

Operation Child Care (OCC)

Volunteer care at off-base licensed homes or centers for ANG/AFR returning from deployment.

Operation Military Child Care (OMCC)

Subsidized care at off-base licensed homes or centers for ANG/AFR families.

Operation Military Child Care in your Neighborhood (OMCCIYN)

Fee assistance to all active and activated AF members where on-base care is not available due to extensive distance from a military installation.

For more information and to enroll contact: www.naccrra.org/military_programs/

To apply for reduced fee child care for OMCC or OMCCIYN above, the AF member, spouse or legal guardian contacts NACCRRRA's Child Care Aware toll-free at 1-800-424-2246 or via the web at www.childcareaware.org.

How to Find a Provider

Finding quality child care can be a challenge. The Family Child Care office provides a Resource and Referral listing and can further assist you in this search. Personal assistance is also available.

Tips on making your selection:

- Interview several providers in advance.
- Ask for references. If possible, contact parents who currently use the provider, as well as those whose children are no longer in care. Don't be afraid to ask questions about the care provided in the home.
- Find out if the home is licensed. The Mission Support Group commander licenses all FCC homes. Look for the FCC logos in their front windows.
- Ask about provider backup availability in the event the provider is unable to provide care for your child.
- Spend time with the provider to see if his/her childrearing practices are compatible with your own.
- Let the provider interact with your child. Parents should try to select a FCC provider whom your child feels at ease with. Does the provider respond and talk to all children in a positive, warm and understanding way?
- Ask very specific questions about the provider's discipline techniques. Family Child Care providers are prohibited from using corporal punishment, even with parental permission.

- Clarify your needs and expectations. Be sure you and the provider understand all that is expected from the child care arrangement. Do the program philosophies and values coincide with your own?

- Review the provider contract prior to signing.

- Ask about flexibility of provider's hours. If your duty schedule changes unexpectedly, will the provider be available to care for your child?

- Look for evidence of good hygiene and sanitary conditions. All licensed homes are inspected monthly. Ask to review the provider's last home inspection or drop by the Family Child Care office for information.

- Review activity plans. Do the activities planned for the children offer a balance of inside/outside and child/teacher initiated activities? If you need further assistance, have questions or concerns, contact the Family Child Care office. We can assist you in finding a provider who meets your needs.

Being a Family Child Care Provider

Be your own boss, supplement income from home. Military-affiliated spouses have the opportunity to be small business owners and set their own hours caring for children at home.

Here's how:

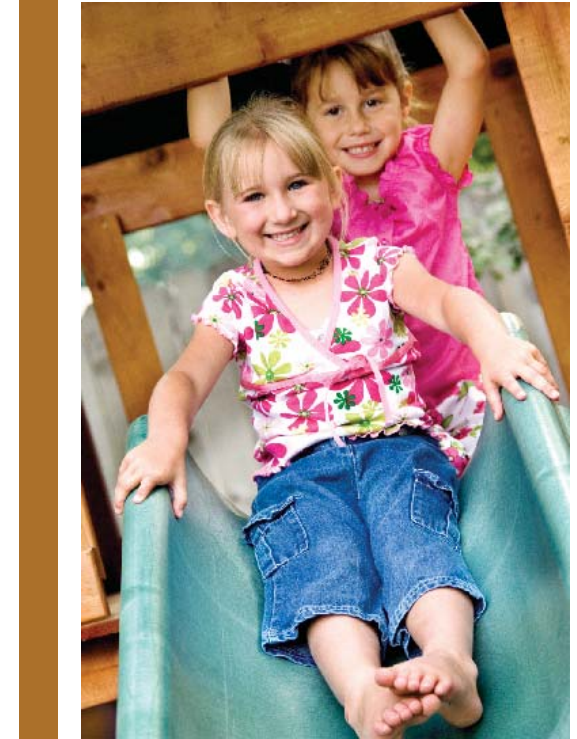
1. Complete the FCC application including paperwork for background checks
2. Attend FCC orientation training
3. Obtain current First-aid and CPR Certificates

Off-base care: become an affiliated provider. FCC is now available in off-base affiliated-provider homes. Offering the same quality care, these homes are affiliated with the AF and are required to meet all AF standards as well as being licensed through the State of Nebraska.

For more information, please call the Family Child Care Office at 402-294-9016 or DSN 271-9016.

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away from home...



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Offutt AFB, NE
(402) 294-9016/17

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

About Us

Our goal is to ensure quality child care is available to military members and Department of Defense employees so they can successfully perform their mission duties, secure in the knowledge their children are cared for in a safe, healthy and loving environment. The Family Child Care program is designed to provide an alternative to center-based care with flexible hours and small groups in home settings. Our program also offers an opportunity for spouses to contribute to the family income while caring for children at home.

Advantages of Using a Family Child Care Home

- Affordable quality child care
- Flexible hours to include care for shift workers
- Provisions for special needs care
- Small group settings
- Home atmosphere
- Hourly care
- Full and part-day care
- Subsidized providers

Ratio

There are no more than six children that may be cared for at one time and only two children under the age of 2. This number includes the provider's own children under eight years of age.

Eligibility

Children of active duty military personnel or DoD civilians employed on base, ages two weeks through 12 years are eligible for care.

This program accepts children and providers with chronic health problems including HIV positive individuals.

Our Providers are:

- First Aid and CPR certified
- Trained in Child Abuse Identification and Prevention
- Screened by Family Advocacy, Life Skills, Housing, Security Forces and Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- USDA trained
- Approved by Fire, Safety, and Public Health Agencies
- Unannounced inspections monthly
- Provided with annual training—must obtain 24 hours per year
- Approved by the Family Child Care panel
- Licensed by the Mission Support Group Commander

AF Child Care for PCS Program

Intended to help relieve some of the stress felt by families in the process of a PCS move. The Air Force Aid Society pays up to 20 hours of child care (per child) in licensed FCC homes on base or in AF affiliated homes off base. Air Force families with PCS orders can obtain a Child Care for PCS Certificate at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Families can receive a certificate at both the base from which they are departing and at their new base. Certificates are good only at the base where they are issued— unused hours do not transfer from one base to another. Families may use the 20 hours of child care within 60 days before the family's departure from a base, and 60 days after arriving at the new base.

Child Care for Volunteers Program

Recognizing the importance of volunteers to the base community, the AFAS will pay child care expenses in AF licensed or affiliated FCC homes for volunteers engaged in supporting programs, which benefit the AF community. This funding supports as many volunteers at various base agencies, as possible. Program not intended for volunteers in resale (Thrift Shop), fund raising or social activities.

Extended Duty Care Program

The Family Child Care Program can assist when your military job has you working extended hours. Licensed Family Child Care Providers can pick up your child from other on-base child care programs and provide care for those additional hours with no additional cost to the parent.

Hourly Child Care

Offers parents more flexibility with hours of operation such as including odd hour care, evening, weekend and/ or overnight care.

Returning Home Care

16 free hours of child care for those who have been deployed 30 days or more in direct support on the Global War on Terror.

Subsidy Program

Allows parents to utilize a FCC home and pay the same weekly fee they would be charged for child care in the CDC or School-Age Program. The amount offset by Air Force is based on the type of care provided, the age of the child, and the provider's license status. The FCC Coordinator calculates parent fees by using DoD guidelines on Total Family Income. Only available at bases where there is a CDC waiting list; check with the FCC Coordinator for program availability.

Additional types of care available include the following:

Special Needs
Full time, part-day, before and after school care
Swing/mid-shift
TDY
Weekends