

Parent Partners

CYSS programs support the needs of parents, thereby reducing the conflict between duty requirements and parental responsibilities. However, parent involvement is critical to the success of all CYSS programs. Parents are encouraged to visit their children during the day, assist in their child's program, classroom, on field trips, share Family traditions, participate in parent conferences and/or classes. The Parent and Youth Advisory Council (PYAC) allows parents to provide input into the quality of CYSS programs. The PYAC meets once every quarter. Parents who volunteer can receive a discount on fees.

Make CYSS Your First Choice!



Parent Central Services and Registration

- All children and youth who participate in Army Child, Youth and School Services must be registered with Parent Central Services. There is no registration fee.
- Child care and school age center fees are determined by Total Family Income. Visit the CYSS Parent Central Services office for more information.

**Parent Central Services
Building 28320 Lane Avenue
Fort Gordon, Georgia**

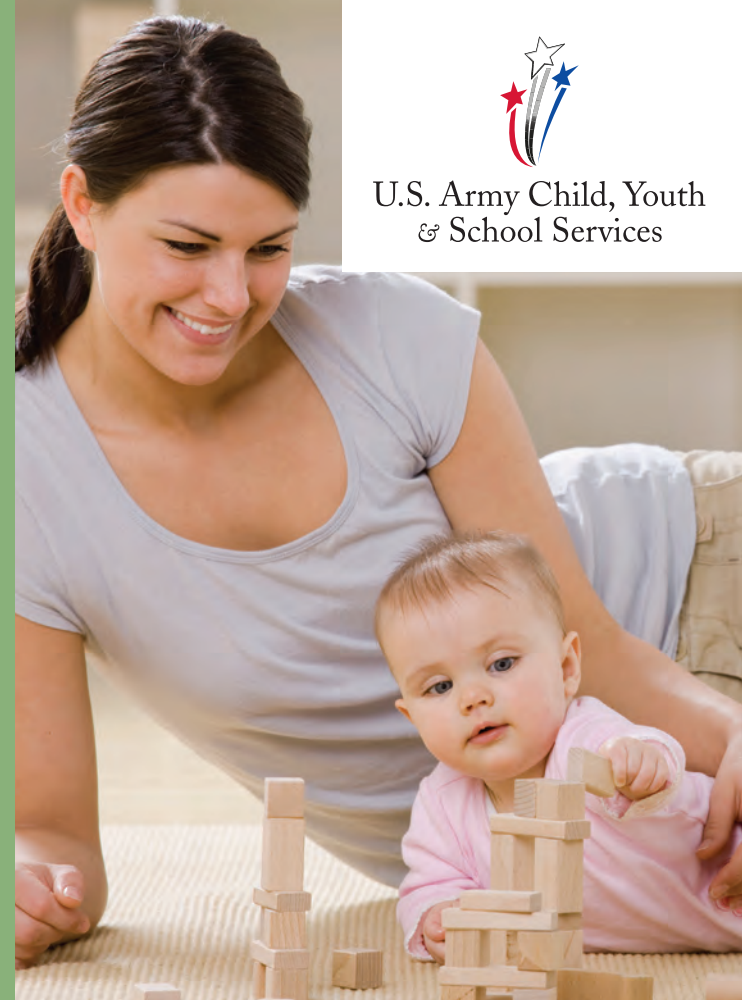


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What is FCC?

Family Child Care (FCC) offers small, multi-age group care in a nurturing, home environment. FCC offers a variety of home care options for children ages four weeks to 12 years. Parents are given the opportunity to choose their child’s FCC provider through an interview process. In home care allows siblings to be cared for together. FCC subsidies are given to providers to ensure parent fees remain the same for all CYSS childcare options.

Flexible Care Options

The FCC program allows parents to choose childcare based on their Family’s needs and provider availability. Providers offer a variety of flexible care options that meet regular and mission related child care needs.

- Full day care & Part day care
- Hourly care
- Special Needs care
- Mildly ill
- School Age Care
- Over night care & Shift care
- Evening & weekend care
- Care during mobilization and training exercises.

“Only the Best Qualified”

FCC Providers, like center based care givers, are credentialed child care specialists. Providers have background checks completed, 40 hours of initial training, health assessments and have their homes inspected on fire, safety and health standards prior to receiving FCC certification. Providers receive on going training , support, monitoring and unannounced inspections. Training and educational opportunities can lead to a Child Development Associate (CDA) or National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) certification.

Quality Programming

- DOD standards
- National Association for Family Child Care
- Unannounced inspections

Developmental Philosophy

Developmental learning experiences in FCC homes occur through natural daily activities. Providers use daily routines, planned curriculum and teachable moments to meet the varied needs and interests of children. The goal of FCC is to teach the whole child by providing a variety of materials, experiences and activities that are real. While children play, they learn. Outdoor excursions, parent participation and provider networking contribute to the uniqueness of the FCC program.

Learning Through Play



What is Army FCC Online?

Army FCC online is a “state of the art” information and research tool for parents considering using Family Child Care as their child care option. It has the potential to become the benchmark for FCC, the marketing medium for other services and the civilian community.

Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) conceived and developed FCC Online as a way to increase awareness of Family Child Care as a high quality care option for parents.

FCC online presents a “virtual tour” of an FCC home through pictures and text, addressing the things parents really want to know. It helps make all characteristics of FCC visible, so FCC is not “behind closed doors.”

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