

Exceptional Family Member Program

Helpful Websites

Advocacy: <http://www.childrensdisabilities.info/advocacy/advocacy-healthprofessionals.html>
How to talk so health professionals will listen. This website provides children's disability information, articles, and resources empowering parents of children with disabilities and special needs.

Autism Society of South Carolina: <http://www.scautism.org/> the primary focus of the organization has and continues to be advocacy for individuals and families and ongoing education of the public about the needs of the autism community. Since autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong disorder, the organization works with families, professionals, providers, and policy makers to ensure that needed services and options are available throughout the lifespan of people on the spectrum.

Cadre (National Center on Dispute Resolution): www.directionservice.org Cadre encourages the use of mediation and other collaborative strategies to resolve disagreements about special education and early intervention programs. They offer a spectrum of services including promoting ways to prevent conflict and help with early dispute assistance, education about conflict, resolution options, due process hearings, etc.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN): <http://irsc.org/>
<http://www.netreach.net/~abrejcha/peds.htm> Internet Resources for Special Children (IRSC) web site features disability specific information and much more! The IRSC site is dedicated to children with disabilities and other health related disorders worldwide.

Disability Education Info: <http://www.disability.gov/education> Exists to connect people with disabilities to the information and resources they need to pursue their personal and professional ambitions. There is information about travel, workplace support and fair housing.

Disaster Preparedness/Emergency Planning: <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/epoverview.htm>
Emergency Preparedness for Children with Special Health Care Needs. American Academy of Pediatrics.

Easter Seals: <http://sc.easterseals.com/site/> Create opportunities, promote individual choice and change the lives of children and adults with disabilities by maximizing their individual potential for living, learning and working in their communities. Their programs help people with hearing, speech, mobility or orthopedic impairments, as well as stroke, neurological disorders or developmental disabilities, regardless of how the disability was acquired.

Extended Health Care Option (ECHO): www.tricare.osd.mil/echo
<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/index.jsp> The purpose of the ECHO program is to provide

financial assistance and additional benefits for services, equipment or supplies beyond those available through TRICARE Prime, Extra, or Standard.

Exceptional Family Member Program, Beaufort, SC: <http://www.mccs-sc.com/efmp/template/index.html> Information about your Exceptional Family Member Program and access to Medical Summary DD Form 2792 and Educational Summary DD Form 27921 to enroll in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

Fisher House: <http://www.fisherhouse.org> "A home away from home" that enables family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful time during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury. (Fort Bragg, NC)

Give Kids the World Village: www.gktw.org A nonprofit resort that creates magical memories for children with life threatening illnesses and their families.

Heroes On Horseback: <http://www.heroesonhorseback.org/> Heroes on Horseback is a non-profit, premier accredited operating center of NARHA that fosters: Safe, professional and ethical equine assisted activities for individuals in the Low Country with physical, mental or emotional disabilities without regard to race, color, creed, or financial need.

Housing Office, MCAS, Beaufort, SC <https://www.beaufort.usmc.mil/https://205.110.170.167/WELCOMEABOARD/Housing/default.asp> On base housing here varies in size and style. Units range from 2- bedroom duplexes to 4- bedroom, single family units. There are two housing areas, one located on MCAS and the other located in Laurel Bay. Military Housing is now part of a Public/Private Venture (PPV). Under this venture Military Housing is now being managed by a partner: [Tri-Command Communities \(TCC\)](#). Waiting times vary depending on the time of year. Short-term rentals while awaiting on-base housing are not readily available. Leases in the local area typically for a period of six months to one year. Call (843)228-6000/DSN 335-6000 for current wait times. Our partnership with [Tri-Command Communities](#) (TCC) provides family housing for Military Families assigned to MCRD Parris Island, [Beaufort Naval Hospital](#), Laurel Bay and [MCAS Beaufort](#).

Housing Office, MCRDPI : <http://www.mcrdpi.usmc.mil/ops/housing/index.asp> (843) 228-2853 family housing is considered some of the finest in the Marine Corps. The Housing Office welcomes you to Beaufort and hopes this will be an exciting tour for you and your family. Our partnership with [Tri-Command Communities](#) (TCC) provides family housing for Military Families assigned to MCRD Parris Island, [Beaufort Naval Hospital](#), Laurel Bay and [MCAS Beaufort](#).

Laurel Bay Schools:

<http://www.am.dodea.edu/scstewartcuba/Laurel%20Bay%20Schools.htm>

The Laurel Bay Schools are attended by dependent children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade who reside on federal property in the vicinity of Beaufort, South Carolina. There are three schools at Laurel Bay. Both Galer and Elliott Elementary Schools accommodate children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Bolden Elementary/Middle School serves children in grades 3 through 8th grade.

MakeAWish Foundation: www.wish.org Grants the wishes of children between the

ages of 2 ½ and 18 with lifethreatening medical conditions. Children must be referred to the Foundation and determined to be medically eligible for a wish by their physician.

Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS): <http://www.mccssc.com/>

MCAS Beaufort, SC: <https://www.beaufort.usmc.mil/>

MCRD / ERR Parris Island, SC: <http://www.mcrdpi.usmc.mil/>

Medicaid: www.cms.hhs.gov A program that pays for health care for some individuals and families with low income and few resources. It is a national program with broad guidelines, but each state sets its own eligibility rules.

Military Homefront: <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil> www.MilitaryInstallations.dod.mil
The central, trusted, up-to-date source for Service members and families to obtain information about all Quality of Life programs and services. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need.

Military One Source: <https://www.militaryonesource.com> Designed to help you deal with life's issues. Our consultants are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can call in and speak to a master's level consultant or you can go online to access information or email a consultant. 1-800-342-9647

Military Spouse Career Center: www.military.com/spouse Provides assistance to you regardless of your location.

Military Teens on the Move: www.dod.mil/mtom A website specifically for military teens and kids who are facing yet another move.

Miracle Meadows: <http://www.miraclemeadowstrc.org> Provides effective, safe, innovative and professional therapeutic riding and equine related programs to people from every age group with a wide range of physical, mental or emotional disabilities.

My Help List:

[http://deploymenthealthlibrary.fhp.osd.mil/products/Military%20&%20Family%20Assistance%20Programs%20and%20Services%20\(319\).pdf](http://deploymenthealthlibrary.fhp.osd.mil/products/Military%20&%20Family%20Assistance%20Programs%20and%20Services%20(319).pdf) Information for active duty and family members.

National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA):

<http://www.naccrra.org/MilitaryPrograms/EFMP/> NACCRRA EFMP Respite Care will help Marine Corps families with children with special needs by providing a few hours of respite care per week so they can leave the house, go to an appointment, or just rest, while knowing that their child is well cared for.

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY):

www.nichcy.org Offers a wealth of information in both English and Spanish about early intervention for infant and toddlers and specific disabilities

Navy Personnel Command (NPC) in Millington Tennessee to check on **Navy Exceptional Family Member Status** 1-866-827-8672 or <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/ExceptionalFamilyMember/>

Palmetto Health: <http://www.palmettohealth.org/> Child Health concerns . SC Healthy Start.

Parent Training Center: www.taalliance.org State's parent Training Center is designed to serve families of children and young adults from birth to age 22 with all disabilities. This website is loaded with information and resources on most types of disabilities. **North Carolina's Parent Training Centers** <http://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/> local representatives will assist you find Provider Issues: What Parents Want from Doctors and Hospitals. <http://specialchildren.about.com/od/medicalissues/a/parentswant.htm>
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Pro-Parents: Parents Reaching Out To Parents of South Carolina, Inc: www.PROParents.org Pro-Parents mission is to enhance the abilities of families to assist children and young adults with disabilities in obtaining services and opportunities needed to become successful adults.

Record Keeping: <http://www.providence.org/resources/oregon/PDFs/swindellsbinder.pdf> My Child's Life Care Notebook and Organizer. Jean Baton Swindells Resource Center for Children and Families. Providence Child Center. An excellent care notebook resource!

Ronald McDonald House: www.RMHENC.org A safe, comfortable, affordable housing to seriously ill children and their families while the child is receiving treatment at any of the hospitals in North Carolina that are affiliated with one of the four houses: Chapel Hill, Durham, Greenville, and WinstonSalem.

Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation: www.starlight.org A nonprofit dedicated to granting the wishes of children who have been diagnosed with a lifethreatening disorder.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI): www.ssa.gov A Federal supplement program that can provide a monthly payment to those with low incomes and few resources who are 65 or older, blind, or disabled. Children may qualify.

Specialized Training Of Military Parents (STOMP): www.stompproject.org Support and advice for military parents regardless of special challenges your child may face. Join the list serve and correspond with other parents of specially challenged children.

Scholarships: Financial Aid for Military Spouse Education: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/library/docs/counselorsupport/FOSSM.pdf Scholarships, grants and assistance programs for higher education for spouses of service members.

Scholarships for Military Children: www.militaryscholar.org Scholarships for military children regardless of service member's status.

The Dream Factory: www.dreamfactoryinc.com An organization dedicated to granting the dreams of children with critical or chronic illnesses.

Transition: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/transtioning.htm> Entering the world of work: What youth with mental health needs should know about accommodations? US Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy.

Travel: www.eduplace.com Car games. Download a map of the United States and have the children color in a state each time they spot a license plate from that state.

Travel Operation Hero Miles: www.heromiles.org Allows troops and service members stationed in Iraq or Afghanistan to visit their loved ones on leave at no cost; allows family members and spouses to visit their wounded service members in military hospitals across the country at no cost.

Warrior Care / National Resource Directory: www.WarriorCare.mil
<https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.org>

Wounded Warrior Resource Center: www.militaryonesource.com Specialized support for wounded, ill and injured service members and their families. 1-800-342-9647

Wrightslaw: <http://www.wrightslaw.com/> Parent, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities. Wrightslaw has thousands of articles, cases, and free resources about dozens of topics.