

SCOTT AFB CHILD CARE RESOURCES

This document is intended to provide military and DoD civilian families, leadership, and community organizations information on available child care options at Scott AFB. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Shannon Dauber, Airman & Family Services Flight Chief, at 618-256-5508 or by email at shannon.dauber@us.af.mil.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Scott AFB has two Child Development Centers (CDCs) located in Bldgs 1805 and 1807. Both CDCs offer weekly and hourly child care for children ages 6 weeks – 5 years. Hours of operation are 0630-1800 Mon – Fri. Parents can call or stop by either CDC to register for an immediate weekly child care spot, or place their names on a waiting list if no immediate care is available. Hourly reservations can be made up to a month in advance, as spaces are available. CDCs are certified by DoD and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Contact: Bldg 1807 CDC, 256-2669/3012 OR Bldg 1805 CDC, 256-2375/2376.

YOUTH CENTER: The Scott Youth Center is located in Bldg 4780 in Patriots Landing Housing Area, across the street from the Scott Elementary School. The School Age Program (SAP) offers Before/After School child care and a Summer Camp for children ages 5 -12 years. Additionally, members ages 9-17 can use the Open Recreation Program to engage in a variety of activities of their choosing. Club YiPee is offered one Friday per month to children ages 5-8. Our Youth Program is DoD certified and nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA). Contact: Youth Center at 618-744-9862 or 256-5139

FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCC) PROGRAM: The Scott AFB FCC Program offers in-home child care in on-base or off-base affiliated homes for children ages 2 weeks to 12 years. These homes/providers are licensed, trained, inspected, and certified. The FCC Office maintains a current listing of FCC providers. FCC providers offer a variety of child care options to include weekly, hourly, young infant, evening, weekend, shift work, special events, and special needs care. Contact: FCC Office at 256-8047

AF FCC SUBSIDY PROGRAM: This AF-sponsored program allows parents to use a FCC home for the same cost as the CDC or SAP (summer camp) as long as there is not a space available in the CDC or SAP. CDC and SAP fees are based on total family income. Contact: FCC Office at 256-8047

EXTENDED DUTY CARE (EDC) PROGRAM: Evening/weekend child care provided in a contracted FCC home for mission related duty beyond normal child care arrangements, for temporary shift changes, extended work days, etc. Care is funding through an AF contract and is free for eligible parents. Contact: FCC Office at 256-8047

RETURNING HOME CARE (RCC): 16 hours of free child care offered to military members returning after a minimum 30-day deployment in support of a contingency operation, after a series of short-term deployments totaling 30 days in a six-month period, or during member's two week R&R leave from a deployed location. Care is offered in a contracted FCC Home to children ages 2 weeks – 12 years. Care is funded through an AF contract and is free to eligible parents. Contact: FCC Office at 256-8047

CHILD CARE FOR PCS: Child care for children while parents prepare for PCS move. Air Force Aid Society pays up to 20 hours of care per child in a licensed FCC home at both the departing and new base. Families with PCS orders get a certificate from the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Care must be used within 60 days of departure or arrival at the base. Contact: A&FRC at 256-8668, FCC at 256-8047

GIVE PARENTS A BREAK: Air Force Aid Society funds respite care for eligible families such as deployed families, families that include a child with special needs, etc. Care is provided in the CDC and Youth Center one time per month at no cost to parents. Families can get a certificate from the Airman & Family Readiness Center and sign up at either the CDC or Youth Center. Contact: A&FRC at 256-8668, CDC at 256-2669/3012, or Youth Center at 744-9862/256-5139

HOME COMMUNITY CARE: Allows ANG/AFR parents to use licensed and affiliated EDC FCC homes during drill weekends for free. Care is funded through an AF contract and must be pre-approved by the FCC Office. Contact: FCC Office at 256-8047

CHILD CARE FOR VOLUNTEERS: Air Force Aid Society funds child care in a FCC home while a parent is volunteering at approved support programs which benefit the base community. Contact: FCC Office at 256-8047 or A&FRC at 256-8668

MILITARY CHILD CARE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: Locates licensed child care options and provides fee assistance for families of active duty Airmen who are unable to access on-base child care. Families living within 15 miles or 20 minutes of on-base child care must be on the CDC/SAP waiting list before applying for fee assistance. Contact: Child Care Aware at 1-800-424-2246

USAF EFMP RESPITE CARE: USAF has partnered with Child Care Aware of America to offer respite care to families with children enrolled in EFMP with moderate or severe special needs. Respite care hours vary between 8-20 hours per month based on the Airman's status and the EFM's condition. Respite care is free to eligible families. Sibling care is also free. Contact: Brenda Reed, EFMP Coordinator, at 256-8668 or Child Care Aware at 1-800-424-2246

OPERATION MILITARY CHILD CARE: Locates licensed child care and provides fee assistance for families of deployed or mobilized Reserve and Active Duty. Contact: Child Care Aware at 1-800-424-2246

WOUNDED WARRIORS CHILD CARE: Locates licensed child care and provides fee assistance for children of active duty Airmen who are assigned to a Warriors in Transition Unit in order to receive medical treatment on an in-patient or out-patient basis. Contact: Child Care Aware at 1-800-424-2246

SITTERCITY: DoD has purchased Sittercity membership for all active duty, Reserve, and Guard members. This resource helps find before/after school babysitters, homework help, last minute caregivers, special needs care, and school holiday care. To activate paid membership go to: sittercity.com/dod

MILITARY ONE SOURCE: Provides information on child care options. Contact 1-800-342-9647 or www.militaryonesource.com

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE: The Scott AFB Red Cross Office maintains a listing of babysitters who have successfully completed the Red Cross Babysitting Course. Contact: Red Cross at 256-1855 or CDC/Youth Center for a listing. Contact Youth Center at 744-9862 or 256-5139 for upcoming class dates.

ON-SITE SHORT-TERM CHILD CARE: AF policy (AFI 34-248) allows "Organizations other than Services to provide short-term care in other facilities only if it is provided intermittently, the parents remain in the facility, the parents do not pay for the care, and volunteers (not employees) are used to supervise the children". Contact: Airman & Family Services Flight Chief at 256-5508 for more information

HOURLY CHILD CARE FOR MEETINGS/CLASSES/APPTS/SPECIAL EVENTS: Several options are available:

- 1.) Organizations may provide on-site, short-term child care as described above.
- 2.) Hourly child care reservations can be made by calling the CDCs to determine if a space is available at the time of the meeting. Reservations can be made up to a month in advance. The Youth Center provides hourly child care in the SAP on a case by case basis, as space is available. Contact: CDC Bldg 1805 256-2375/2376, CDC Bldg 1807 256-2669/3012, Youth Center 744-9862/256-5139
- 3.) Several FCC providers offer hourly child care. Contact: FCC Office at 256-8047 for personal assistance or the website below to get a copy of the most current FCC Provider Listing
http://www.375fss.com/family_child_care.htm
- 4.) Red Cross Certified Babysitters. Contact: Red Cross at 256-1855

SPECIAL EVENT CHILD CARE: Requests for a special opening of the Child Development or Youth Center to provide child care outside normal operating hours are approved by the Airman & Family Services Flight Chief on a case-by-case basis depending on the availability of staff. If approved, the organization must pay the full cost of care. The cost cannot be passed on to existing weekly and hourly families. In order to calculate the cost of care and schedule the correct number of staff, the organization is required to provide names/ages of children attending at least 15 working days prior to the event. This type of care can be expensive because we are required to meet staff/child ratios, have a supervisor on duty and front desk clerk, and provide meals/snacks. Completed registration forms and proof of current immunizations are required prior to the event. Children with special needs must be pre-approved to determine if the environment is appropriate for the child's specific special need. A minimum of 15 children must be registered for the event. If an organization does not have at least 15 children or cannot afford the cost of this type of care, recommend contacting the FCC Office at 256-8047 to arrange homes to provide care for families attending the special event. Another option for on-base events is for the organization to provide On-Site Short-Term Child Care as described above. Contact: Airman & Family Services Flight Chief at 256-5508 for more information

