLINE

Student Focused...Partnership Driven
CORE FOCUS AREAS

School liaisons support issues affecting military connected students and assist in facilitating solutions.

- **DEPLOYMENT/PARENTAL ABSENCE SUPPORT**
  School Liaisons provide families and school personnel with resources focused on parental absence during deployments, TDYs, Geo Bachelor and other separation. Support includes the cycle of deployment and academic, social and emotional impact, resources and referrals.

- **INSTALLATION, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION**
  School Liaisons are installation subject matter experts to Commander/Command Staff/parents for all local prek-12 education issues regarding military child education. They facilitate communication for parents that student is experiencing challenges within a school setting. In order to address issues at the local level and build support with Community Stakeholders, many installations have established educational town hall, summits or educational working groups lead by the School Liaisons and includes those active stakeholders in their communities.

- **HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT**
  School Liaisons share information on homeschool issues, concerns local policies, and regulations of state/local education agencies and connect home school families to their community.

- **COMMUNITY RELATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH**
  School Liaisons create a network of parents, community partners, and military/civilian personnel to support installation/community and school systems.

- **JROTC, STEM, SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
  School Liaisons leverage installation/school resources (e.g., Education and Training Flight) to provide graduating military student’s access to post-secondary information and opportunities.

- **SPECIAL EDUCATION NAVIGATION**
  School Liaisons connect families with appropriate resources needed to navigate school systems.

PHILOSOPHY - 7 C’S OF CYES

1. Connect schools, families, and communities to meet the unique needs of PreK-12 military connected students
2. Cultivate communication pathways between families, schools, community stakeholders, and the military
3. Customize real-time solutions for military-connected students facing transitional barriers and educational gaps
4. Collaborate with community stakeholders to build a platform for enhanced educational opportunities and partnerships
5. Comprehensive professional development for educators to understand the military lifestyle
6. Construct a network of extensive resources for building resilient communities
7. Create a system of support for military-connected students experiencing parental deployment or separation
SCHOOL LIAISONS ASSIST...

FAMILIES
• Information on local schools and boundaries
• Home school support
• Inbound and outbound transfers
• Graduation requirements
• Schools and community outreach
• College, Career, and Military Readiness
• School and installation based sponsorship programs
• Special Education Navigation
• Military Interstate Compact Compliance
• Scholarship Information
• Education Resources and Support

COMMANDERS
• Advise on all PreK-12 Education concerns, trends, initiatives both local and state level
• Guidance on school related matters
• Facilitates communication between school authorities and installation leadership
• Community relations, partnerships, and outreach
• Education forums/summits
• QoL workings groups
• Military interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3)
• DoD Military Representative for MIC3 State Council and Compliance
• Support of Military Families Strategic Basing Education Initiative Certification

SCHOOLS
• Professional Development (e.g. Military Students in Transition, Understanding Deployment, MIC3, and Military Culture 101)
• Educational Partnerships, Career Days, Mentors, Adopt A School Program, Volunteers
• Parent Workshops (e.g. academic achievement, MIC3, PCSing with School Age Students, IEPs)
• Education and School Transitions
• School Based Transition Support Programs
• Deployment Support
• JROTC Support
• DoD STEM Program
• STARBASE Program
• Military Interstate Compact Compliance (MIC3)

RESOURCE LINKS FOR FAMILIES, EDUCATORS, AND INSTALLATION LEADERSHIP
• CYES-SLO Directory
• Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission – MIC3
• Tutor.com – Online homework help
• CollegeBoard
• Khan Academy
• Homeschooling Legal Defense Association
• DAF EFMP
• Facebook – DAF CYES School Liaison
• Twitter – @afcyes_slo