



Child Care Providers: Army Families Need You!

A★R★M★Y Child Care in Your Neighborhood



"...Beyond the Gates"





Army Child Care... Beyond the Gates

The Army is experiencing dramatic changes as bases are closed and Troops are re-locating from overseas to stateside locations.

“Baby Booms” are occurring as Soldiers deploy and return from rotating assignments. On post child care programs are expanding, but more care options are still needed!

Supporting the Military Mission

Center and Home care options that support the hours Soldier parents have to work are needed in off post communities for Army children ages 6 weeks - 12 years. Most will use full day care. At times some may need part day, shift, early morning and extended hours care. Occasionally some may need weekend or “round the clock” care to accommodate work schedules.

Collaborating for Military Children

Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood is a collaboration among the United States Army, the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) and 10 Child Care Resource and



Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) serving: Colorado Springs, CO; Manhattan, KS; Madisonville, KY; Fayetteville, NC; Watertown, NY; El Paso, TX; San Antonio, TX; Tacoma, WA; Baltimore, MD; and greater Washington, DC.

It Pays to Invest in Quality

Participating community Child Development Centers and Family Child Care Homes must meet standards comparable to those required of Army-Operated Child Development Programs. Like Centers and Homes on-post, *Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood*, off post Centers and Homes will receive ongoing support, oversight and mentoring as staff work to achieve National Accreditation status and earn CDA credentials.

Affordable for Families, Programs and Providers

Families will pay reduced fees for their children's care, comparable to fees charged on-post. Army will pay the difference regularly and directly to *Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood* Centers and Home Providers. For more details see: www.naccrra.org/militaryprograms/acciyn



Homes and Centers Enjoy Great Benefits

Outreach Specialists from the local CCR&Rs are recruiting Family Child Care Homes and Child Development Centers that have the potential to meet National Accreditation and Program Standards established by the Army and the Department of Defense.

All will receive:

- ongoing training
- materials and resources
- program and financial incentives

About NACCRRA and CCR&Rs

NACCRRA is the national network of more than 850 Child Care (CCR&R) agencies located in every State and in most communities across the Nation. CCR&R offices help families, child care providers, and communities find, provide, and plan for affordable, quality child care. Since 1987, NACCRRA has been working to improve the system of early learning for all children.

Interested? Contact:

(CCR&R information here)

