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Find and Afford Quality Child Care in the Community

Learn about child care fee assistance and qualified providers with Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood

The Department of Defense has expanded the availability of quality child care options for military families through its fee assistance program known as Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood, or MCCYN.

Child Care Fee Assistance Programs

Accessing affordable quality care is essential to children's well-being and parents' peace of mind.

While parents can still find full-time, on-installation care through MilitaryChildCare.com, they can also receive child care fee assistance for off-installation care through the Department of Defense communitybased fee assistance program administered through Child Care Aware® of America.

MCCYN supports military families in locations with extensive waitlists as well as those that are geographically dispersed. When on-installation child care is unavailable for eligible military families, MCCYN reduces the out-of-pocket expense.

MCCYN-PLUS: More Options for Qualified Providers

Military OneSource is bridging the gap between licensed and accredited care in locations where quality child care is limited. The Child Care Fee Assistance Program is increasing the number of qualified community-based providers for our military moms and dads, including center-based care as well as family child care resources.

Parents get more quality child care options, and eligible care providers have the opportunity to support and expand their businesses to military families while receiving fee assistance. The program continues to grow and expand into new locations.

In addition to accredited providers, licensed care providers that demonstrate continual improvement and participate in the Quality Rating and Improvement System, or QRIS, may be eligible for MCCYN-PLUS fee assistance.

Apply for fee assistance: www.childcareaware.org

Click on "Learn More" under Fee Assistance and Respite Care for Military/DOD Families. Select your military branch to apply and search for resources and providers near you.

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