

**NAS JACKSONVILLE**

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## Quality

Our programs are certified by the DoD and are nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Council on Accreditation. Navy CYP is also affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and National 4-H. Because of our stringent, high-quality standards, you can always be assured of:

- Adult-to-child ratios that allow staff to respond to individual children's needs, in accordance with DoD and national standards
- Background checks on staff
- Frequent, positive and warm interaction among adults, children and youth
- Parent conferences
- Ongoing fire, safety and health inspections
- On-site training and curriculum specialists who are dedicated to staff training and curriculum development
- Parent involvement boards
- Inclusion Action Teams comprised of medical professionals

## Affordability

We are committed to the economic viability of military families. Child care fees are based on total family income (TFI). Youth recreation programs and activities are offered free or at a reasonable cost.

## Accessibility

We support our service members and their families through state-of-the-art Navy operated Child Development Centers, Child Development Homes, Youth Centers and commercial partnerships throughout the continental United States.

You'll enjoy:

- Convenient locations both on and off base
- Flexible hours, hourly care and 24/7 care options for shift workers

## Eligibility

Navy Child and Youth Programs are available to all active-duty military personnel, activated Reservists and Guardsmen, DoD civilian personnel and DoD contractors. Youth and teen recreation programs are also available to the children and youth of military retirees.



Military life comes with unique challenges. It's a world with a language of its own and new ways of doing things, from shopping at the Commissary to living in foreign lands.

Military children face more than the usual challenges of growing up, such as moving every few years and establishing new friendships, while worrying about family members who have been deployed.

Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) provide children and families with trusted programs and services that assist in coping with these challenges, making the difference between stress and success.

Our worldwide programs are part of the Department of Defense (DoD) military child care and youth development system, which provide developmental child care and youth recreation programs and services for eligible children and youth ages 6 weeks to 18 years. Programs and services are specifically designed and operated to meet the unique needs of the military mission, service members and their families.



## Child and Youth Development

Teams of caring, knowledgeable professionals plan developmentally appropriate programs that are responsive to the unique needs, abilities and interests of all children and youth.

**Our CYP professionals** offer a sense of independence, trust and responsibility within each child through understanding and respectful interactions. Likewise, through positive relationships, our programs respect and support the ideals, cultures and values of families. We are advocates for children, families and the child and youth professionals within our programs and surrounding communities.

**Our Early Childhood Curriculum** is thoughtfully planned, challenging, engaging, developmentally appropriate, culturally and linguistically responsive, and comprehensive. Our child development programs use the Creative Curriculum®, which is based on a solid foundation of theory and research. This curriculum approach enables teachers to:

- Assess the progress of children
- Adapt the curriculum to meet individual child development needs
- Advance all areas of interests, abilities, daily experiences and school readiness

**Our Youth and Teen Programs** partner with national youth serving organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and National 4-H, to promote and enhance youth development by:

- Instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence
- Assisting youth in learning leadership, citizenship and life skills

**Child and Youth Education Services** help “level the playing field” for transitioning students by preparing schools and installations to respond confidently to the complexities of transition and deployment. Families are provided the assurance that their children’s academic well being is a Navy priority through:

- School transition services
- Deployment support
- Installation, school and community communications
- Partnerships in education
- Home school linkage and support
- Post-secondary preparation opportunities

Your school liaison officer may be contacted at **(904) 778-2236**.

## Child Development Centers

**Child Development Centers** provide quality child development programs for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years in 124 centers worldwide. All centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

### Available Child Care:

- Full time
- Part time
- Drop-in
- Pre-Kindergarten

Activities that your child will be given the opportunity to participate in include: creative art, music, fine and gross motor development, sand and water play, songs and fingerplays, storytimes, promotion of a positive self-image, readiness skills for math, reading and writing, dramatic play and many activities to promote positive social skills.

The Child Development Center is located in **Building 2070**, is open Monday - Friday from 6:00 am - 6:00 pm (Closed on all federal holidays) and can be reached at **(904) 542-5529**.



## Child Development Homes

**Child Development Homes (CDH)** offer quality care in a loving, learning home environment for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. The flexible hours, 24/7 care, low child-to-adult ratios and convenient locations make this a viable option for families whose “normal” workday is anything but normal. All homes are certified by the Navy Child Development Program.

Child Development Homes are independent business enterprises operated by Navy certified military family members in their own homes.

On-base CDH providers and their homes are screened and approved by Preventive Medicine, Housing, Fleet & Family Service Center, Security Department and the Fire Department. A CNACI is completed on each provider prior to approval.

In addition to most of the above screenings, off-base providers and their homes are also screened and approved by the Department of Children and Families (DeCAF.)

The CDH office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (closed on all federal holidays) and can be reached at **(904) 542-5381**.

## Reservists and Deployment Support

Navy CYP partners with various national organizations to provide support to geographically dispersed military personnel who may not have access to Navy-operated programs or are located where there may be waiting lists for our programs.

### **Child Care in Your Neighborhood**

is a partnership with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies to assist families in locating, selecting and paying for quality civilian child care. Eligible families include those located in remote and isolated areas with no access to military child care because of their geographic location. In addition, families may be eligible if the military-operated program near where they live does not offer the service or is operating at capacity. For more information, visit [www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org).

### **Operation: Military Child Care**

is a partnership with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies that assists families in locating, selecting and paying for quality civilian child care while the service member is mobilized or deployed. Eligible families must have at least one parent deployed or mobilized in support of the Global War on Terrorism. For more information, visit [www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org).

### **Mission: Youth Outreach**

is a unique partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America that provides youth with free recreational memberships to local Boys and Girls Clubs in their community. Eligible youth include those who are located in remote and isolated areas with no access to on-base youth programs. For more information, visit [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org).

### **Operation: Military Kids**

is a collaborative effort with America's communities to support military children and youth impacted by deployment. The main goal is to build state collaborations in local communities that address the unique issues these children may be facing. For more information, visit [www.operationmilitarykids.org](http://www.operationmilitarykids.org).



## Youth Activities Center

**School Age Care Program (SACP)** caters to children in Kindergarten to 12 year olds. Check with your school to see if transportation is offered to and from the base. (SACP follows the Duval County School Calendar.)



### Programs Offered:

- Before and After School
- Holiday Camps
- Drop in Care
- Summer Camp
- Spring Break Camps

All SACP programs offer fitness programs, fine arts programs, photography and computer skills classes, drama clubs, writing clubs, science clubs and more!

The School Age Care Programs are located at **2069 Mustin Road** and can be reached at **(904) 778-9772**.

### The School Age Care hours of operation are:

Before School opens at 6:00 am

After School opens at 3:00 pm and closes at 6:00 pm

We are open during non school days (weather days, teacher planning days, etc.) and are closed on all federal holidays based on Clay and Duval county school schedules.

**Youth Program (Open Recreation)** is a FREE program for ages K-18 years. Programs offered are:

- Boys and Girls Clubs
- 4-H Programs
- Photography
- Arts and Crafts
- Fitness Programs
- Sports
- Computers
- Board Games
- Friday Night Fun and much more!



Call the Youth Center for specific open recreation times.

## Youth Activities Center

**Teen Programs** are for ages 12 - 18. Teens can participate in programs that encourage leadership, personal growth, volunteer services and bond with peers.

- Promote socialization and diverse experiences
- Provide current and age appropriate activities
- Enhance and improve our local community through service

**4-H-Military Club** is a community of 6 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. The 4-H'ers participate in fun, hands-on learning activities, supported by the latest research focusing on three areas:

- Science, Engineering and Technology
- Healthy Living
- Citizenship

**Family Fitness Center** is located at the Youth Activities Center.

With state-of-the-art equipment, parents have a chance to work out while keeping an eye on their child.

Please call **(904) 778-9772** for specific day and time information.



## Requesting Child Care

Registering for any of our worldwide child care programs and services is easy and can be completed through our online Request for Care (RFC). Families can apply for child care online any time from anywhere in the world.

To submit an RFC, visit [www.navy.mwr.org](http://www.navy.mwr.org) and click on "Child and Youth Programs." Once you apply, your request is automatically forwarded to the local program where child care is needed.





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