

## Where to Find More information

**Related Services** - The related services available at each overseas location are identified in the DoD Directory that can be found at:

[http://dodea.edu/instruction/curriculum/special\\_ed/pdf/OCONUSdirectory.pdf](http://dodea.edu/instruction/curriculum/special_ed/pdf/OCONUSdirectory.pdf)

**NICHCY - the National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities** This website link provides an overview of related services, who provides related services, and more resources on related services.

<http://www.nichcy.org/pubs/newsdig/nd16txt.htm>

**Specialized Training for Military Parents (STOMP)** provides information, training, and assistance to military families who have children with disabilities. It also provides support other parent training information centers in the States and Territories outreach to military families within their region or state.

<http://www.washingtonpave.org> and  
<http://www.stompproject.org>

**For more information about Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)**, visit [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm) and click on "EFMP," speak to a Special Needs Coordinator at your local military treatment facility, or visit one of the service-specific Web sites listed in the "For Information and Assistance" section.

### TRICARE Overseas Program

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/index.cfm>

### ECHO-Extended Care Health Option

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/TricareHandbook/results.cfm?tn=4&cn=6>

*Non-DoD informational references are being provided as required by IDEA but their inclusion in this material does not constitute any endorsement by DoDEA.*

## DoDEA Special Education Series

The complete series of brochures and other resources for parents of students with disabilities are available on the DoDEA special education website at [http://dodea.edu/instruction/curriculum/special\\_ed/index.htm](http://dodea.edu/instruction/curriculum/special_ed/index.htm).

### Special Education Brochures

1. Pre-referral Interventions: Steps Before a Special Education Referral/Assessment
2. Moving: Things to Remember When Relocating
3. Communicating Effectively: Building a Strong Partnership
4. Individualized Education Program (IEP): Your Role in the Process
5. Related Services: Understanding the Purpose of these Services
6. Early Intervention Services: Transitioning to Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities
7. Transition: Planning for Life After High School
8. Parent Rights and Responsibilities: Insights into Your Rights and Responsibilities
9. Resolving Disputes: Your Role in Reaching Resolutions
10. Assistive Technology: Assessment, Devices, and Available Services



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# Related Services Understanding the Purpose of these Services



## Purpose of Related Services

Related services are services specifically provided to your child for him or her to benefit from special education. These services are important to enhance your child's ability to learn and function within the classroom setting and are provided by the school or by specialists from other DoD agencies. The need for these services is assessed through an evaluation process and then determined by the Case Study Committee (CSC). A student's related services are listed in his or her Individualized Education Program (IEP) and are provided at no cost to the family.

### Related services may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Speech/Language (if not provided by DoDEA)
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Audiology
- Counseling Services
- Psychological Services
- Transportation
- School Health/Nursing Services
- Orientation and Mobility Services (if not provided by DoDEA)

It is important to recognize that not every child with a disability will require related services.

## Related Services Providers

Providers of related services may include the school, community or military medical treatment personnel. Professionals assigned to work with children with disabilities must have qualifications consistent with any state-approved or state-recognized certification, licensing, registration or other comparable requirements that apply to the professional discipline in which those personnel are providing related services.

## Your Child's Need for Services

As the parent, your knowledge about your child's development and behavior at home, as well as any concerns you have, are crucial to identifying the potential need for related services. No one knows your child like you. You can help by providing information about his or her medical history, developmental history, behavior patterns, routines at home, daily living skills, and relationship with other family members.

During the evaluation and assessment process, the CSC (including you) will prepare and ask questions to the individuals conducting the evaluations. For example, issues relating to speech and language will be addressed by the school's speech pathologist, while health or medical related issues will be addressed by a specialist in the appropriate field, such as an occupational therapist or physical therapist. Your input during this process is important. When the evaluations are completed, the CSC will analyze and discuss the results to determine whether or not your child needs a specific related service.

## Arranging Related Services

How often the related services will be provided, where they will be provided, and by whom are also decided by the CSC, with your involvement. If the CSC decides that a related service is warranted, the

service will be documented in your child's IEP. The IEP will specify when services will begin and end, and how often services will be provided. The CSC looks at your child's present level of performance and establishes goals based on your child receiving the necessary related services.

## Additional Information

**TRICARE Overseas Program** provides healthcare coverage for military personnel stationed overseas:

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/index.cfm>

**Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)** provides financial assistance to beneficiaries who qualify based on specific mental or physical disabilities and offers an integrated set of services and supplies beyond the basic TRICARE program.

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/TricareHandbook/results.cfm?tn=4&cn=6>

Information on **Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)** can be seen by viewing the web site:

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