

## ***Family Child Care: Become Part of the Solution***

An increasing number of families at MacDill AFB are in need of quality Family Child Care.

Family Child Care (FCC) is a family member program which licenses individuals who live on base to care for children in their home. This is a wonderful opportunity for spouses of active duty members that are 18 years+ with a High School Diploma or GED to stay home, and earn an income by being self-employed at the same time. The program provides free training (including CPR and First Aid). Also provided is the use of an extensive lending program for toys, equipment and resource materials. Additionally, ample opportunity is offered to earn supplemental income and grow your weekly income. Those opportunities are;

- The USDA Food Program that reimburses you for the number of meals served to children each month, with payments averaging up to \$350.00 per month.
- The child care subsidy program that pays you \$160.00 per child per week for caring for children age under 3 years, \$175.00 per child if you become an accredited provider.
- The Expanded Child Care Program pays you \$6.00 per hour, per child for providing some weekend care for guard and reserve members.

Family Child Care provides a loving, home environment for children. Providers will be required to plan enriching activities, which stimulate children's growth and development in the comfort of their own home. The provider's own children will benefit from the experience to socialize with other children. There are self paced learning modules, which provide continued education in areas such as appropriate guidance techniques, health, safety, communication, business management, etc. Providers may care for a total up to six children, including the provider's own children under 8 years old.

For those interested in becoming a FCC provider, the first step is to complete an application which can be obtained at the Family Child Care Office, building 18, next door to the Subway sandwich shop. After turning in your application, the Program Coordinator will schedule a home interview with you and your family members. A pre-orientation meeting will take place prior to starting the orientation training classes. Classes are Monday through Friday, 10-2 pm, at the FCC Office.

Consider joining the FCC team as a new provider. Make a difference! Call 828-7760 or stop by the Family Child Care Office, building 18, next door to Subway and the Base Post Office. Our contact numbers are 828-7760 / 828-5750, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

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