



## CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

### Commander's Fee Facts School Year 17-18

#### ARMY CYS IS A GREAT VALUE!

#### Did you know?

- The Military Child Care Act requires DoD to establish DoD-Wide uniform child care fees based on Total Family Income (not rank or grade) for use by all branches of the Service.
- The Army pays a share of the true cost of care for all Families.
- DoD has established a single fee for each TFI category for all Services. This single fee for each TFI category provides consistent child care fees across the Military Services.
- Families enrolled in off-post Community Based Child Care programs may receive Fee Assistance to pay fees comparable to those charged on post for Full Day services.
- Garrison Commanders may temporarily adjust fees for individual Families based on financial hardship or other special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.
- Installation School Year (SY) 2017-2018 Standardized Child Care Fees are effective NLT 1 February 2018.

#### Major changes for SY 2017-2018 Army Child and Youth Fees include:

- During DoD's annual review of child care fees, it was determined that fee subsidies for DoD contractors and specified space available patrons are not authorized. This impacts weekly fees, multiple child discounts, and individual financial hardship waivers. The term "space available patron" does not include active duty Military Service members with non-working spouse, or DoD civilian employees paid from APF and NAF with non-working spouses.
- Child care fees for current DoD contractors and specified space available patrons will remain the same as other patrons for SY 2017-2018.

- DoD contractors and specified space available patrons enrolling on or after February 1, 2018 will pay the unsubsidized Category IX contractor child care fees. Child care fee subsidies will cease for all DoD Contractors and specified space available patrons with the implementation of the SY 2018-2019 Fee Policy.
- Eligible patrons include: Active duty military personnel; DoD civilian employees paid from either appropriated funds (APF) or non-appropriated funds (NAF); Reserve Component military personnel on active duty or inactive duty training status; active duty combat related wounded warrior; surviving spouses of military members who died from a combat-related incident; those acting in loco parentis for the dependent child of an otherwise eligible patron; eligible employees of DoD contractors; and others authorized on a space available basis.
- A one time ten percent reduction may be applied to the final payment for full day, and before/after school care programs when a 30-day notification for withdrawal/disenrollment from a program is provided. This reduction is not applied to Families transitioning to other on post CYS programs (e.g. transitioning from CDC to SAC, etc.).
- Summer/seasonal camp fees are charged weekly. Payment is due Monday prior to the beginning of camp week.
- The current nine TFI categories have been adjusted from last year to reflect a weighted average of the proposed military and civilian pay increases. Compared to last year, CAT 1-9 will see an increase of approximately \$2-22 per month.

### **What do Families get for their child care dollar?**

- Operating hours geared to the duty day
- 220-240 hours of full-day care each month
- 6-12 hours per day Monday thru Friday
- 44 nutritious meals and up to 22 snacks per month
- Choice of Centers or Family Child Care program settings
- Health, safety, fire and program inspections conducted throughout the year
- Homework centers, technology labs and individual tutoring to promote school success
- Fee reductions for parental involvement
- Highly trained staff with background checks

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