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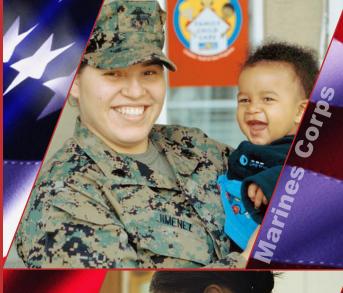
1.800.424.2246 Child Care Aware, www.ChildCareAware.org, or www.naccrra.org/militaryprograms

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Program Background

Thousands of Navy and Marine Corps Active Duty and Reserves have been deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other contingency operations. They often come from cities and towns across America that are not close to a military installation where affordable, quality child care is available to them. Consequently, there is a need for short-term deployment child care spaces in local communities where families of deployed Service Members reside.

In addition, many Active Duty Navy and Marine Corps personnel live in communities where no military child care is available or where there is a waiting list for child care on the base. For these families, there is a need for military-sponsored, civilian community child care that is comparable to on-base, military operated programs.



Strong Partners

The National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies is the national network of more than 850 resource and referral agencies (CCR&Rs) located in every state and most communities across the United States. CCR&R centers help families, child care providers, and communities find, provide, and plan for affordable, quality child care. Since 1987, NACCRRA has been working to improve the system of early learning for children. You may learn more about NACCRRA at www.naccrra.org.

Support Provided

The following two programs are initiated by the Department of Defense to support the child care needs of parents who are mobilized/deployed or who live in isolated or remote regions where military child care is not available or accessible.

CHILD CARE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

Help when military child care programs are not available or accessible

Purpose: To provide assistance in locating, selecting and paying for quality civilian child care for eligible Active Duty and Activated Reserve Navy and Marine Corps families.

Eligibility: Those families who live in remote and isolated areas with no access to military child care because of their geographic location, or because the military operated program near where they live does not offer the service or the program is operating at capacity.

OPERATION: MILITARY CHILD CARE: Help while mobilized or deployed

Purpose: To provide assistance in locating, selecting and paying for quality civilian child care for eligible Active Duty and Activated Reserve Navy and Marine Corps families.

Eligibility: Those families who have one or more parents deployed/mobilized in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

HOW DO THESE PROGRAMS SUPPORT ACTIVE DUTY AND ACTIVATED RESERVE FAMILIES?

Both programs help eligible families locate care options in the local civilian community and help to reduce their child care fees in military sponsored, licensed or legally operating child care centers or family child care homes.

HOW MUCH WILL FEES BE REDUCED?

Fee reductions will vary depending upon total family income, geographic location, DoD child care fee policy, and available funding.

How Does It Work

Process for Navy and Marine Corps Families Seeking Military-Sponsored Civilian Child Care at Reduced Rates:

- Family member contacts Child Care Aware toll-free at 1-800-424-2246 or via the web at www.childcareaware.org
- **2.** NACCRRA staff collect information from the family member to determine eligibility and child care needs.
- 3. Families can enroll using the NACCRRA Military Programs web site: www.naccrra.org/militaryprograms. Applications will also be accepted electronically, by mail, or fax.
- **4.** The process will generally be complete within 1-5 business days after receipt of the family's application and information from the participating child care program.
- 5. The family will pay the approved reduced fee directly to their local child care program/provider. NACCRRA will pay the subsidy to the child care program/provider.

