

Marine Corps Family Team Building

Children, Youth and Teen Programs

The Child Development Center (CDC) operates under the auspices of the MCCS, Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB) Programs and is certified by DoD and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Afterschool Association. The center offers nurturing developmentally appropriate care to children from 6 weeks to 12 years of age on a full-time, part-time, or drop-in basis. Children eligible for care are family members of active duty military personnel, DoD civilian and Contract employees, activated Reserve or National Guard personnel assigned to MCLB Albany and Retirees. The CDC offers a professional preschool curriculum with a highly qualified staff. The learning programs foster the social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth of each child.



Our CDC is proud to offer two 4-year old **Pre-Kindergarten** classrooms, each with a capacity for 20 children, with funding from Bright from the Start. This free program is open to children eligible to who turned 4 on or before September 1 of the current school year. The program is funded by the Georgia State Lottery and provides a challenging curriculum designed to promote school readiness. The Pre-K Program operates from 8:00 am-2:30 pm daily on the Dougherty County Schools schedule. We do have extended day programs available for families needing care before or after the Pre-K hours. Each classroom is led by a Georgia State Certified Teacher and an Assistant Teacher. All children register through our Marine Corps Family Team Building Offices in the CDC. For more information and to register, please call 229-639-7930.

The CDC also offered an accredited **School Age Program** providing Before and After School care daily. We also offer a dynamic Summer Camp Program and care during school breaks. This program is for children 5-12 years old. This School Age program is a Boys and Girls Club affiliate and incorporates their learning, character and leadership programs. The Summer Camp operates on the CDC hours and children can attend weekly or on a drop in basis. Their calendar includes a busy schedule of field trips to local attractions, bowling and swimming.



Each month the CDC offers a **Parents Night Out** on a designated Friday evening with childcare are for all eligible children ages 6 wks to 12 yrs. The hours are 6:00 pm- 12 midnight. We also have a **Playmorning** each Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 am in the Base Chapel Annex and every Thursday from 9:30- 10:30 am at Daniels Fitness Center. This is a parent and child playgroup for preschoolers.

The CDC is located in Bldg. 7600 and operates Monday – Friday from 6:45 am - 6 pm. Fees for all programs, except Pre-K, are based on family income. For information about special events and activities call the Resource and Referral Manager at 639-7930.

Children, Youth and Teen Programs include a **Youth Teen Center** in Hill Village base housing area. The center serves eligible youth and teens ages 9 to 18. The Youth Teen Center is also a Boys and Girls Club affiliate and promotes their educational, character and leadership programs. Teens and youth are offered opportunities to participate in BGCA programs including Teen Supreme, Torch Club,



Triple Play, and Power Hour. The Youth Teen Center offers a Computer Lab, open recreational activities and special activities, including movie night, dances and various fun-filled field trips. School Year hours of operation are Monday - Thursday, 3:30-8 p.m.; Friday, 3:30-11 p.m.; and Saturday, 3:00 -6:00 pm. The center is closed on Sundays and Federal holidays. The Youth Teen Center also offers a Summer Camp with daily hours from 12-6 p.m., special events, field trips and activities.

Children, Youth and Teen Programs also regulate and monitor the **Family Child Care Program** which consists of military spouses who provide childcare in their homes. The providers are certified in first aid and CPR and are required to attend two hours of training per month. Their homes are inspected annually by fire, safety and preventive medicine professionals. The providers participate in the USDA Food Program sponsored by the Office of School Readiness.

For more information on all of the programs and services offered, call the Children, Youth and Teen Programs office at 639-5199.

The Marine Corps Family Team Building has expanded Family Readiness to all members of a Marine's Family, including spouse, children, youth and teens and other designated family members such as parents. As part of Readiness and Deployment training, Pre-Deployment Briefs are held the last Friday of each month at Marine & Family Services (Bldg 7200) from 10:00-11:30 am. Return and Reunion Briefs are held the last Friday of each month at Marine & Family Services (Bldg7200) from 1:00-2:30 pm. Other sessions are available during deployment for spouses, children, and youth. Please call 229-639-6171/5767 for more information.

Lifestyle, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills (L.I.N.K.S.) is an orientation for those who are new to the Marine Corps. It has been newly updated to include sessions for the Marine, the spouse, children, and teens. L.I.N.K.S is led by a facilitator with experienced Marine families sharing practical advice pertinent to the military lifestyle and mentoring to those participating. Learn about Marine Corps tradition, how to survive deployment and frequent moves, understand the military pay system and a variety of other topics that will make your journey through the marine corps living much smoother. All spouses are especially encouraged to participate.

Other Life skill briefs are available by request and include the Family Care Plan, Aging Parents and Eldercare as well as Conflict Management. Call 229-639-6171 for more details.