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SUBJECT: Fort George G. Meade (FGGM) Policy Memorandum #43, Parental Responsibilities and Supervision of Children and Youth

1. References:

- a. Annotated Maryland Code, Family Law, §5-801
- b. Annotated Maryland Code, Criminal Law, §3-204
- c. Art. 134, Uniform Military Code of Justice (UCMJ)
- d. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program (30 October 2007), (Rapid Action Revision: 13 September 2011)
- e. AR 608-10, Child Development Services (15 July 1997)
- f. AR 608-75, The Exceptional Family Member Program (30 February 2011)

2. Purpose: This policy outlines the requirements for the supervision and safety of children on Fort George G. Meade, implementing the above references. Children are our most valuable asset and deserve to be cared for properly. They need rules and guidance to protect them and keep them safe. This policy memorandum will outline such guidance in order to:

- a. Protect the safety of children and young teens by ensuring they are not unsupervised on an ongoing basis.
- b. Safeguard others from risks associated with children and young teens unsupervised in housing and common areas.
- c. Minimize installation property damage that can occur when school age children and young teens are unsupervised.
- d. Reduce Soldier, civilian, and family member lost duty time due to child and youth misconduct that can result from a lack of supervision.

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3. Policy and Procedures:

a. Fort Meade residents will comply with the applicable laws of the State of Maryland. In general, Maryland law states that no one may leave a child under 8 years of age unattended, or without responsible supervision by another person 13 years or older, anywhere on FGGM. A violation of this law is a misdemeanor and may be punishable by a \$500 fine and 30 days confinement.

b. Some children require greater supervision than others. Parents must decide when their children are ready to be alone, or to supervise younger children, and for how long. A child may not be ready to be alone at 8 years of age, or to supervise a younger child at 13 years of age. No matter the age of the minor children, the parents must ensure that the child receives adequate supervision while on FGGM.

c. AR 608-10 requires individuals who provide child care in their government quarters for more than 10 child care hours per week on a regular basis to become certified Family Child Care (FCC) providers. Questions regarding FCC certification may be addressed to the installation Child and Youth Services FCC Office, (301) 677-1160.

d. Under both Maryland and military law, it is a crime to neglect or otherwise endanger the physical, mental or emotional welfare of another person, including a child. Child endangerment is punishable by a dishonorable discharge and up to 5 years in confinement, or more if a child is seriously harmed. While on FGGM, no one may place any other person, especially a child, in a situation which threatens that person's welfare, either intentionally, or through neglect.

4. Parents must exercise sound care when entrusting their child to another person. Babysitters and care providers should be selected carefully, ensuring that the babysitter or care provider is mature and experienced enough to adequately supervise a child.

5. Violations of this policy should be reported to Directorate of Emergency Services, (301) 677-6222/6623.

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6. The proponent for the policy memorandum is Mrs Celena Flowers, Family Advocacy Program Manager at (301) 677-4357.



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