

What is the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)?

The EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, educational, special housing accommodations, community support, and personal services to families with special needs.

What 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.

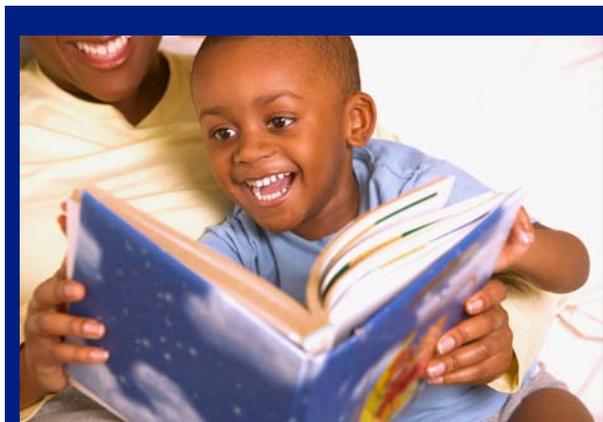
Does enrollment have any impact on the soldier's career? Enrollment in EFMP does not adversely affect selection for promotions, schools, or assignment in EFMP or any of the data used in the program is not made available to selection boards. EFMP enrollment does not guarantee assignment deletions, deferments, or compassionate reassignments. All soldiers are still eligible for worldwide assignments and enrollment will not guarantee that a soldier will not serve an unaccompanied tour.

What are the benefits of enrollment in the program? Enrollment allows assignment managers to consider the documented needs of the exceptional Family Members. When possible, the soldier is assigned to an area where the Family Member's needs may be met. This will depend on a valid personnel requirement for the soldier's grade, specialty, and eligibility for the tour.

What other services are available? Additional services include information and referrals, advocacy, support groups, respite care, and relocation assistance. However, enrollment does not guarantee special consideration for priority housing, appointments, or other benefits not routinely available to families.

The Respite Care Program provides a temporary rest period for Family members responsible for regular care of persons with disabilities. Eligibility is based on EFMP enrollment and EFM's medical or educational condition.

Are special education needs always considered in the military personnel assignment process? Special education needs are only considered in assignments outside the United States. Assignments within our 50 States and Trust Territories are not based on the educational needs of children. Every local school system must obey public laws regarding the provision of special education.



Who must enroll in the program?

The following soldiers with exceptional family members must enroll in the program:

- ActiveDuty
- US Army Reserve (USAR) Soldiers in the USAR Active Guard Reserve Program. Mobilized and deployed soldiers are not eligible.
- Army National Guard AGR personnel serving under authority of Title 10, United States Code and Title 32 United States Code.

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

How does a soldier enroll in the program?

The soldier or spouse will contact the EFMP office at Ireland Army Community Hospital (IACH) to receive the enrollment forms. The family will fill in the demographics portion and then take the forms to the doctor and/or school for their input. The completed forms will then be returned to EFMP office at IACH for enrollment processing. The enrollment should be updated every three (3) years or more frequently if there is a substantial change.



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For further information on EFMP,
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