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Dear Family,

This letter is to inform you of Department of Defense changes to priorities for child care and how they may impact you. The intent of these changes is to ensure priority access to child care for military members.

The new priority system becomes effective on September 1, 2020 and applies to all new requests for child care and to children currently enrolled in full-day and regularly scheduled school-age care in military Child Development Centers, 24/7 Child Development Centers, School Age Care centers, and Family Child Care Homes.

The updated Department of Defense child care priorities are listed at the enclosure. All child care placement offers must be made through militarychildcare.com in accordance with the new priorities. Children will be placed on a wait list, according to priority, when there is not sufficient child care capacity to meet demand.

Children may be supplanted from care by children in higher priority categories whose wait times exceed 45-days beyond the date care is needed. Enclosure provides category priorities and details on patrons who may be supplanted.

Families of children who are supplanted will receive 45-day notices and may request new placements, according to their priorities, on militarychildcare.com.

Families receiving notification of supplanting may be eligible for Army Fee Assistance to help pay the cost of off-post child care and may receive enhanced referrals to help them find off-post child care. Fee assistance enrollment is in accordance with the Department of Defense priority system when there is a wait list based on funding availability. Patrons must meet eligibility requirements for Army Fee Assistance. Child and Youth Services professional are available to support and answer any questions.

Additionally, providers must meet qualification requirements and be approved. More information is available at: https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/military-families/army/.

Please contact your local Child and Youth Services Program Manager for more information.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
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Enclosure

Department of Defense Priorities for Child Care

Priority 1A, CDP Direct Care Staff. The children of CDP Direct Care Staff are placed into care ahead of all other eligible patrons.

CDP Direct Care Staff are employees, paid from either Appropriated Funds (APF) or Non-appropriated Funds (NAF) responsible for the care of children enrolled in CDCs and SACs. CDP Direct Care staff are staff members whose main responsibility focuses on providing care to children and youth.

Priority 1A patrons may not be supplanted.

Priority 1B, in the following order of precedence: (a) Single or Dual Active Duty Members, (b) Single or Dual Guard or Reserve members on Active Duty or Inactive Duty Training Status, (c) Active Duty with Full-time Working Spouses, and (d) Guard or Reserve members on Active Duty or Inactive Duty training status with full-time working spouses.

Children of 1B priority patrons will be placed into care ahead of other eligible patrons, except Priority 1A patrons.

Priority 1B patrons may not be supplanted.

Priority 1C, in the following order of precedence: (a) Active Duty Members with part-time working spouses or spouses seeking employment and (b) Guard or Reserve members on Active Duty or Inactive Duty training status with a part-time working spouses or spouses seeking employment.

Children of 1C priority patrons will be placed into care ahead of all other eligible patrons, with the exception of Priorities 1A and 1B.

Priority 1C patrons may be supplanted by eligible patrons in Priority 1A or 1B whose anticipated placement time exceeds 45 days beyond the dates care is needed, as indicated in militarychildcare.com.

Priority 1D, in the following order of precedence: (a) Active Duty members with spouses enrolled full time in post-secondary institutions, or (b) Guard and Reserve members on Active Duty or Inactive Duty training status with spouses enrolled full time in post-secondary institutions.

Children of 1D priority patrons will be placed into care ahead of other eligible patrons, with the exception of Priorities 1A, 1B, and 1C.

Priority 1D patrons may be supplanted by eligible patrons in Priority 1A, 1B, or 1C whose anticipated placement time exceeds 45 days beyond dates care is needed, as indicated in militarychildcare.com.

Priority 2, DoD Civilians. Children of DoD civilians will be placed in the following order of precedence: (a) Single or dual DoD Civilian Employees, and (b) DoD Civilian Employees with full-time working spouses.

DoD civilian patrons may only be supplanted by eligible Priority 1A or 1B patrons whose anticipated placement time exceeds 45 days beyond dates care needed as indicated in militarychildcare.com.

Priority 3, Space Available. When Priority 1 and 2 patrons are placed into care, CYS Services may place other eligible patrons not identified in Priority 1 and 2 into space available care.

Space Available patrons will be placed in the following order of precedence: (a) Active Duty with non-working spouses, (b) DoD Civilian employees with spouses seeking employment, (c) DoD Civilian Employees with spouses enrolled in fulltime post-secondary education programs, (d) Gold Star spouses, (e) DoD Contractors, and (f) other eligible patrons.

Space available patrons may be supplanted by priority 1 or 2 patrons whose anticipated placement times exceeds 45 days beyond dates care needed as indicated in militarychildcare.com.