

123 SESAME STREET for Military Families™

Many of you may be familiar with Sesame Street programming, however seeing the need to provide more military families with young children, military family specific programming was released in 2006 Sesame Street called Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families During Military Deployment (TLC). Since then TLC has grown to include Homecomings, Changes and When Families Grieve. A variety of topics including, Relocation, and Birthdays are just a few topics that can be found at: <https://sesamestreetformilitaryfamilies.org/>

Families may sign up for the Sesame Workshop newsletter or download parent articles and child activities or view videos for young children from Sesame Street: <https://www.sesamestreet.org/> Families may also order free materials from <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

Exceptional Family Member Program

The Family Medical Trends Tool is live. This tool provides a look at bases that may be able to support your family members when building your dream sheet, plus many other tools available to you and your family. This tool can only be accessed through Google Chrome and doesn't require a CAC Card.

[https://daffamilyvector.us.af.mil/member site/](https://daffamilyvector.us.af.mil/member/site/)

The below QR code will link you directly to the DAF Family Vector website.



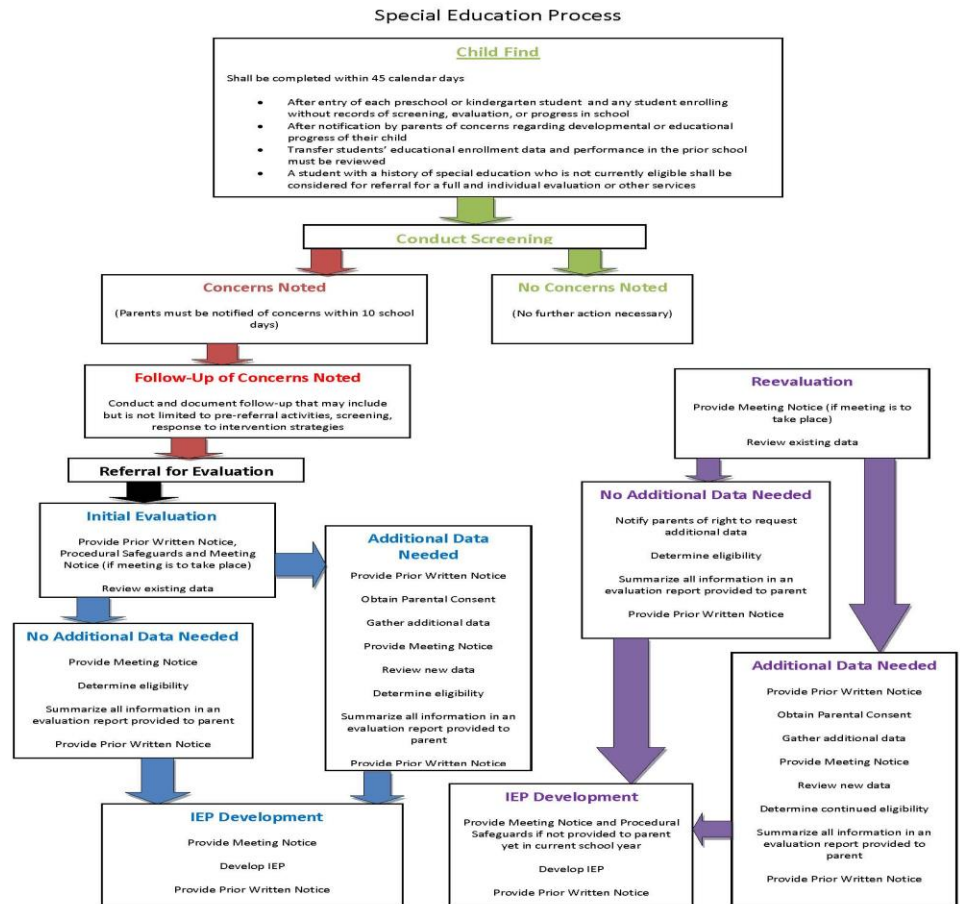
Have you heard about this New Tool for EFMP Families? It has different checklists specific to your family's needs. Load the APP to your phone and take it everywhere you go. Check it out at

<https://efmpandme.militaryonesource.mil/>

Child Find/Early Intervention

Early Childhood Special Education (Age 3-5 years): School districts and other public agencies are responsible for Child Find: Locating, identifying, and evaluating eligible children. They are also responsible for offering those who qualify for services a free & appropriate public education (FAPE).

Child Find: If you have concerns about a child's development who is between the ages of 3 and 5 (not in kindergarten), the child should be screened. Parents should contact the school district in which they reside. Screening shall be completed within 45 calendar days after entry of a preschool or kindergarten student and any student enrolling without records of screening, evaluation and progress in school. Screening may be either an informal or formal process. Details on the Special Education Process may be found at: <https://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/az-find>



Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S) 15-701(k) defines Dyslexia as “a specific learning disorder that is neurological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities.” It may also include difficulties in reading comprehension. Information may be found at: <https://www.azed.gov/mowr/dyslexia>

The AZ Department of Education has created a Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families. The guide is available in English and Spanish and provides families with concerns to look for from preschool – 12th grade. Families may also find ways to help their child diagnosed with Dyslexia. English: <https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5b33bee51dcb250dcc386ab8>

Spanish: http://readonarizona.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Dyslexia_guide_spa_0120-12fspanish-Jan-2020.pdf

According to the Universal Literacy and Dyslexia Screener Guide for Arizona's K-3 Schools/Districts, “Arizona students who enter K-3 will be given a universal literacy and dyslexia screener within the first forty-five calendar days, and will be screened during the winter and spring benchmark periods.” Additional information may be found at: <https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2021/07/Universal%20Screener%20District%20Guide%2000721.pdf>

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Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)



Moving schools will happen and it is best to be prepared. In SEC.3.101 Eligibility for Transfer and Enrollment has families covered. Before moving, parents are encouraged to obtain unofficial records and hand-carry them to the next school. This is especially important when PCSing overseas. The MIC3 clearly states that, "The sending State shall prepare and furnish to the parents a complete set of unofficial educational records...the receiving school shall enroll and appropriately place the student based on the information provided in the unofficial records." The receiving State school will request official records from the losing State who will provide the gaining State with official records within 10 days. Complete Compact rules may be found at: <https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Rules->

Youth Center Corner

Did you know the Youth Center on DMAFB has a Sports Program? They offer:

Baseball – ages 3 – 12/Reg Jan-Feb

Indoor Soccer – ages 3 – 8/Reg Apr-May

Flag Football – ages 3 – 10/Reg Jul-Aug

Basketball – ages 3 – 12/Reg Oct-Nov

For more information, please reach out to Ms. Kathy Lozano, Sport Coordinator @520-228/8844/3960 or kathleen.lozano@us.af.mil



HOMESCHOOLING IN ARIZONA



Homeschool is defined as "nonpublic school conducted primarily by the parent, guardian or other person who has custody of the child or instruction provided in the child's home". Arizona requires instruction in the following subjects: reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science. The Arizona College and Career Ready Standards may be found at: <http://www.azed.gov/ccr/standards/>. Families may select and provide their own curricula and for those graduating, the Diploma is provided by the "homeschool educator".

Homeschooled students are not required to participate in the state's testing program, however allows them to take the AzMERIT test at no charge.

A notarized Affidavit of Intent to homeschool is required for children ages 6 – 16 years old and must be submitted within 30 days of a family's intent to homeschool.

http://www.schools.pima.gov/?ACT=25&fid=5&d=16&f=affidavit_of_intent_to_homeschool_pcsso.pdf

If a family wishes to utilize the Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) to purchase curriculum, etc. they do NOT have to file an affidavit. ESA will notify the county/state that the child is being educated in Arizona. ESA information may be found at: <https://www.azed.gov/esa>. Military families may automatically qualify, but must upload a military verification letter signed by their Commander or First Shirt. A template may be obtained by contacting the CYES School Liaison. There are deadlines to apply so check out the ESA website for details.

DMAFB has an active Homeschool Facebook group. For those interested in homeschooling, please reach out through Facebook and join the group. They have small group events such as P.E., Nature Walks, Day in the Park and much more. The CYES School Liaison also offers a resource/children's library and loan locker.

Arizona Families for Home Education (AFHE) is one of the resources available for homeschool families. They offer activities, annual convention and an annual graduation for homeschool students.

<https://www.afhe.org/az-law/>

Full details on Arizona requirements may be found at: <http://www.schools.pima.gov/schools/home-school-information>

Military Child Education Coalition Parent Support Webinars

<https://militarychild.org/programs/parent-to-parent>

Wednesday, Sept 01, 2021

6221 - Growth Mindset

<http://militarychild.adobeconnect.com/web6221/event/registration.html>

Tuesday, Sept 07, 2021

6321 - Showcase Portfolio

<http://militarychild.adobeconnect.com/web6321/event/registration.html>

Wednesday, Sept 08, 2021

6421 - College Portfolio

<http://militarychild.adobeconnect.com/web6421/event/registration.html>

Tuesday, Sept 14, 2021

6521 - Identifying How Students Learn

<http://militarychild.adobeconnect.com/web6521/event/registration.html>

Tuesday, Sept 21, 2021

6621 - Creating Strong Families

<http://militarychild.adobeconnect.com/web6621/event/registration.html>

Tuesday, Sept 28, 2021

6721 - FAFSA and CSS Profile

<http://militarychild.adobeconnect.com/web6721/event/registration.html>

Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021

6821 - Selecting the College that Fits

<http://militarychild.adobeconnect.com/web6821/event/registration.html>

FALL BREAK

- Amphitheater: 11-15 Oct
- Borman K8*: 11 – 18 Oct/8 Oct Grading Day – No School
- Catalina Foothills: 11-15 Oct
- Continental Elementary: 4 – 8 Oct/1 Oct Grading day – No School
- Flowing Wells: 18 – 22 Oct
- Marana: 11 – 15 Oct
- Sahuarita: 4 – 8 Oct
- SSA-DM*: 4 – 8 Oct/1 Oct Staff In-service – No School
- Sunnyside: 11 – 18 Oct/8 Oct In-service – No School
- Tanque Verde: 11 – 18 Oct/8 Oct Grading Day – No School
- TUSD: 11 – 18 Oct/8 Oct Grading Day – No School
- Vail: 27 Sept – 8 Oct All Schools/11 – 15 Oct PK - 8

*School located on DMAFB