



Find and Afford Quality Child Care in the Community

Learn about qualified child care providers with Military Child Care
in Your Neighborhood-PLUS, or MCCYN-PLUS

The Defense Department has expanded the fee assistance program to include state quality rated providers to increase availability of child care options for military families.

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, fee assistance is available for off-installation care through the Defense Department's MCCYN program.

MCCYN supports active-duty military members and active Guard and reserve members in locations with extensive waitlists or when families do not live close to a military installation. 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

The Defense Department is closing 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 families.

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 take part in their state's quality improvement program may be eligible for MCCYN-PLUS fee assistance.

Eligible families can receive assistance with locating accredited community child care providers as first choice. In locations where national accredited community-based providers are unavailable, child care providers with a DOD-approved state quality rating, level or tier will be made available to these families as an alternative.

Learn more about the MCCYN-PLUS expansion:
[https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/
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