



CHILD CARE

Many of today's military families rely on quality child care as an important part of their support network. Parents want their children to be safe, happy, and healthy while they are in the care of others. Military spouses often work outside the home, continue their education, and play the role of single parent due to frequent deployments. DoD and the branches of Service are constantly reviewing and initiating programs to provide military families and their children with the best possible child care options.

If you will require child care services at your prospective duty station, it is recommended that you contact the installation child care center well in advance of your transfer to obtain information on registration requirements, waiting lists, priorities, etc. Contact information is available at the Military HOMEFRONT Installations link:

[Installations](#) - Select "*Child Development Centers*"

Operation Purple camp: National Military Family Association-sponsored camps designed to help military children struggling with the stresses of war. Free, week-long, overnight camps, open to all military children ages 7-17. The program aims to help military kids experience carefree fun while also learning coping skills to deal with deployment-related stress and fostering relationships with other children who know what they are going through.

[Operation Purple Camp](#)