

# CHILD CARE OPTIONS

FOR YOUR MARINE CORPS-AFFILIATED FAMILY

Child care options for Marine families vary from location to location. To get started, please visit [MilitaryChildCare.com](https://militarychildcare.com). Military-connected families can use this web based system to request child care where they are stationed, as well as where they may be PCSing. The system is used for all Department of Defense (DoD) service branches to allow for better planning of care in preparation for child care or PCS moves.

## PROGRAM TYPES

USMC Child and Youth Programs (CYPs) provide child care services for children of DoD personnel from infant to 18 years of age (children, school-age, youth, and teens). **Child care costs, based on a household income, are standardized across all DoD programs.**

- **Child Development Center (CDC):** A CDC is a facility-based program that provides child care services for infants through preschool age children from Monday through Friday.
- **Family Child Care (FCC):** An FCC Program provides administrative oversight for an installation's FCC providers. FCC providers are certified child care professionals who provide child care for infants through school age children in their on-base homes. FCC providers typically offer a flexible schedule to support parents with a variety of care needs, including full-day, part-day care, school year care, s summer camp, and in some cases, 24/7 and extended care.
- **School Age Care (SAC):** A SAC program is a facility-based program that provides child care services to school age children (children in full day kindergarten through grade six) during the school year. SAC programs includes before and after school care and during school breaks (e.g., winter break, spring break). SAC programs also provide Summer Camp.
- **Youth Programs:** Dynamic programs for youth are provided at various USMC locations. A variety of offerings include activities in health and wellness, sports and recreation, the arts, education and career development, and leadership and service. Installation programs may also collaborate with other youth-serving organizations, like the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and USDA 4-H programs.

## FEE ASSISTANCE & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Fee Assistance:** If an installation has a lengthy waitlist, a fee assistance option may be available. This subsidy will help bridge the cost difference between community and on base care.

To learn more about the child care options available at a specific location, visit the Child and Youth web page under Marine Family Support on your installation's MCCS website to find the local contact information for the Resource and Referral office.

You may also visit:

[public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil/mccu/ui/#/aboutprograms](https://public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil/mccu/ui/#/aboutprograms)