

Exceptional Family Member Factsheet NSA Annapolis

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program, per OPNAVINST 1754.2 series, which identifies long-term medical (physical and emotional) and/or special educational needs of military family members. Every Military Treatment Facility assigns an EFM Coordinator to facilitate the enrollment process. Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC) have a designated staff member, traditionally the Work and Family Life Consultant/Relocation, who provides information and referral on the program.

To receive assistance and information about TRICARE, call the local Health Benefits Advisor. **Enrollment into the EFM program is mandatory;** Service members are required to enroll as soon as special needs are known, and at least nine months before a Projected Rotation Date (PRD). This provides your detailer enough time to work your assignment, taking into consideration Navy and family needs.

EFMP is open to any authorized family member who meets at least one of the following criteria:



- Physical, emotional or other developmental disability
- Long-term chronic illness
- Long-term special educational needs
- Enrolled in DEERS and resides with sponsor (exceptions include geographical bachelors and family members receiving inpatient care or care in a residential setting)

Special Needs Network -- Visit Military HomeFront at www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil where you'll find a wealth of information for military family members with special medical or educational needs.

Before Departure -- Contact your current base EFMP coordinator if you believe you need to enroll in the program. You will need to complete an application package. Call your local Fleet and Family Support Center or Military Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) for assistance.

Application Procedures -- Once you obtain the application package, the enrollment forms are completed by the attending physician and/or school official then returned to the MTF for review and EFMP Coordinator's signature. The completed application is forwarded to a Central Screening Committee for approval. The process takes four to six weeks.

Base Housing Priority -- Based on the rating or category given from the Central Screening Committee, you may be eligible for priority of base housing. You may contact the NSA Annapolis Housing Welcome Center at 410-293-9731.

Program Coordinator -- The Navy Headquarters Program Coordinator assists commands with enrollment processing, reviews all EFM assignments, ensures assignments meet EFM needs and assists service members in identifying resources. The coordinator also assists commands and medical facilities with early return requests, overseas and isolated area screenings and ensures service members/families are not separated if the family member fails screening. Involuntary unaccompanied tours must be approved by CHNAVPERS. The Navy Headquarters Program Coordinator provides advocacy and assistance to commands and service members as well as providing education and training for EFM families. For more information, please call Regina at 410-293-2822.

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