



Department of Defense (DoD)

Military Family Resource Guide for Civilian Providers

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## DoD Acronym List

This glossary provides useful terms and acronyms to assist in understanding military language.

Acronym/Term	Meaning	Description
<b>ACD</b>	Autism Care Demonstration	TRICARE's Autism Care Demonstration allows for clinically necessary and appropriate applied behavior analysis (ABA) service to be rendered to TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.
<b>AD</b>	Active Duty	Full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active-duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211.
<b>ANG</b>	Air National Guard	The Air National Guard falls under the National Guard Bureau and is a joint bureau between the departments of the Army and Air Force. The Air National Guard has both a federal and state mission.
<b>ASN</b>	Autism Services Navigator	Autism Services Navigators oversee and/or collaborate with families, helping them navigate autism spectrum disorder evaluation, coordination and facilitation of care, assessments throughout the treatment under the Autism Care Demonstration care, and promotion of individualized options, services, and local level resources.
<b>CDC</b>	Child Development Center	Child Development Centers are on-installation childcare centers that offer full-day, part-day, and hourly care for children (6 weeks- kindergarten).
<b>CYP</b>	Child and Youth Programs	Child and Youth Programs assist military and civilian personnel in balancing the competing demands of the mission and family life through programs and



		services for eligible children and youth from birth through 18 years of age.
<b>CONUS</b>	Continental United States	CONUS is an acronym for the continental United States, which includes the 48 US states on the continent of North America (that are south of Canada) including the District of Columbia.
<b>DEERS</b>	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System	An automated system that lists those enrolled and indicates their eligibility for military benefits.
	Deployment	Deployment can be defined as an active-duty, peacetime, or combat-related assignment for military personnel, that can last from one to 15 months, where the service member is assigned a place other than their home duty station.
<b>DHA</b>	Defense Health Agency	The Defense Health Agency is a joint, integrated Combat Support Agency that enables the Army, Navy, and Air Force medical services by improving health and building readiness.
<b>DODEA</b>	Department of Defense Educational Activity	DoDEA is responsible for planning, directing, coordinating, and managing prekindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade educational programs on behalf of the Department of Defense.
<b>DSLO</b>	Defense State Liaison Office	The Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) provides state policymakers with expert insight on priorities affecting military families and their quality of life.
<b>E</b>	Enlisted	An Enlisted member is one who joined the military or <i>enlisted</i> . A minimum of a high school diploma is required.
<b>EDIS</b>	Educational and Developmental Intervention Services	A program operated by the military departments that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) at locations overseas and designated domestic locations and related services for children ages 3-21 attending DoDEA schools overseas.



<b>EFMP</b>	Exceptional Family Member Program	The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory program that assists military-connected family members with special medical or educational needs, finding out what services are available at current or new duty stations, and supporting families with information, services, referrals when appropriate, and non-clinical case management.
<b>IAT/MIAT</b>	Inclusion Action Team/Multidisciplinary Action Team	The Inclusion Action Team is comprised of a multidisciplinary group of professionals. The purpose of the team is to assess reasonable accommodations for children and youth with identified developmental and/or medical requirements. The Multidisciplinary Inclusion Action Team is the Army specific multidisciplinary Team.
<b>IG</b>	Inspector General	The Inspector General acts as the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense in matters regarding DoD fraud, waste, and abuse.
<b>JB</b>	Joint Base	A Joint Base is a military installation housing multiple Services. Typically, one Service is the primary branch.
<b>MFLC</b>	Military & Family Life Counseling	The Military & Family Life Counseling programs support service members, their families, and survivors with confidential non-medical counseling on installations worldwide.
<b>MIC3</b>	Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission	The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission provides consistency across states for uniform treatment of military-connected students transferring between school districts. While the Compact is not exhaustive in its coverage, it does address the key issues encountered by military families in the areas of eligibility, enrollment, placement, and graduation.
<b>NCO</b>	Noncommissioned Officer	A Noncommissioned officer is a military officer who has not received a commission. NCOs usually earn



		their position by promotion through ranks as an enlisted member.
<b>NG</b>	National Guard	The National Guard serves as the primary combat reserve of the United States. The NG includes Army National Guard and Air National Guard. The NG is partly maintained by the states, but also available for federal use. Guard soldiers' primary area of operation is their home state.
<b>O</b>	Officer	A commissioned Officer's primary function is to provide management and leadership in an area of responsibility. A commissioned officer typically holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree and attends an officer training school or receives a direct commission from attending a Service academy.
<b>OCONUS</b>	Outside the Continental United States	OCONUS is an acronym for outside the continental United States, which includes Alaska, Hawaii, US territories, and all other overseas locations.
<b>OSN</b>	Office of Special Needs	The Office of Special Needs (OSN) provides support to military family members of all ages with medical and/or educational needs. OSN develops policy and provides oversight for the Exceptional Family Member Program and the provision of special education services offered through the Defense Department.
<b>PCS</b>	Permanent Change of Station	A Permanent Change of Station is the relocation of an active-duty Service member to a different duty location. Service members may PCS every few years.
<b>PSB-CY</b>	Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children and Youth	Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children and Youth is a 5-day course on children who exhibit or are impacted by problematic sexual behavior. The training is designed to provide an introductory understanding of normative and problematic sexual behavior in children (age 12 and under), the origins of problematic sexual behavior,



		myths/misconceptions about the population, evidence-based assessments and treatment strategies for children who exhibit sexual behavior problems, and how professionals can support children and families affected.
	Receiving State	Receiving State means the State to which a military-connected child is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought.
<b>R</b>	Reserves	Each branch of the military has a reserve component. The reserve units are meant to augment the needs of active-duty forces in times of conflict or declared war.
	Sending State	Sending State means the State from which a military-connected child is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought.
<b>SL</b>	School Liaison	The School Liaison serves as the primary point of contact for school-related matters, representing, informing, and assisting local education agencies, commanders, and military families. School liaisons are experienced professionals who support, advise, and build partnerships with the civilian and military community to help address common education challenges of military families. The position was formerly known as the School Liaison Officer, or SLO.
<b>TDY/TAD</b>	Temporary Duty/Temporary Additional Duty	A Temporary Duty or Temporary Additional Duty is a temporary assignment at a location other than a Service member's permanent duty station.
<b>W</b>	Warrant Officer	A Warrant officer is a highly trained specialist. One must be an enlisted member with several years of experience, be recommended by their command, and pass a selection board to become a warrant officer.



## Agencies and Providers

This list provides commonly used agencies and providers who support the special education needs of military-connected families.

Organization	Description
<a href="#">Administration for Community Living (ACL)</a>	The Administration for Community Living (ACL) was created around the fundamental principle that older adults and people of all ages with disabilities should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and with the ability to participate fully in their communities. The ACL promotes strategies and resources that enable people to live in their communities.
<a href="#">Center for Parent Information &amp; Resources (CPIR)</a>	The Center for Parent Information & Resources (CPIR) is a central hub of information and products created for the network of Parent Centers and serves families and children with disabilities. All the materials found on the CPIR Hub have been created and archived for Parent Centers around the country to help provide support and resources to the families they serve. Families and providers can also <a href="#">find the parent centers</a> serving their communities.
<a href="#">Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO)</a>	The Defense-State Liaison Office provides state policymakers with expert insight on priorities affecting military families and their quality of life. This initiative is part of the Defense Department's efforts to identify and address the most pressing needs of service members and military families. The DSLO provides reliable information and research, shares knowledge of policies and process, and offers assistance with legislation at the state level.
<a href="#">Department of Defense Education Activity Partners and Resources Division (DoDEA PART)</a>	DoDEA's Educational Partnership provides outreach to the schools that serve military-connected children to support academic achievement and positive educational opportunities and outcomes for military children. Through a variety of outreach initiatives, such as working collaboratively with the U.S. Department of Education, managing a robust grant program, and providing training and development opportunities, the DoDEA Educational Partnership champions quality educational opportunities for all military children.



<a href="#">Military OneSource</a>	Military OneSource, from the Department of Defense, is a gateway to trusted information, resources, and confidential help. Military OneSource offers a wide range of individualized consultations, coaching and non-medical counseling for many aspects of military life.
<a href="#">Office of Child and Youth Programs</a>	The Office of Child and Youth Programs serves military-connected children and youth ages 6 weeks to 18 years. Child and Youth Programs supports the mission readiness, family readiness, retention, and morale of the total force. Services are provided in child development centers, school age care programs, family child care homes, youth and teen centers, community-based child care, and the school liaison program.
<a href="#">Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)</a>	The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) improves results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts.
<a href="#">OneOp</a>	OneOp is a virtual professional development platform for providers who serve military families. OneOp supports the Department of Defense (DoD) Military Family Readiness System by growing the professional knowledge, readiness, and networks of the service providers supporting military Service members and their families.
<a href="#">Tutor.Com</a>	Funded by the Department of Defense, Tutor.com provides access to 24/7 homework help at no cost to the family.
<a href="#">United Way 211</a>	The United Way 211 is a comprehensive source of information about local resources and services throughout the United States. By accessing the website or toll-free number, a local resource specialist can connect families with local organizations who provide a variety of critical services.