



EFMP Brief for Leaders





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Overview of the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)



The EFMP supports military families with special medical and / or educational needs and consists of three Components.

EFMP Components

 **Identification / Enrollment** of a family member with special medical and / or educational needs.

 **Assignment Coordination** ensures special needs are considered during the assignment process.

 **Family Support** assists families in identifying and accessing community resources and services.

EFMP Enrollment Snapshot

- Approximately **100,000 Sponsors** with **130,000 Family Members across the DoD** are enrolled in the EFMP¹.
- Approximately **8% of Service Members²** and **8% of Family Members³** across the **DoD** are enrolled in the EFMP.

The EFMP guidance is outlined in DoD Instructions (DoDIs) 1315.19 and 1342.22 and Service-level policy.

¹Data estimates reported from each of the Services to OSD (FY17 Q4)

²Data estimates reported to Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) (September 2017)

³Data estimates reported in the Military OneSource Demographics Report (FY2016)



Impact of Enrollment



Families that are enrolled in the EFMP may have experiences that require additional attention and coordination.

Families with special needs navigate complex systems of care with unique considerations and qualities.



EFMP Family Support staff can provide appropriate support for the unique considerations and qualities of the special needs community.



Provide information and referral services for military and community resources.



Assist families in navigating medical and education programs and resources, and how to apply for benefits and entitlements.



Facilitate "warm handoffs" for families traveling to new locations.



Provide non-clinical case management, including individualized services plans.



Offer opportunities for families with special needs to connect.



“Myth Busters”



There are several misconceptions about the support that is provided to the military community with special needs.

Myth: Families can only be identified and enrolled in the EFMP during the assignment process.

- Families can be identified for enrollment into the EFMP in a variety of ways, including through EFMP Family Support programs, medical providers, educational staff, word of mouth, and self-identification.
- DD Forms 2792 and 2792-1 are used for both enrollment and screening; completion of these forms does not automatically result in EFMP enrollment.

Myth: Families can only receive support from their own Service.

- The EFMP supports all families with special medical and / or educational needs across the DoD.
- Any family, regardless of location and Service affiliation, can access EFMP Family Support services.

Myth: The EFMP oversees TRICARE Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) benefits and services.

- The EFMP has no oversight responsibility for ECHO.
- Proof of EFMP enrollment (and an eligible condition) are requirements for access to ECHO benefits.
- The EFMP can provide information related to ECHO and connect families with appropriate ECHO points of contact (POCs).

Standard information will continue to be developed and distributed to address the misconceptions and stigma affecting the EFMP.



Standard Resources for Family Support



All EFMP Family Support staff and families have access to standard resources to assist in navigating DoD special needs programming.



Reference Materials

The following reference materials assist in locating available special needs resources:

- Family Support Reference Guide
- EFMP Quick Reference Guide (QRG)
- Guide for Adults with Special Needs
- Education Directory for Children with Special Needs



Tools

The following tools assist in accessing and recording special needs information and services:

- Family Needs Assessment (FNA)
- DoD Special Needs Parent Toolkit: Birth to 18
- Special Care Organizational Record (SCOR) for Children with Special Health Care Needs
- SCOR for Adults with Special Health Care Needs
- SCOR for Eldercare



Communications Materials

The following communications materials assist families and staff in learning about special needs programs and current initiatives:

- Family Needs Assessment (FNA) Training Video
- The Exceptional Advocate
- EFMP Tools and Information (e.g., e-learning trainings, fact sheets) on Military OneSource
 - <http://www.militaryonesource.mil>
- Military Families Learning Network (MFLN)
 - <https://militaryfamilies.extension.org> and <https://www.ustream.tv/channel/milfamln>



Command Responsibilities and Benefits



Responsibilities



Communicate information about the EFMP, such as mandatory enrollment and program updates.



Promote the EFMP through positive messaging and dissemination of available information.



Ensure Service Members fulfill their responsibilities as an EFMP enrollee.

Benefits



Assignment Coordination ensures family members' medical and/or educational needs are considered during a PCS.



Timely identification of special needs and enrollment into the program can reduce interpersonal and unit crises.



EFMP Family Support services contribute to personal and family readiness.



Service-Specific and Community Information



The Service-specific and community information highlights the resources, community partners, demographics, and recent activities and accomplishments at H&S Battalion, HQMC, Henderson Hall EFMP.

Resources & Community Partners

- Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)
- Arc of Northern Virginia
- Parents Place of Maryland
- Moms in Motion
- Social Security Administration
- Virginia Department of Education
- Semper K9

Demographics of Installation Population

- *Contact Henderson Hall EFMP for a Commander's Report for your unit.*

Recent Activities & Accomplishments

- *See monthly newsletters: <http://mccshh.com/efmpnewsletters.html>*



Contact Information



Feel free to reach out to the points of contact listed below with any questions or comments regarding Henderson Hall EFMP.

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