

## What is the Exceptional Family Member Program?

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) supports military families with special medical and educational needs. The program has three components.

- Identification and Enrollment
- Assignment Coordination
- Family Support

## Who is a family member with special needs<sup>1</sup>?

A family member who has special needs is a

- spouse, child, or dependent adult who, regardless of age, has special medical needs and
  - requires medical services for a chronic condition such as asthma, attention deficit disorder, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, etc.;
  - receives ongoing services from a medical specialist; or
  - has significant behavioral health concerns.
- child (birth through 21 years) with special educational needs who is eligible for, or receives,
  - special education services through an Individualized Education Program (IEP) ; or
  - Early Intervention Services (EIS) through an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

## EFMP Identification and Enrollment

Enrollment in the EFMP is mandatory for active duty military members. When a family member is identified with special medical and/or educational needs, the special needs are documented through enrollment in the EFMP. This allows medical and educational personnel to review the availability of medical and educational resources in projected assignment locations.

Members of the Guard or Reserves may enroll according to Service-specific guidance.

### Why enroll?

Enrollment ensures that the family member's documented medical and educational needs are considered during the assignment process.

### What is the enrollment process?

Paperwork required for enrollment in the EFMP is available from the EFMP medical point of contact at the installation Military Treatment Facility (MTF) or in the Marine Corps, from Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS).

Paperwork includes:

- DD Form 2792, *Family Member Medical Summary*, documents medical needs. The service member, spouse, or adult family member completes the first page. The remainder is completed by the family member's physician or other qualified medical professional, and includes the diagnosis, frequency of care, medication, and any special accommodations required by the family member.

- DD Form 2792-1, *Family Member Special Education/ Early Intervention Summary*, documents educational needs. The sponsor, parent, or legal guardian completes items one through seven of the first page. The remainder of the form is completed by school or early intervention program personnel. The form includes the child's educational diagnosis and is accompanied by a copy of the IEP or IFSP.

After the appropriate medical and/or educational provider completes the form(s), they must be returned to the EFMP medical point of contact.

## EFMP Assignment Coordination

### What is Assignment Coordination?

The military mission is the driving force behind the assignment process, but the EFMP enrollment ensures that a family member's special needs are considered in the process. Assignment coordination occurs when the personnel command requests medical and/or educational professionals to review a family member's documented needs (available because of the EFMP enrollment) to determine availability of services at a projected location.

### Why is assignment coordination important?

Assignment coordination is important because access to appropriate medical and educational services may be limited in some locations, especially in overseas and remote locations. When assignment coordination occurs, family members receive the care and support they require and the service member can focus more clearly on mission-related responsibilities.

<sup>1</sup> Specific criteria can be found in DoD Instruction 1315.19

## EFMP Family Support

### What is Family Support?

EFMP family support assists families with special needs by helping them identify and access programs and services. It includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- information and referral for military and community services
- education and training about issues related to the special need
- referral to other family center providers
- local school and EIS information
- warm handoffs to the EFMP at the next location
- non-clinical case management, including Individualized Services Plans

### Where are EFMP family support providers located?

EFMP family support providers are primarily located at installation Family Centers. For families who are not located near an installation, consult your Service website for more information about accessing services, or call Military OneSource.

EFMP contact information can be found at the following locations:

- Service websites
- the installation's Family Center
- MilitaryINSTALLATIONS at [www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil)
- Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647 or [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)



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