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**DoD Joint Conference
“Improving the Quality of Life for
Military Families with Special Needs”
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Status

- **Ranked #1 in the Country for Quality, Standards and Oversight**
- **Enterprise Affordability**
- **1 in 4 Navy Families depend on Navy CYP**
- **Above Average Customer and Employee Satisfaction Index Scores**
- **1 in 4 of Fortunes Top 50 Companies offer on-site child care – including #1 Ranked Google**

CYP Availability - Among the Top Family Readiness Issues

System of Care



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- Child Development Centers (CDC)
- Child Development Homes (CDH)
- School Age Care (SAC)
- Youth Programs
- Child Behavioral Consultants (CBC)
- School Liaison Officers
- Resource and Referral
- Child & Youth Community Programs



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Baseline Services and Core School Liaison Officer responsibilities:

- School Transition Services (PCS Cycle)
- Deployment Support
- Installation, School, Community Communications
- Partnerships in Education (PIE)
- Home School Linkage, Support
- Post-Secondary Preparation Opportunities



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Why Child & Youth Education Services?

Navy Families:

- **Move** their children an average of every **2.9 years**
- Attend up to **9 different schools** by graduation
- Face increased operations tempo of GWOT and **deployment** impact on Navy children
- For more than eight years SLO support has been a benchmark at some locations [FFSC]

Argus Survey Results:

- #4 reason given to leave the Navy
 - **Impact on Family** (Effects of moves on spouse/children, family medical/dental benefits)
- #6 reason given to leave the Navy
 - **The impact of moving on your family** (spouse, children)



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More Reasons Why: Education Issues Identified by Navy Families

- Inconsistencies from state-to-state
- School Calendars
- Course content sequencing
- Grad requirements
 - Credits
 - Courses
 - Testing
- Extracurricular eligibility
- Schedules (block vs traditional)
- Transfer of records
- Credit transfers
 - Grading criteria
 - Honors & AP courses
- Scholarship availability
- Social & Emotional
- Deployment support
- Senior moves
- School quality
- Special Education challenges



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Organization

- **Integrated** into CYP as a core mission
 - NDAA Authority – Youth Sponsorship
- **School Liaison Officers (SLO)** will be assigned to appropriate installations/regions for direct support
 - Creates **seamless delivery system** for everything serving children (birth to age 18)
 - Provides structure for **institutional response** including policy, training, and funding



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School Liaison Officer (SLOs) Roles

- Act as primary **advisor to Command/staff** on matters relating to schools
- Serve as **installation/region subject matter expert** for Youth Education, Transition, K-12 School, and Deployment issues
- **Inform and advise commanders and parents** on student education issues
- **Develop solutions** in partnership with local schools to overcome barriers to successful education/school transitions
 - Permanent Change of Station (PCS)
 - Deployments
 - Youth Sponsorship
 - Special Education (IEP, 504 Plan Integration & Advocacy)
- **Collaborate with local schools and installation organizations** to facilitate the education transition experience
- Provide support and **assistance to families with school issues**



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SLO Special Needs Response

- **Installation subject matter expert** for special needs student education issues in your area
 - **Knowledgeable** on special needs educational issues
- **Inform and advise commanders and parents** on issues that affect special needs students as they arise
 - **Provide resources** to families
- **Develop solutions** to overcome barriers in partnership with:
 - Local schools
 - Fleet & Family Support/community resources
- **Educate** parents and commanders on the regulations, state guidelines for the IEP process, through various means such as briefings, websites, and resources materials.
- **Interface** with your local FFSP & EFMP and be the **catalyst for communication** between EFMP and local schools.



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Special Needs Support

Family Responsibility	SLO Role (as conduit between Parent and K-12)	School District/ Building Responsibility	SLO Role (as conduit between K-12 and Navy)	Navy Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for EFMP category (if not already done) • Maintain a current set of records, to include evaluations, IEPs, medical documents, services, contacts, etc. • Attend and actively participate in all special education meetings • Primary advocate for best interests of child • Understand basics of rights and responsibilities for child • Attend relevant trainings conducted by navy, school and community – stay informed! • Participate in community support network offerings • Develop and maintain list of child strengths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field calls from parents, base staff and district staff regarding special needs requests • Listen/ask clarifying questions • Refer parent to central district administrator in charge of special education • Explain basic special education process • Explain basic state testing procedures and options for students in special education • Refer parents to STOMP/other community agencies • Communicate with relevant school district POC • Organize periodic trainings for installation staff, parents and educators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with all federal IDEA laws and regulations • Compliance with all special education state laws and regulations • Provide copies of Procedural Rights for parents of students in special education • Explain mediation process • Explain Citizen Complaint process (depends on the state) • Explain Due Process Hearing procedures • Determine district graduation requirements (including courses, credits, service/community projects, portfolios— which can vary by district) • Know the differences between eligibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network with FFSP and CYP staff; provide school POC to Navy staff and parents • Refer families to Child Find process in relevant local district • Communicate with relevant Navy program POC 	<p><u>Fleet and Family Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and referral • Offer classes about the EFMP process <p><u>EFMP Coordinator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist families with completion of EFMP paperwork <p><u>Child and Youth Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With parent consent-- share data with relevant school district POC to assist school district in providing appropriate evaluation and services • Determine what outside-of-school-hour supports are appropriate and how they will be provided <p><u>FFS/CYP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the differences between eligibility criteria, services provided, and by whom, for EFMP, IDEA, & 504



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Kids Included Together (KIT)

- Commitment to Inclusion, Kids and Families Benefit!
- Navy contract with a San Diego based non-profit,
 - Kids Included Together (KIT) to train Navy CYP professionals navy-wide
 - In Child Development Centers, Youth and Teen Programs and Child Development Homes on the best practices of inclusion.
- KIT's mission is to support recreational, child development and youth development programs that include children with and without disabilities.
- KIT's goals are to enrich the lives
- KIT will provide best practice training on
 - inclusion: the process of including children with and without disabilities together in community settings
 - such as recreational, child development, and youth development programs.
- KIT uses its curriculum, online tools and resources, relationship-based coaching, resource library and state-of-the-art eLearning modules.
- Resource:
 - CYP Professionals
 - Parents
 - Educators



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What Next?

- **Challenges Your Families Face**
 - K-12 Education issues
 - Transitions (PCS)
 - Deployment Support
- **Successes You've Had**
 - Advocacy
 - Empowerment
 - Partnerships (schools, on-base agencies etc...)
- **Recommendations for the Future**



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