

SECTION FIVE

Resources for Parents



There are several persons within your community who can advise you about available resources. Some of these individuals include:

- ▲ School principal
- ▲ DoDDS teachers
- ▲ Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Coordinator

All branches of the military have implemented a mandatory program to identify and serve military families who have members with ongoing special educational or medical needs. After an IEP is developed, the EFMP Coordinator should be consulted regarding enrollment and or/update of your child's status.

In addition, there are other individuals who may not be in your local community. However, they are available by telephone. They include:

District Special Education Coordinator

Office of the District Superintendent
(telephone number available in schools)

European Area Special Education Coordinator

DSN Telephone Number: 338-7465
Commercial Number: 49-611-380-7465

Pacific Area Special Education Coordinator

DSN Telephone Number: 645-2151
Commercial Telephone Number: 81-98-876-8485

DoDEA Special Education Coordinator

DSN Telephone Number: 426-4492
Commercial Number: (703) 696-4492

Several organizations based in the states can provide information about a number of topics or refer you to an appropriate source. Some of these organizations are:

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

1920 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091-1589
(703) 602-3660

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013
(800) 999-5599

National Parent to Parent Support Information System (NPPSIS)

P.O. Box 907
Blue Ridge, GA 30513
(800) 651-1151

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)

12208 Pacific Highway, SW
Tacoma, Washington 98499
(206) 588-1771
(800) 298-3543
FAX (206) 588-1771

This organization accepts collect calls from overseas.

Parent Training and Information (PTI) Centers

These centers exist in each state to assist parents of infants, children, and youth with disabilities. Contact can be made through NICHCY (800) 999-5599 or Technical Assistance for Parent Programs (TAPP) at (617) 482-2915

A magazine which contains useful articles and resource lists for parents of children with disabilities is:

Exceptional Parent Magazine
209 Harvard St., Suite 303
Brookline, MA 02146
(800) 852-2884

Another set of resources is the formal guidance which has been developed for educators and parents to oversee the special education procedural process. Copies of these documents are available from the school.

DoD Instruction 1342.12, "Provision of Early Intervention and Special Education Services to Eligible DoD Dependents in Overseas Areas," March 12, 1996

DS Regulation 2500.10, "DoDDS Special Education Dispute Management System," December 17, 1982

DS Regulation 2500.11, "DoDDS Complaint Management System," September 7, 1983

DS Manual 2500.13R, "Special Education Procedural Guide," August 1994

The legislation which serves as the basis for DoDEA's special education program is P.L. 101-476, "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)." A copy of this legislation may be obtained from parent support groups such as STOMP.

The National Advisory Panel (NAP) on the Education of Dependents with Disabilities is a group of individuals who advise the Director, DoDEA, about special education needs within the system. The membership includes parents, educators, military department representatives, persons with disabilities, and other appropriate persons. If you are interested in getting more information, or in serving on this panel, please contact your local principal.

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These brochures are also available...

Annual Review of Your Child's IEP

Child Find

The Transition From Early Intervention to Special Education

Special Education Eligibility

When You Receive Your Orders

Are You Moving Overseas?

The Prereferral Process

Your Child's Three Year Reevaluation

Related Services

Transition Planning

To obtain these items or for information about
other resources, contact your local school office: