



# Third Army/USARCENT Family Readiness Program Newcomer's Briefing



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The Third Army/USARCENT Family Readiness Program is here to assist Commanders, Soldiers, DA civilians and their Family members with:

## **EDUCATION AND REFERRAL**

for Army and ARCENT Family Readiness programs and issues.

# USARCENT Family Readiness Program

The Third Army/USARCENT Family Readiness Program Manager (FRPM) works closely with:

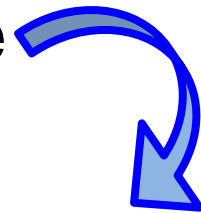
- Department of the Army and IMCOM
- Third Army Commanders
- Army Community Service (ACS)
- Airman & Family Readiness Center, Shaw AFB

To keep the command, Soldiers, DA civilians and their Families informed and educated on DA programs and benefits that are available should they be needed

# USARCENT Family Readiness Program

## How do we keep you informed?

- Information updates to Commanders, Key Staff, CSM, 1SG, NCOICs and FRG Leaders
- Family Readiness Education Program:
  - Mandatory FRG volunteer training
  - Army Family Team Building (AFTB) training
  - Program briefings as requested
- Input to unit FRG meetings and newsletters
- Family Readiness Program website
- By answering your questions



<http://www.arcent.army.mil/family-readiness-program/home-page.aspx>

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# Family Readiness Groups (FRG)

A recognized organization of Soldiers, DA civilians and Family members of a unit, which together provide a network of mutual support, assistance and communication among the Family members, the chain of command and the community.

**\*\*FRGs need volunteers to be effective\*\***



# Airman & Family Readiness Center



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<http://www.shaw.af.mil/units/airmanandfamilyreadinesscenter.asp>

# Programs Open to Spouses of Deployed Soldiers

**Hearts-Apart Social Party** – Monthly gathering includes food, child care, and activities (sponsored by AFRC donations).

**Morale Call** – Dial-in access to the Base DSN switch for free calls to your spouse.

**Remote/Deployed and Welcome Home Family Dinner** - Monthly gathering includes food, child care, and activities (sponsored by the Chapel)

**Remote/Deployed Family Movie Night** - \$1 off per person coupon for use at the theater concession stand

**Parent Night Out** – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month the CDC is open late, 1830 – 2230.

**Child Respite Care** – Per Army Family Covenant, 16 hrs a month of free child care.

**Information Overload!** – AFRC remote/deployed spouse e-mail list of base and community happenings.

\*Any programs sponsored by the **Air Force Aid Society** are **NOT** open to Army personnel

**To register for programs call MSgt Melton, AFRC Readiness NCO, 895-1255**

# Airman & Family Readiness Center

- Information and Referral Program
- Relocation
- Employment Services
- School Liaison Officer
- Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
- Financial Services
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Family Life Education
- Transition Assistance Services
- Family Services Loan Locker
- Personal and Family Readiness
- Army Family Covenant Benefits



# Army Family Covenant Benefits

## IF YOUR STATUS IS: YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR:

### ALL PATRONS

- 1- Free CYS registration and Registration fees
- 2- Free hourly group care for all attendees of a memorial service for a Fallen Soldier

### Mission Level 2 - TCS,

- 1- Free hourly or Kids on Site (KOS) care during mandatory deployment meetings
- 2- Free hourly or KOS care for FRG meetings (paid thru ACS)
- 3- **16 hours** free hourly Respite Care (per child, per month) **during designated TCS, PCS, or TDY period**

### PCS Unaccomp,

- 4- \$2.00 per child per hour rate for any hourly care beyond the free Respite care hours

### TDY (90-179) days

- 5- Up to **\$150** for SKIES classes per child/youth during designated support assignment
- 6- Up to **\$50** for CYSS Team or individual sports per child/youth during designated support assignment

# Contact Information

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