

Military HOMEFRONT

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A Resource for Military Families with Special Needs



The Official Department of Defense
Website Providing Reliable
Quality of Life Information to
Families, Leaders & Service Providers



Over 100,000 military families are enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP); it is estimated that many more have

family members with special needs (spouses, children and dependent parents) who require special medical or educational services.

MilitaryHOMEFRONT has a dedicated Special Needs/EFMP section that has a wealth of information and resources. We invite you to explore the website to learn about and locate resources that will support your family, your program or your troops. This brochure highlights some of the important topic areas in the Special Needs/EFMP section.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

In this section, you will find a description of the personnel and assignment functions of the Exceptional Family Member Program, as well as, pertinent regulations, the DD 2792, and the EFMP enrollment forms for each military branch. Here, you will also find Headquarters and installation level points of contact.



Education

In addition to eligibility information, resources and federal laws that pertain to Special Education, MilitaryHOMEFRONT has comprehensive information about:

- Early Intervention Services
- Head Start/Sure Start
- Special Education
- Children Over 21

Medical Care

Military families need links to basic TRICARE information. Find them here. You will also find information on resources, eligibility guidelines, application processes and points of contact for Federal programs such as Medicaid, Medicare and Title V-Children with Special Health Care Needs.



Family Stories

The featured family stories illustrate the strength of military families and the resources these families have used to support their exceptional family members. Use MilitaryHOMEFRONT's "Feedback" function to submit your own family story!

Family Connections Forum

Use the Family Connections forum to connect with other military families with special needs, or find out about special needs resources at other duty station locations, or ask general disability-related questions.

Resources

Each topic area in the Special Needs/EFMP section has a broad list of resources. Looking for specific disability organizations? Why not search through our A-Z directory of disability-specific organizations for diseases, disorders and syndromes?

State Resources

Gathering information about a State's resources is one of the many tedious tasks military families encounter prior to, during and after relocating. STATE RESOURCES make life a little easier by linking to disability clearinghouses and individual State program and organizations that can help your transition to a new State go a lot more smoothly.

Family Support

Find who provides family support services and where. Learn about enrolling your special needs child in child care. The MilitaryHOMEFRONT has the information you need about respite care and other available resources.



Financial & Legal Issues

These pages describe military and Federal programs that provide financial assistance to families with qualifying conditions, such as:

- Supplemental Security Income
- Social Security Disability Insurance
- Food Stamps
- Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

You will also find information regarding transition planning, guardianship, estate plans, tax benefits and IRS assistance available to people with disabilities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Browse through our list of frequently asked questions. We've answered your queries about EFMP enrollment, WIC, Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), PCS moves, Early Intervention and much more!

Tool Box

The Tool Box is a valuable component of the web site. It contains tools that will help a family organize their medical and educational information, find helpful Toll Free numbers and access Benefit Checklists. The Tool Box also includes links to Locators to find Respite Care, Eldercare agencies, Social Security Administration offices and much more.

What's New

Our Special Needs/EFMP homepage "What's New" area is where you will find recent updates to the Special Needs/EFMP section as well as important news and events that may affect the military special needs population.



Subscribe to the Monthly Special Needs/EFMP Newsletter

Please visit www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/ subscriptions to subscribe to our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter highlights important news and upcoming events and covers important topics of interest to the special needs military community.

Program Coordinators

If you are a program coordinator, please check the accuracy of your information on MilitaryHOMEFRONT. Send us a link to your own website via our "Feedback" area and we will post it along with your contact information.

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