



Autism Support Group  
(254) 520-1703

Child Team  
(Early intervention services for children  
1- to 3-years-old with developmental delays)  
(254) 547-5914 or (254) 699-2090

Chronically Ill & Disabled Children (CIDC)  
(254) 778-6744

Compassionate Reassignments  
III Corps, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
(254) 287-7735

DACH Air for asthmatics  
(254) 288-8638

Dependent Travel  
Building 107, 7:30-4:30  
(254) 287-6101

Diabetic Support Group  
Youth-2nd Monday, 6:30-8 p.m.  
First Baptis Church, Copperas Cove  
Adults-2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Casa Ole, Copperas Cove  
(254) 547-8113

Exceptional Family Member Coordinator  
Army Community Services  
Bldg. 9001, Family Support Center  
(254) 287-6070 or (254) 287-4894

Exceptional Parent Magazine  
PO Box 3000 Dept. EP  
Denville, NJ 07834-9919  
1-800-562-1973

EFMP Special Needs Support Group  
4th Monday, 6:00 p.m.  
Comanche Chapel  
(254) 287-6070 or (254) 288-8099

MS Support Group  
3rd Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Heavenly Salads  
(254) 542-5465

Program for Persons with Disabilities  
TRICARE Managed Care Division  
Darnall Army Community Hospital  
Bldg 36019, Ft. Hood  
(254) 532-0819

Scottish Rite (Shriners)  
(For medical treatment for children with orthopedic  
problems and dyslexia.)  
(800) 747-2116 or (254) 773-4674

Special Olympics  
Last Monday of each month, 7 p.m.  
Conder Park, Killeen  
Bldg. 902  
(254) 699-3479

Texas Commission for the Blind  
PO Box 12866, Austin, Texas 78711  
(512) 459-2500

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)  
1-800-5 PARENT

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)  
Darnall Army Community Hospital  
Bldg 36000, Room 1243A  
(254) 288-8099

# Exceptional Family Member Program



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**Army Community Hospital**

**Fort Hood, Texas**  
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*The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, educational, housing, community support, and personnel services to families with special needs.*

#### *Who is an exceptional family member?*

An exceptional family member is a family member (child or adult) with any physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual disability that requires special treatment, therapy, education, training, or counseling.

#### *Who must enroll in the program?*

Soldiers listed below who have exceptional family members must enroll in the program:

- Active Army
- U.S. Army Reserve soldiers in the USAR-Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program and other USAR soldiers on active duty more than 30 days.
- Army National Guard (AGR) soldiers serving under authority of title 10, U.S. Code.

Department of the Army civilian employees do not enroll in the program. However, they must identify dependent children with special educational and medically-related needs each time they process for an assignment to a location outside the United States where dependent travel is authorized at Government expense.

#### *Screening Process*

Overseas screenings are provided for family members. Soldiers scheduled for an overseas tour who have been given a Family Member Deployment Screening Sheet (DA Form 5888) by the levy section should call the Patient Appointment Service, Darnall Army Community Hospital, 288-8888, for a screening.

Darnall's EFMP clinic will notify the soldier's command about family members with special needs or concerns so that assignments can be coordinated.

#### *Enrolling in EFMP*

Soldiers should contact the EFMP clinic located at Darnall Army Community Hospital (first floor, room 1243A, call 288-8099) to begin the assessment process and obtain the enrollment forms. When completed, the forms are forwarded to Brooke Army Medical Center for coding, then to Army personnel agencies that enroll the soldier in the program.



#### *Does enrollment have any impact on the soldier's career?*

Enrollment in EFMP does not adversely affect selection for promotion, schools or assignments. Information about enrollment in EFMP or any of the data used in the program is not made available to selection boards.

#### *What are the benefits of enrollment in the program?*

Enrollment allows assignment managers at Army personnel agencies to consider the documented medical and special education needs of exceptional family members in the assignment process. When possible, soldiers are assigned to areas where the medical and special needs of the exceptional family members can be met. This will depend on a valid personnel requirement for the soldier's grade, specialty, and eligibility for the tour. All soldiers are still eligible for worldwide assignments.

#### *Are special education needs always considered in the military personnel assignment process?*

Special educational needs are only considered in assignments outside the United States. Assignments within the 50 states and Trust Territories are not based on the educational needs of children. Every local school system must obey public laws governing special education.

*To learn more about the Exceptional Family Member Program, call the EFMP Clinic at Darnall Army Community Hospital, 288-8099.*