



Subsidized Child Care now Offered to Guard and Reserve

The Defense Department has joined forces with national agencies to help Guard and Reserve families in finding and affording childcare while Mom or Dad is deployed in support of the global war on terrorism.

DoD, in partnership with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA), which administers the program, designed this initiative to benefit those who do not live near military installations.

While OMCC doesn't fully subsidize childcare, it does work to reduce the financial burden. Fees are based on a sliding scale that takes into consideration total family income and the care provider's actual cost.

To take part in the program, apply through NACCRRA via a special Web site (listed below) or by a toll-free call to (800) 424-2246. The child-care provider also must apply — an important step because subsidies are paid to the care provider, not to the applicant.

The program officially began March 3, and is expected to place approximately 5,000 Guard and Reserve service members' children into child care. However, the actual number of recipients could fluctuate if there is a change in the funding, which comes in the form of supplemental funding through Congress. Officials hope to expand this program in the future to accommodate some of the 38,000 children of active-duty service members in need of child care.

NACCRRA also supports the Guard and Reserve through a program called Operation Child Care (OCC). OCC is a voluntary NACCRRA program that provides up to six hours of free child care to Guard and Reserve families whose deployed service member is returning home for rest and recuperation.



For more information on Operation Military Child Care, visit www.naccrra.org/MilitaryPrograms/index.php?program=omcc.

To apply for Operation Military Child Care, visit www.childcareaware.org/en/.

For more information on the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, visit www.naccrra.org.

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