



Air Force Respite Care

What is Air Force EFMP Respite Child Care?

U.S. Air Force (USAF) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) families stationed throughout the country have children who require child care services. Some children have special needs that require unique child care considerations. Finding and paying for quality child care for children with special needs can also present significant challenges for military families. The U.S. Air Force EFMP has established a quality respite child care program for families with children having special needs and who are enrolled in the USAF EFMP. Respite Child Care is specially designed for Air Force families who have children diagnosed with moderate or severe special needs.

Where is the program available?

The Air Force EFMP Respite Child Care Program is available for all service members stationed at an Air Force Base within the Continental United States (CONUS) as well as Hawaii and Alaska. Additionally, the Family Child-Care Coordinator (FCC): Ms. Lisa Kouri-Perraut 405-734-7190, will attempt to locate a provider for all Air Force service members who are stationed at Tinker AFB.

How many hours of Respite Child Care can I qualify for?

After recent authorization by Air Force Headquarters, all eligible Air Force families may receive up to 40 hours of respite child care per month.

What is authorized in Air Force EFMP Respite Child Care?

- Up to 40 hours of respite child care per month
- Your choice of an approved* provider in your home, licensed Family Child Care home or child care center/special needs center

*Approved providers have comprehensive background checks and pre-service training: CPR, First Aid, Medication Dispensation, and Child Abuse Recognition & Prevention as well as subject matter training in the care of children with special needs.

How much will Air Force EFMP Respite Child Care cost my family?

Respite Child Care is *free* to eligible families.

Who is eligible for Air Force EFMP Respite Child Care?

Airmen are eligible if:

- The family is enrolled in the USAF EFMP
- The EFM child (ren), ages birth through 18 years, are diagnosed with moderate or severe special needs

- The sibling, age's birth through 12 years
- The EFM child (ren) and siblings must reside with the Airman
- The Airman is stationed within the Continental United States
- The Airman is active duty, including Air Guard and Reserve, if activated for at least 31 days

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