

## ABOUT US

Far from a simple babysitting service, Keesler Family Child Care provides quality care for children, ages two weeks to 12 years, of active duty military, DoD/NAF civilians and reservists. Child care is available on an hourly, part-day or full time basis in on and off-base housing.

The program is essential in helping contribute to mission readiness by providing an alternative to the Child Development Center families who need evening care, weekend care, care for children with special needs, infants, and school-age children; and care during swing and midnight shifts.

Air Force affiliated FCC homes are required to meet all AF standards as well as standards set by the county, state and national licensing jurisdictions.

FCC providers are well trained professionals - most have completed or are seeking degrees. The FCC staff provides continuous training on topics including infant, child and adult CPR, pediatric first aid, child guidance, FCC policies and program management, nutrition, health and safety and parent relations. Providers are limited to care for no more than six children including their own. They and their family members undergo thorough background checks. Their homes are closely monitored on a regular basis by the FCC coordinator; and unannounced home inspections are performed monthly for fire, health and child safety.

So when you choose a FCC provider you can feel confident your children are being cared for in a safe, enriching environment by responsible, well trained care givers.

## CHILD CARE SLOTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Call today for assistance in locating a provider. "It is like having an extended family".

## EXTENDED DUTY CHILD CARE

Extended Duty Child Care (EDC) assists military families in obtaining high-quality child care from licensed or affiliated providers when weekly parental workloads, due to extended duty hours in support of mission requirements, exceed the standard 50 hours of care a week that families currently purchase in child care programs on or off base.

The EDC program provides services during non-traditional hours when your primary care giver is unavailable. The primary care giver may be the CDC, Youth Center, another FCC Provider, an off-base facility, a family member or relative.

Air Reserve (AFR) and National Guard (ANG) may receive free child care in off-base civilian homes during primary Unit Training Assembly (UTA), Rescheduled Unit Training Assembly (RUTA) and Split Unit Training Assembly (SUTA) through the ANG/AFR Home Community Care (HCC) program. Care is available on a limited basis and to parents with no other child care options.

### \* Pre-Deployment Child Care

Up to 16 hours of care per child prior to deployment.

### \* Deployment Child Care

Up to 16 hours of child care each month during deployment.

### \* Returning Home Care

Up to 16 hours of care for members returning from a 30-day or more deployment or members using two week R&R.

\* Members must be Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve members assigned to an Air Force or Joint Base AF led installation prior to deploying in support of contingency operations for more than 30 days. Care must be provided in a FCC home that participates in the EDC program.

## AIR FORCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Keesler participates in the AF Subsidy Program which assists parents with cost beyond what they would normally pay if their child were cared for at the CDC. A member using a FCC subsidized home is able to pay according to the same sliding fee scale used by the CDC and YC. To enroll, parents should ask their provider if they are a subsidy participant and contact the FCC Office to register. Fees are based on total family income.

## AIR FORCE AID PROGRAM

The FCC Program assists the AF Aid Society (AFAS) with Child Care for PCS and Volunteer Programs. AFAS pays for child care in licensed FCC homes, on or off base, for up to 20 hours of care per child for participants in the Child Care for PCS program and up to 18 hours of care per child, per week for those in a volunteer program. Eligible members are active duty Air Force, ANG, and Reservist on Title 10 orders for more than 15 days.

## MILITARY SPOUSE APPOINTMENT CHILD CARE PROGRAM

This program is designed to provide child care for spouses to attend approved appointments related to key aspects of military life. MSAC fills an hourly child care need and is available at all AF led Active Duty locations with an active FCC Program. Visit or call your FCC office for eligibility requirements and availability.

## OTHER FCC PROGRAMS

- Missile Care
- Supplemental Child Care
- Emergency Medical Care
- Child Care Support for Fallen Warriors
- Wounded Warrior Care
- Military CC in Your Neighborhood
- Operation Military Child Care

Program availability is limited. Call for more information on Keesler specific services and for program registration information.

## BENEFITS OF FCC

- Unique in-home, one-on-one child care
- On and off base affiliated providers
- National Association of FCC Accreditation
- USDA Food Program
- Price is comparable to other on-base child care facilities
- Supports non-traditional hours including evenings, weekends, swing and midnight shifts
- Training for FCC Providers on a continuous basis in first aid, CPR, child abuse & neglect, nutrition, safety and child enrichment and development
- Unannounced FCC home inspections

## HEAR FROM OUR PARENTS

? I love the personal relationship I am able to develop with my child's 'other mother'. Makes me feel like my child has another family to rely on to help him through some of the 'military type' struggles our families go through.?

? The Home Community Care program is invaluable to me and my child; without it, I would not be able to serve in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Above all, our provider is the most welcoming and loving care provider, she helped both my son and I through a difficult period by being a constant in our lives. She is family to us.?

? My provider is absolutely fantastic. I like knowing that my son is with a safe and loving individual while I'm on duty.?

## BECOME AN FCC PROVIDER

Are you looking for a rewarding career that will travel with you when you relocate? At minimal start-up cost to you, you can operate your own home-based business, set your own hours, be with your children and care for other children.

Our staff will train and help you provide responsible, safe, in-home care for children ages 2 weeks to 12 years in your government home or affiliated off-base home. Training topics include, but are not limited to, infant, child and adult CPR, pediatric first aid, child guidance, FCC policies and program management, nutrition, health and safety and parent relations. We will also assist you in seeking the Child Development Associate Credential and accreditation through the National Association for FCC.

Your credentials follow you wherever you go, making your home-based business portable.

If this sounds like the perfect job for you, please give us a call or stop by, we'll be glad to tell you about this wonderful, rewarding opportunity.

### NOTE: In Accordance with AFI34-144 – 12.18

Unauthorized Care. All Family Child Care homes on the installation are subject to the requirements of the instruction and shall be certified to operate by the MSG Commanders. Residents providing uncertified child care residing in government owned and privatized housing are notified of the requirements when providing care for more than 10 hours a week. Any individuals living in-base quarters who care for other families' children for more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must be certified by the FCC office.



# FAMILY CHILD CARE

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