

## WHAT IS THE EFM PROGRAM?

The **Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)** assists Active Duty Service Members in managing the demands of a military career and care of a family member with special needs, whether medical, emotional or educational.

The program ensures that the family will be assigned to a location where appropriate services exist to support the special needs of the EFM.



### WHO QUALIFIES FOR EFMP?

An Exceptional Family Member is any dependent enrolled in DEERS and residing with their sponsor who may require special medical or educational services based upon a diagnosed physical, intellectual or emotional need. Enrollment in EFMP is mandatory per MCO 175.4A and SECNAV INST 1754.5B.

## THE BENEFITS

- ❖ Family support through an assigned Case Worker
- ❖ Eligibility for respite care
- ❖ Eligibility for the TriCare Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) program with qualifying condition
- ❖ Support at IEP meetings and other agency meetings
- ❖ EFMP attorney assistance
- ❖ Relocation assistance
- ❖ Support group
- ❖ Workshops and trainings
- ❖ Resources, referrals and more!



### HOW DO I ENROLL?

- ❖ Ensure your family member is enrolled in DEERS
- ❖ Contact the EFMP office for assistance and information
- ❖ Pick up or download the required enrollment forms:
  - ❖ DD Form 2792 (Medical Summary)
  - ❖ DD Form 2792-1 (Special Education/Early Intervention Summary)
- ❖ When complete, return the forms to the EFMP office for processing.

The forms are available from the installation EFMP office or can be downloaded from [www.usmc-mccs.org/EFMP](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/EFMP)

- ❖ Note: The DD Form 2792-1 must be completed for all children in school regardless of diagnosis. An IEP or IFSP must be attached, if applicable.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### *Will enrollment in the EFMP affect my opportunity to deploy?*

No. All Marines enrolled in EFMP must remain worldwide deployable and assignable.

### *Will EFMP enrollment hurt my chances for promotion?*

Promotion and selection boards DO NOT have access to your EFMP status. There are hundreds of success stories for senior enlisted and officers who have special-needs family members.

### *Will enrollment limit duty assignments?*

No. When it is time to transition to a new duty station, the Monitor will work with the Headquarters EFMP Assignment Coordinator to ensure new duty station will meet both the career and EFM needs. This can be accompanied or unaccompanied.

### *If an emergency occurs, what help is available?*

Humanitarian transfers (HUMS) may be available to accommodate your emergency needs. HUMS are for temporary situations usually lasting no more than one year.

### *Will my command be notified of my enrollment in EFMP?*

Commanding Officer will receive a quarterly report that lists EFMP enrolled service members in their unit. However, this list does not include any detail information about diagnosis. Any further enrollment information will be kept confidential, unless written authorization is received from the enrolled Service Member.



## RESOURCES

**AHRN:** AHRN provides information for PCSing. Listings include off-base rentals, on-base/military housing, shared rentals, temporary lodging and military for sale by owner. [www.AHRN.com](http://www.AHRN.com)

**ARIZONA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS (AZEIP):** Non for profit, statewide system of support and services for families with children, birth to three years old. The organization brings families and professionals together to support children's growth, development, and learning. (928) 783-4003

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC):** CDC provides childcare services for children between 6 weeks and 5 years old (not enrolled in Kindergarten). Full day, childcare is available to active duty, reservists on active duty, and military retirees attached to MCAS Yuma. (928) 269-2350

**DOD SPECIAL NEEDS TOOLKIT:** Comprehensive information and tools to help military families with special needs children navigate the maze of medical and special education services, community support, benefits and entitlements.

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

**EXTENDED CARE HEALTH OPTION (ECHO):** A supplemental program to the TRICARE Basic Program which provides eligible active duty family members with an additional resources. (866) 212-0442

<http://www.tricare.mil/echo/default.cfm>

**MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING:** Information about housing, private sector housing, and housing relocation and referral services. (619) 556-8443

<http://www.cnrswhousing.navy.mil/mfh/default.htm>

**NATIONAL DISSEMINATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES:** NICHCY serves the nation as a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth. <http://www.nichcy.org/index.html>

**NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM:** NPSP assist parents with children 6 years old or less. The organization provides assistance and education about parenting confidence, child developmental stages, and family support attached to MCAS Yuma. (928) 269-2308

**STOMP (SPECIALIZED TRAINING OF MILITARY PARENTS):** A federally funded Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs. (800) 572-7368 [www.stompproject.org](http://www.stompproject.org)



**For more information, please contact us at:**

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