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**Installation Parent Handbook
Fort Knox, KY**

<https://knox.armymwr.com/categories/cys-services>

*NOTE: During the year, CYS may receive policy changes/more guidance from the Department of Defense and/or Army providing additional/clarification of some details outlined in this parent handbook.





CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES (CYS) CONTACT INFORMATION

<https://knox.armymwr.com/us/knox>

Parent Central Services (PCS) (Registration for all programs)

Building 500

Monday0800-1600

Tuesday0800-1730 Closed for training on 3rd Thursday of each month close at 1300

Wednesday-Friday ...0800-1600

DSN: 464-6703 • CIV: (502) 624-6703

Webtrac: <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbwsc/Knoxcyms.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

Child Development Center (CDC)

Full-Day: Buildings 4250 & Building 4249

Monday-Friday 0530-1800

DSN: 464-6702 • CIV: (502) 624-6702/6708

Hourly Care & Part-Day: Building 500 (if offered)

Monday-Friday.....0830-1200 and 1300-1630

DSN: 464-6700 • CIV: (502) 624-6700

Family Child Care (FCC)

Building 500

Monday-Friday0800-1600

DSN: 464-7413 • CIV: (502) 624-7413 / 6703

CYS Nurse

Bldg 500

DSN: 464-1023 • CIV: (502) 624-1023

School-Age Center (SAC)

Building 4251

Monday-FridayBefore/After School 0530-0800 & 1430-1800

.....Intercession/Summer Camp 0530-1800

DSN: 464-6903 • CIV: (502) 624-6903

School Liaison Services

Building 500

DSN: 464-2305 • CIV: (502) 624-2305 / 6703

Middle School/Teen Center (MST)

Building 5543

Monday-Wednesday & Friday.....1400-1900

Thursday1300-2100

Saturday -----1600 – 2100 (if offered)

DSN: 464-6442 • CIV: (502) 624-6442

Caruso Youth Sports and Fitness (YSF) Complex

Building 718

Monday – Friday 1100-1700 (Closed for training last Friday of each month)

DSN: 464-4747 • CIV: (502) 624-4747

YS&F Instructional Programs

Bldg 4555 – Gymnastics & Piano

Bldg 1053 – Dance

Hours of operation for classes vary each semester

DSN: 464-6615 • CIV: (502) 624-6615/3126/7882

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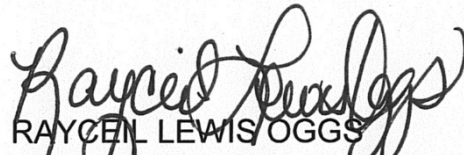
Dear Parents,

Welcome to Fort Knox, Child and Youth Services (CYS)! We recognize the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families; we consider it an honor and look forward to supporting your Family readiness. CYS is an Army program that provides services to all Military, Department of Defense and Contract Agencies who support the Fort Knox mission. Our highly trained staff is committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment that meets the holistic needs of the child/youth ages four weeks to 12th grade. Lastly, our programs and activities are specifically designed by early childhood and youth development specialists to meet the growing needs of 21st century.

CYS believes that parents are the most influential individuals in the lives of their child/youth. For this reason, our facilities and programs strive to create a Family friendly environment where parents and staff work in partnership in the positive development of their child/youth. Research shows that when Families and teachers work together in support of learning, it results in the child/youth remaining in school longer, performing better in school and possessing a higher sense of self-esteem.

We thank you for partnering with Fort Knox CYS in the growth and development of your child/youth. We look forward to your visits and encourage you to become involved in the planned learning activities in the centers, in the home of your provider or in the comfort and convenience of your own home.

Again, thank you for considering Fort Knox Child and Youth Services (CYS)!


RAYCEN LEWIS OGGs
Coordinator, Child and Youth Services

CUSTOMER SERVICE

CAREGIVER'S CREED

"I am an Army Caregiver, a professional trained in my duties. I serve Department of Defense Families who protect the nation, by protecting their children/youth. I will always provide a safe, nurturing, enriching environment and ensure accountability for children/youth in my care. Never will I put children/youth in harm's way or allow others to do so. I will build trust with parents/guardians so they can concentrate on their mission. I will always treat Families with the dignity and respect they deserve. Army Caregivers are key members of the Army Team. I am an Army Caregiver."

ARMY CIVILIAN CORPS CREED: I am an Army Civilian - a Member of the Army Team.

I am dedicated to our Army, Soldiers, and Civilians. I will ALWAYS support the mission. I provide leadership, stability, and continuity during war and peace. I support and defend the Constitution of the United States and consider it an honor to serve our Nation and our Army. I live the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. I am an ARMY CIVILIAN.



CUSTOMER PLEDGE

As a service customer organization, we are committed to providing programs and services delivered with a sense of individual pride , professionalism, and in keeping with the spirit Army values and IMCOM principles. We create value for our customers through consistent and accessible service.

We will:

- Deliver products and services.
- Build relationships - with communities, with our customers, and with each other.
- Be kind to those we serve.
- Conduct ourselves professionally.
- Welcome and encourage feedback; we will communicate and listen.
- Provide neat, professional and aesthetically pleasing facilities.
- Take ownership of our actions.

Mission: CYS integrates and delivers base support to reduce the conflict between parental responsibilities and unit mission requirements and enables readiness for a globally response Army.

Vision: A driving force for excellence in child care, youth programs, and school support for the Army, Department of Defense, and the Nation.

Foundation of Four Pillars:

- Achieve and sustain QUALITY with nationally recognized benchmarks and performance standards.
- Sustain AVAILABILITY through on and off post child care options and supervised programs for youth.
- Maintain AFFORDABILITY for both Soldiers and the Army
- Ensure ACCOUNTABILITY by requiring measurable outputs and outcomes

Our Commitment:

We are committed to providing responsive and relevant child and youth programs in accordance with established standards to accomplish the mission of all assigned installations.

We are committed to providing appropriate programs and services at the right time and place for our soldiers and their families.

We are committed to getting the most out of every Army dollar.

Our Workforce:

CYS professionals are among the best in the world. We treat them as such by emphasizing engaged and caring leadership, fair and appropriate recognition, professional development, accountability, and empowerment. CYS professionals make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we support.

Philosophy: CYS programs are designed to help your child/youth build within themselves a positive self-concept that generates feelings of acceptance and respect for individuality. We believe in designing programs where children/youth have opportunities to participate individually or as a group in age appropriate developmental activities that allows for optimal social, emotional, physical, creative and cognitive growth. We promote and cultivate safe learning environments where your child/youth can resolve conflicts through learning age appropriate conflict resolution and mediation skills. We believe in partnering with parents and community to nurture a spirit of cooperation and self-respect for self and others; reinforce character building and encourage positive parenting.

Families: Families are the first and primary teachers in their child's life. We support Families in this role through a variety of services that address the specific needs of each family, to include formal and informal education opportunities. Communication between the child's primary teacher and Family, as well as management and support staff, is critical and includes an open, honest exchange of ideas, concerns, shared decision making, and respect for cultural diversity. We encourage Families to share their culture, heritage and home language.

Confidentiality: Only authorized CYS staff will have access to patron files. CYS is committed to protecting the privacy of patron information. Medical information concerning patrons is absolutely confidential under state and federal law and may not be discussed at any time with any person under any circumstance.

Diversity/Non-Discrimination: In accordance with Federal Law, Title VII, the Department of Army, Child and Youth Services prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, color, creed, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or associational preference in employment and in their program operations serving Soldiers, Families and the community. The Department of Army affirms its covenant to support and serve Family and MWR customers and employees. CYS is a model that supports diverse individuals founded upon equality of opportunity.

Transgender: Transgender children and youth will have access to restrooms and programs of the gender for which they identify. CYS programs will provide unisex, single-user restrooms when feasible to maximize comfort and access for everyone, but transgender individuals should not be limited to using these facilities.

Open Door Policy: CYS program level staff members are approachable and accessible to parent/guardians during the center's operating hours. Parents/guardians can voice their concerns, complaints and/or compliments regarding their customer service experience. CYS offers a Family friendly environment that encourages parents/guardians to drop in to visit or observe their child/youth.

Deployment Support Services: The Deployment Support Services institutionalizes a commitment by Army leaders to provide Soldiers and Families of all components with programs and services that maintain a quality of life commensurate with the quality of their service and sacrifice to the Nation.

Communication/Feedback: Parents/guardians who wish to post questions, comments or concerns regarding Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR), CYS programs may do so at the following email address: <https://knox.armymwr.com/us/knox/contact-us>. You have the option of remaining anonymous or, should you desire feedback, you may include your name and address.

You may also complete an Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) survey on <http://ice.disa.mil/> or the Fort Knox website: www.knox.army.mil. If you do not have access to internet or email, write your questions, comments or concerns and give them to any program director.

Social Media: Please do not be surprised or offended if an employee does not accept a “friend” request on Social Media. As an employee of Army CYS, our policy discourages employees from associating with youth or parents on personal Social Media pages. We do, however, encourage you to “Connect” or “Like” our CYS Facebook page to stay up to date on what is happening in our programs. The following CYS Facebook website: <https://www.facebook.com/FortKnoxCYS/>.



Chain of Command: The most effective way to resolve issues is to channel them through the CYS Chain of Command. Should all attempts at resolution fail, parents/guardians can elevate their issues or concerns up through the Chain of Command in the order below:

CDC: (502) 624-6702/6708

Lead Child & Youth Professional (Classroom Lead Teacher)

Supervisory Program Specialist

Assistant Facility Director

Facility Director

FCC: (502) 624-7413/6703/1832

Program Director

Program Operations Specialist

SAC: (502) 624-6903

Supervisory Program Specialists

Assistant Facility Director

Facility Director

MST: (502) 624-6442

Lead Child & Youth Professional (MST Lead Teacher)

Supervisory Program Specialist

Assistant Facility Director

Facility Director

Youth Sports and Fitness (YSF)/Instructional Programs: (502) 624-4747

Assistant Program Director

Program Director

Parent & Outreach Services (P&OS):

Parent Central Services (PCS): (502) 624-6703

Assistant Director

Program Director

Kids on Site (KOS): (502) 624-4483/6703

Program Director

Chief, Child and Youth Services Division: (502) 624-3232

Director, Family and Morale Welfare & Recreation (FMWR): (502) 624-2628

Deputy Garrison Commander: (502) 624-2749

Garrison Commander (502) 624-2749/Garrison Command Sergeant Major (502) 624-6770



FEDERAL HOLIDAYS:

CYS programs will be closed on all federal holidays New Year's Day (January 1st), Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day (3rd Monday of January), Presidents' Day (3rd Monday of February), Memorial Day (Last Monday of May), Independence Day (July 4th), Labor Day (1st Monday in September), Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October), Veteran's Day (always November 11th), Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday of November), and Christmas (December 25th).

CYS programs will close the Friday after Thanksgiving for a Training Holiday.

BELOW IS A VERY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<i>IF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY IS ON:</i>	<i>CDC/SAC WILL BE CLOSED:</i>	<i>IF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY IS ON:</i>	<i>CDC/SAC WILL BE CLOSED:</i>
Saturday	Close Noon on Thursday & all day Friday	Wednesday	Noon Tuesday & all day Wednesday & Thursday
Sunday	Close Noon on Friday & all-day Monday	Thursday	Close Noon Wednesday & all day Thurs & Friday
Monday	Close all day Monday & Tuesday	Friday	Close Noon on Thursday & all day Friday
Tuesday	Close at Noon on Monday all day Tuesday & Wednesday		

IF NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY IS ON:	CDC/SAC WILL BE CLOSED:	IF NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY IS ON:	CDC/SAC WILL BE CLOSED:
Saturday	Close Noon on Thursday & all day Friday	Wednesday	Close Noon Tuesday & all day Wednesday
Sunday	Close all day Monday	Thursday	Close Noon Wednesday & all day Thursday
Monday	Close all day Monday	Friday	Close Noon on Thursday & all day Friday
Tuesday	Close at Noon on Monday & all day Tuesday		

****During the 2-week Holiday period of Christmas/New Year, CDC and SAC hours of operation will be 0700-1700, unless otherwise stated above. The FCC Providers determine their own holiday schedules**

***The Chain of Command has the final authority on the above openings for CDC & SAC.**

If full day camp, Before/After Care is needed based on Mission requirements on our closed days, we will work with parents to coordinate care with an FCC Provider and review to pay all/part of the costs for care between 0530-1800. This is on a case-by-case basis.



CHAPTER 1- SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT

Child Abuse and Neglect: DoD defines reportable child abuse and neglect as follows: Child abuse and neglect includes physical injury, sexual maltreatment, emotional maltreatment, deprivation of necessities, or combinations of these, by an individual responsible for the child's welfare under circumstances indicating that the child's welfare is harmed or threatened. The term encompasses both acts and omissions on the part of a responsible person. A "child" is a person under 18 years of age for whom a parent, guardian, foster parent, caretaker, employee of a residential facility or any staff person providing out of home care is legally responsible.

Parents make reports to the Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC), Military Police (502) 624-2111.

DoD Child Abuse and Safety Violation Hotline Posters are placed in visible and high traffic areas throughout all CYS facilities and FCC homes should a parent or guardian need to report incidents of suspected abuse. DoD Child Abuse and Safety Violation Hotline number is 1-877-790-1197.

It is essential parents are aware of the Installation Policy of leaving their child home alone. See **Fort Knox Policy memo No. 09 – Installation Child Home Alone/Supervision Policy**.

Child Abuse Reporting – ALL CYS personnel are knowledgeable and considered “**mandated reporters**” who are required by law to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect. If CYS personnel notice suspicious bruises, cuts or burns on a child, or forms of neglect, employees must dual report to the installation Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC), which is the MP’s at (502) 624-2111 and to the Department of Community Based Services (DCBS) at 270-766-5088 or 1-877-597-2331 (after hours). Dual reporting is as a result of Talia’s Law, passed in December 2016 as an amendment to the National Defense Act. The law is named in honor of 5-year-old Talia Williams who was beaten to death in 2005 by her father, then an active-duty infantryman stationed in Hawaii.

Background Clearances: Individuals who regularly interact with children under 18 years of age in Army-sponsored and sanctioned programs are required to undergo specific initial background checks and periodic re-verification.

Until all background checks are satisfactorily completed, individuals must volunteer/work within “Line of Sight Supervision” (LOSS) of a fully cleared staff member and are not permitted to be left alone with child/youth. LOSS is provided by means of the video surveillance system, vision panels within interior doors and windows, and/or management –level staff members regular monitoring the individual Under LOSS.

Staff under LOSS will be identified by **RED** nametags with first and last names and red bib aprons, polo shirts, lanyard or clip on name tags. Staff who have completed background checks will be identified by **GREEN** nametags with first and last names and green tops (smocks, bib aprons, polo shirts) & green lanyard/clip on name tags. Classroom leads and Supervisory Program Specialists will be identified by **BLUE** nametags with first and last names and blue tops (smocks, bib aprons or polo shirts). Management and Administrative staff will wear nametags with first and last names and appropriate business attire. Management name tags will have a red dot if under LOSS and a green dot if fully cleared.

Sign In/Out of Facilities: To maintain a safe and secure environment, all visitors are required to sign in/out at the facility's front desk and obtain a RED visitor's identification badge. Parents/guardians simply dropping off or picking up their child/youth do not have to sign in.

Parents/guardians visiting the facility or a classroom GREATER THAN 15 MINUTES must sign in at the classroom and at the front desk and obtain a red visitor's badge. If attending for special occasions: Mother's Day Tea, Father's Day event, Thanksgiving Luncheon, etc..., Parent/guardians only need to sign in at the front desk. All Non-CYS employees will be escorted in the facility.

Child Guidance and Touch Policy: Helping a child/youth understand and make appropriate choices is the basis for child guidance. When a child/youth misbehaves, CYS staff works along with the Parent/Guardians using Positive Guidance (POSITIVE DISCIPLINE, POSITIVE PARENTING, GENTLE AND LOVING GUIDANCE) to identify the problem and find strategies that enable the child/youth to respond appropriately. Positive Guidance is a belief that children should be treated with respect, free from fear of violence and shame and guided with loving encouragement. The Child Development Center has incorporated the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL). The CSEFEL model focused on promoting the social and emotional development of children as a means of preventing challenging behaviors and encouraged a better working relationship between CDC staff and Parents. ***Corporal punishment is not allowed in CYS programs under any circumstances.***

Boundaries for appropriate and inappropriate touching are established to ensure clear understanding of what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. Inappropriate touching will be investigated and may be grounds for immediate closure of the FCC home or removal of a CYS staff member, contract employee or volunteer.

Bullying: Fort Knox is committed to making our facilities, homes and community safe, caring, and welcoming places for all who enter our doors, particularly our children/youth. For this reason, CYS has a zero tolerance for acts of bullying or disrespect towards children/youth or CYS staff. We treat each other with respect. Our community and centers define respect as follows: Treat others, *regardless of age or position*, with the same level of respect and dignity you wish to be treated with.

CYS defines bullying as follows: A mean and one-sided activity intended to harm where those doing the bullying get pleasure from the intended target's pain and/or misery. Bullying can be verbal, physical, and/or relational to the target's race, ethnicity, religion, gender (including sexual orientation), physical, or mental attribute. It includes all forms of hazing and cyber bullying. This can be and often is continuous and repeated over time. However, once is enough to constitute bullying.

Bullying (on post as well as off post), including all forms of cyber bullying, can impact the targeted individual's feeling of safety and create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment. The CYS Coordinator or Facility/Program Director will immediately address such actions for the well-being and safety of all children/youth and the community.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV): Most CYS program facilities utilize a comprehensive video surveillance system, which includes video and audio capabilities. CCTV is designed to deter and reduce the risk of child abuse in CYS facilities; protect staff from unwarranted allegations of child abuse, provide Soldiers and Parents with "peace of mind" and support CYS management staff in the exercise of program oversight.

The cameras record most activity areas in the interior and exterior of the buildings. All video rotates views on a parent viewing monitor in each building's reception area. You may request to view a portion of your child's/youth's time with the facility manager. Due to confidentiality reasons, copies of these recordings are not authorized to be given to parent/guardians unless a copy is requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Recordings are released only to authorized personnel, MPI, Social Work Services, DCBS, and CID, etc.

Supervision/Accountability of Children - Adult/Child Ratios: Staff-to-child/youth ratios must be maintained at all times of the day except under rare conditions caused by compensatory enrollment as outlined in guidance (see AR 608-10 for more information). The intent is to always be at ratio and not over or under ratio. Ratios will not be decreased to accommodate children/youth with special needs. Ratios may only be reduced if the Army deems the need because of a pandemic or epidemic, etc. Volunteers or other non-CYS staff may be used to supplement the ratio, but do not have a ratio group of children or youth.

All rooms in a CDC/FCC home are multi-aged with a minimum age span of 18 months. Maximum group size is limited to two ratios of children/youth (e.g. two ratios of preschoolers = 20; a ratio of infants and a ratio of pre-toddlers =9).

All SAC activity areas are multi-aged (Kindergarten – 5th grade). The adult/child ratio is 1:12 at all times indoors and outdoors.

In the Youth Sports and Fitness Program, appropriate youth/adult ratios are maintained 100% of the time during all sports and fitness program operating hours. The adult/youth ratio is 1:15 at all times indoors and outdoors. The National Governing Body rules determine adult staff/youth ratio for specific activities. Please consult the Youth Sports and Fitness Director for additional information at (502) 624-4747.

FCC homes are multi-age homes group include only two children under 2 years of age per home. Per AR 608-10

Adult/Child Ratios are:

CHILDCARE/SAC/MST Center (Facilities)		FAMILY CHILD CARE (Homes)	
Adult/Child	Age	Adult/Child	Age
Infants 1:4	6 weeks to 12 months	Multi-age 1:6	4 weeks to 12 years
Pre-toddlers 1:5	13 to 24 months	Infant/Toddler 1:3	4 weeks to 3 years
Toddlers 1:7	24 to 36 months	Newborns 1:2 *	Birth to 12 months
Preschoolers 1:10	3 to 5 years	School-Age 1:8	5 years-12 years
Kindergartners 1:12	Kinder to 5 th grade		
School-Age			
MST 1:15	6th to 12 th grade		

Training & Professional Development: All CYS personnel working directly with children/youth receive standardized orientation training before they are allowed to work directly with children. The orientation includes such topics as applicable regulation and installation policy; child health and safety; child abuse identification, reporting and prevention; age appropriate guidance and discipline; parent and family relations; health and sanitation procedures and position orientation. Training is ongoing and competency based. Assessments are completed to ensure staff comprehend and demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned from training. Other CYS professionals (directors, cooks, etc.) complete an orientation and ongoing training as well.

Parent Involvement: Parent/Guardians are encouraged to participate in the planning and evaluation of programs through annual Fort Knox Multi-Disciplinary Team Inspection (MDTI), program surveys, NAEYC Accreditation, Parent Participation in events/activities and Parent Advisory Board (PAB). These processes help ensure the safety of children/youth while improving administrative policies and programming issues geared toward program quality. ***Moreover, parent/guardians who participate in the program may earn points toward fee reduction on their child care.*** Ex: One hour is the equivalent of one point. After earning 10 points, parents/guardians are eligible to utilize a 10% discount off one month's fees for one child. For detailed information on the various ways parent/guardians can participate in CYS programs and activities, contact your facility director or Outreach Services at (502) 624-4483.

Also, parents play a key role in the care of their children with special needs through their involvement in the Multi-Disciplinary Inclusion Action Team (**MIAT**) process.

Regulations & Inspections: Regulations and services apply uniformly throughout the Army; however, commanders have the discretion to modify specified guidance to meet the appropriate requirements. In order to provide consistency, all Army CYS programs are inspected annually and required to be in compliance with the following Army Regulations (AR), Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) and Public Law (PL):

IMCOM CYS Regulation 608-10-1
AR 608-10, Child Development Services
AR 215-3, Military Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities
Four Annual Child & Youth Services Inspections
DoDI 1015.2 MWR Programs
DoDI 6060.02, Child Development Programs
DoDI 6060.3, School-Age Programs
DoDI 6060.04, Youth Services Programs
DoDI 1402.5, Criminal History Background Checks on Individual in Childcare Settings
DoD I 6025.18-R Privacy of Health Information
PL 101-647 Crime Control Act
PL 106-104 Youth Sponsorship
PL 104-106 - Military Child Care Act
PL 104-201, Sec 1044: Cities concern for lack of support for DoD Youth Programs
PL 106-65, Sec 584, Expanded Child Care and Youth program services
PL 106-79, Conference Report - DoD Report on Family Childcare Subsidy/Access to Military Child Care
PL 101-366 American with Disabilities Act
National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Council on Accreditation (COA)
National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS)
National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accreditation

Department of Defense (DoD) Certification: The Department of Defense (DoD) certification of programs sets a worldwide military standard and is comparable to the state licensing process. While licensing standards vary from state to state, DoD standards are the same worldwide. Military child care programs are all based on the same DoD instructions and certification checklist. You can expect to see a comparable level of quality when you move from one installation to another or one service to another. Where they differ, the standards must be more stringent than those set by DoD. The rules are specific to the type of service and the age of the children/youth. DoD standards address health, safety, parent involvement, staff training requirements, and

developmentally appropriate practices. Whether you're looking at Child Development Centers (CDC), Family Child Care (FCC) homes, Child Development Homes, School Age programs or Youth Programs, you'll find that all of the services on military installations are required to be DoD certified.

Accreditation: Accreditation is an activity, not a status. The benefits of accreditation are the external mark of quality, high standards, process improvements and support. CYS programs undergo a rigorous accreditation process. The Fort Knox Child Development Center, School Age Center, and FCC Homes may obtain accreditation through the following entities:

- **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)** - sets professional standards for early childhood education programs age (age 0-5 years) and helps families identify high-quality programs for their young children. Fort Knox CDC is accredited through June 2021.
- **The Council on Accreditation (COA):** Afterschool Program Standards include After School Administration (CYD-AM), After School Human Resources (CYD-HR), and After School Programming and Services (CYD-AYD). The Administration Standards cover practices related to continuous quality improvement, financial management, risk prevention and management and ethical practice. The Human Resources Standards address recruitment and selection, training and professional development, support and supervision. The Programming and Services Standards set forth additional recommended practices for working with children and youth in out-of-school time. Fort Knox SAC is accredited through November 2023.
- **National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)** - Awarded to family child care providers who meet the eligibility requirements and the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation. Accreditation reflects a high level of quality through a process that examines all aspects of the family child care program, i.e. relationships, the environment, developmental learning activities, safety and health, and professional and business practices. Once family child care providers become accredited, they agree to abide by the standards set forth and to be measured against those standards with periodic integrity and compliance reviews. As of January 2018, Fort Knox has one accredited FCC home.

CHAPTER 2- REGISTRATION PROCESSES & PROCEDURES

Global Data Transfer (GDT): This database makes it possible for Families relocating to a new duty station to forward their child's/youth's registration records to their next duty assignment prior to arrival. Upon arrival the Parent Central Services at the new duty station need only import the patron's information (e.g. names, birth date, child's health records, etc.) is stored in the database. Families will provide needed updates upon arrival at the new location. Contact Parent Central Services for details on how to take advantage of this convenient tool.

NOTE: If the Global Data Transfer database is down, you may request for PCS email your documents from the sending installation to the receiving installation.

Patron Eligibility: CYS accepts children as young as four weeks in Family Child Care homes and through senior in high school (21 years and under) in CYS programs. Eligible patrons of Department of Defense (DoD) Child Development Programs (CDP) include active duty military personnel, DoD civilian personnel paid from both appropriate funds (APF) and non-appropriate funds (NAF), reservists on active duty or during inactive duty personnel training and DoD contractors. Retirees, contractors, and other Fort Knox entities (Fort Knox Federal Credit Union employees and Federal entity employees) are eligible for childcare on a space available basis.

The purpose of the Child Development Center (CDC) and School Age Center (SAC) programs offered by the DoD Components is to assist the new priorities effective September 2020 for CDC/SAC Direct Care Staff, DoD active duty military and then civilian personnel in balancing the competing demands of family life and the accomplishment of the DoD mission, and to improve the economic viability of the family unit. CDC and SAC is not considered an entitlement. (Reference: DODI 6060.2 and 6060.3, #4 Policy.)

Foreign Military Service members assigned to the Installation/serving the Department of Defense will pay the child and youth fee based on their Total Family Income (TFI). The eligibility criteria and priority are the same as any other Active Duty Soldier or DoD Civilian.

Military personnel of foreign nations and their Families when on orders from the U.S. Armed Forces, or in overseas areas when the overseas commander grants privileges in the best interest of the United States. (Reference: AR 215-1 when addressing children 0-12 refer back to AR 608-10).

Coast Guard when activated are eligible patrons. The eligibility criteria and priority is the same as any other Active Duty soldier. Fees are based on their TFI.

Retiree's and Contractor's eligibility is space available only for childcare. Retirees use Instructional Programs, MST and Youth Sports and Fitness programs for any event. Call Parent Central Services at (502) 624-6703 for eligibility questions.

Foster children that are legally placed with eligible Patrons qualify to receive child care services with CYS. The eligible Patron must submit the legal documentation at registration for the child that is in their custody. All documentation must be reviewed by the legal office prior to care. The childcare fees are determined by the household of the eligible Foster Parents.

Definition of Parent:

- A parent or legal guardian is defined as the biological mother or father of a child; a person who by order of court of competent jurisdiction has been declared the mother or father of a child by adoption;

- Or the legal guardian of a child or a person in whose household a child resides at least 25% of the time in any month, provided that such person stands in loco parentis to that child and contributes at least one-half of the child's support.
- In Loco Parentis- When an individual acts "in loco parentis" as the parent, this can only exist when the individual undertakes care and control of another (child/ren) in ABSENCE of such supervision by the natural parents and in absence of formal legal approval. When the parent is still in picture no such "in loco parentis" relationship exists. This guidance has been provided by the IMCOM Office of Staff Judge Advocate.

Parent Central Services (PCS): Parent Central Services, commonly referred to as the "Gateway to CYS," is the first place a Family visits at a new installation to obtain information and register for CYS programs. CYS Parent Central Services:

- ✓ Explains MilitaryChildCare.com waitlist process and help families access the website
- ✓ Verifies a patron's eligibility using the DoD ID Card (Military, Civilian DoD contractor assigned to the Garrison, Reservist/National Guard, Active Duty soldier on orders)
- ✓ Determines services patrons needs (Waitlist, Hourly, Part Day, Full Day, SAC, MS/T, SKIES, Sports, etc.)
- ✓ Explains age appropriate programs associated with patron's children;
- ✓ Conducts initial and re-registration of patrons into all CYS programs
- ✓ Explains Waitlist policies and assists with waitlist placement
- ✓ Determines patron fee category IAW with the latest fee policy
- ✓ Schedules new patrons for program orientations
- ✓ Sends relevant notifications /messages to patrons through the Child and Youth Management System (CYMS) database.
- ✓ Coordinate paperwork/documentation with Army Public Health Nursing for Special Needs children

Items Required for Child/Youth Registration: Children/Youth must be fully registered before they can use any CYS programs. Contact your local Parent Central Services Office to set up an appointment to complete your registration. Limited "walk-in" services may also be available.

To expedite or avoid delay of the registration process, please have the following available:

- ☑ **Identification Card** (Sponsor or Spouse)
- ☑ **Social Security Number**

- ☑ **Proof of Child Eligibility** (i.e. Legal Guardianship papers, Child Military ID Card, or Tricare card or DEERS printout from Soldier's AKO)
- ☑ **Copy of Child's Birth Certificate** – Required of DoD civilians or contractors,
- ☑ **Immunization Record or transcription** (CYS does follow the Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children & Adolescents Aged 18 years or younger from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- ☑ **Proof of Income:** (i.e. Leave and Earning Statements/Pay Vouchers or proof of fulltime school enrollment) For CDC, FCC, SAC registrations.
- ☑ **Health Assessment/Sports Physical Statement or Well Baby Check Up** (due within 30 days of registration or before child/youth's first sports practice, whichever comes first)
- ☑ **Health Screening Tool**
- ☑ **Medical Action Plans if required**
- ☑ **Local Emergency_and Child Release Designee** (minimum of two)
- ☑ **Family Care Plan** (Dual/Single Military Only, including Reservists)

ALL FORMS MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION!

(Some forms may also require a stamp from a medical provider)

DD FORM 2652	Application for DoD Child Care Fees or waiver
	Teen Self Registration Form
	CYMS Profile Print (PCS prints – no signature)
	Family Care Plan (dual/single military only)
	Health Assessment /Sport Physical Statement
	Health Screening Tool (SNAP) Form/MAPS
	USDA Forms

Immunizations: Children/Youth accepted for child care in CYS programs must be free from communicable diseases such as measles, mumps, hepatitis, scarlet fever and strep throat, and have written documentation of all age-appropriate immunizations as recommended in the Immunization Schedule for Children & Adolescents Aged 18 years or younger from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Child/youth immunizations must be up to date in order to participate in CYS programs.

A request for waiver based on a medical condition must be accompanied by a signed, stamped, and dated statement from a credentialed medical provider documenting why the child is exempt. Also, a request for waiver based on a religious objection must be accompanied by a signed statement of the parent specifying religious objection. Approval is provided by the CYS Coordinator. **Per the Army, in the future, the approval of waivers may change from the CYS Coordinator to another organization.** Children/youth who are not immunized will be denied child care during outbreaks.

CYS requires the flu vaccination as an annual requirement for children 6 months and older. For SAC and MST, if the public schools or private schools require children to have a flu vaccination, there is no documentation required in place at SAC and MST. CYS will ask for documentation for school age children who are Home-schooled. Failure to provide required medical documents could result in denial of services.

On Post Schools: DoDEA Regulation 2942. 1., School Health Services, requires annual influenza vaccine for students attending all DoDEA schools. The influenza annual/seasonal or pandemic vaccine is a requirement to safeguard military communities and improve school attendance.

It is mandatory for all CYS employees to have annual flu shots; approved medical and religious exemptions do apply. All employees working in infant classrooms must have all the immunizations, including the flu shot.

In the event of an immunization-preventable disease outbreak, the CYS Coordinator will take appropriate action to exclude from CYS programs, children/ CYS personnel who have been granted immunization waivers. The Preventive Medicine Chief and/or APHN (Army Public Health Nurse) Health Consultant must be consulted when assessing re-admission to CYS programs.

Health Assessment/Sports Physical Statement: A current health assessment/sports physical statement, within one (1) year of registration is required for children 12 years old and under attending CDC, FCC, or SAC. Sixth graders attending MST and all other children attending MST do NOT require a health assessment (unless requested by MIAT). Children attending hourly care, contingency/emergency care, or Kids on Site childcare do require a current health assessment/sports physical (exclusions may apply for Kids on Site special events). Children attending Instructional Programs do not require a health assessment/sports physical statement unless requested by MIAT or deemed necessary by instructor personnel.

If a current health assessment/sports physical statement is not available at initial registration it is to be completed within 30 days of enrollment (60 days for contingency/emergency care).* Health

Assessments are good for three (3) years, as long as the child does not have any major health status changes. Sports Physicals are good for one (1) year.

*Well baby exams or school athletic physicals can be used in place of the health assessment if dated, signed and stamped by the health care provider and parent within one year. Well baby exams or school athletic physicals should include findings of the physical examination and should identify any abnormalities, considerations, or restrictions found. ***Children/youth participating only in the middle school/teen program programs are exempt from this requirement.***

***Sports Physical:** *No child/youth will be authorized to play, practice or participate in games until a valid physical has been furnished. The form must be signed by a licensed health professional and certify the child/youth is physically fit to participate in chosen sport(s) and address any pertinent medical condition and/or constraint such as asthma, heart murmur, allergies. The sports physical must remain current throughout the season.



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**HEALTH ASSESSMENT/SPORTS PHYSICAL STATEMENT (HASPS)
for CYS SERVICES
ENROLLMENT, Renewal & SPORTS PHYSICAL Requirements**

Revised 08Jan 09

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1994			
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Information is used by DA personnel to: (1) verify child health status of immunization per admission requirements; (2) note special program considerations or restriction on child participation; (3) execute emergency medical procedure for chronic illnesses/conditions; (4) refer child for enrollment in Exceptional Family Member Program; (5) certify physically fit to participate in sports. ROUTINE USES: No information is disclosed outside DOD. DISCLOSURE: Information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided, individuals may not be able to participate in community activities.			
INSTRUCTIONS: All sections A, B, C, must be completed			
PART: A Medical History (Filled out by parent / guardian)			
Name of Sponsor		Home Telephone	Duty/Work Telephone
		Cell Telephone	
Sponsor Unit / Work Address		Sponsor SSN	Spouse's Work Telephone
CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION			
Name of Child		Birth Date	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Does your child have ongoing medical concerns? (If Yes, explain circumstances and current status) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Is your child enrolled in Exceptional Family Member Program? (If Yes, explain) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
MEDICAL HISTORY			
	YES	NO	
1. Any hospitalization or operations			14. Heat stroke or exhaustion
2. Allergies to medicine, insect bites or food			15. Broken bones or sprains
3. Speech or development delays			16. Joint injuries (Ankle/Knee/Wrist)
4. Vision Problems (Glasses / Contacts)			17. Required restricted physical activity
5. Ear or hearing problems			18. Diabetes
6. Seizures or Convulsions			19. Cancer
7. Dizziness or fainting with exercise			20. Dental or orthodontic braces
8. Headaches			21. Learning problems
9. Head injury or loss of consciousness			22. Sleep problems
10. Neck or back injury			23. Behavioral problems
11. Asthma or difficulty breathing			24. ADD / ADHD
12. Heart or blood pressure problems			25. Autism Spectrum Disorder
13. Chest pain with exercise			26. Other (please list below)
If you answer yes to any of the above, please explain:			
Ongoing Medications			
Name	Dosage		Frequency
Allergies – All Types (Foods, Medicines and Insect Bites)			
Type	Reaction		

PART B: Physical Exam				
Medical Staff Assessment (Completed by licensed independent practitioner: Doctor-Dr., Nurse Practitioner-NP, Physician's Assistant-PA)				
Age YRS	MOS	Height cm. (%ile)	Weight kgs. (%ile)	
BP:	/	Visual Acuity Right / Left /	Tested with / without glasses	
P:				
	NORMAL	ABNORMAL	N / A	COMMENTS
1. Eyes				
2. Ears, Nose & Throat				
3. Hearing				
4. Mouth & Teeth				
5. Neck (Soft tissues)				
6. Cardiovascular				
7. Chest & Lungs				
8. Abdomen				
9. Genitalia – Hernia				
10. Skin & Lymphatics				
11. Spine – Scoliosis				
12. Extremities				
13. Neurological				
14. Wears braces / plates				
Based on this HX and PX exam, the following abnormalities were found and may need treatment:				
Immunizations are current and up to date: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PARTICIPATION RECOMMENDATIONS				
<input type="checkbox"/> All sports Yes No		<input type="checkbox"/> Normal physical activity to including PE		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional comments:		<input type="checkbox"/> Restrictions:		

Sports Physical is valid for 1 year from date indicated below

PART C		
Special Medical Considerations: Describe any special program needs, considerations or restrictions which the child requires in order to participate in CYS programs (to include Sports).		
Child / Youth is able to participate in normal CYS programs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Date	Licensed Health Care Professional Stamp	Licensed Health Care Professional; Dr., NP or PA Signature
Initial Date	Type or print name of Parent or Guardian	Signature of Parent or Guardian
HASPS Renewal (Not Part of the Sports Physical)		
Year 2 Date	Health Status Changed	Signature of Parent or Guardian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Year 3 Date	Health Status Changed	Signature of Parent or Guardian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Special Needs Identification: The Army Child and Youth Services Screening Tool is required to be completed by parents to screen all children for special needs at initial registration and annually thereafter. Upon identification of special needs, supporting documentation must be submitted with the screening tool and forwarded by CYS to the Army Public Health Nurse (APHN) for review. If your child/youth has a disability or other special needs, the parent/guardian will be asked to participate in the Multidisciplinary Inclusion Action Team (MIAT).

Children and youth with the following conditions might be referred to the MIAT.

- Allergies
- Special Diets
- Respiratory Diagnosis
- Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder
- Diabetes.
- Other

Multidisciplinary Inclusion Action Team (MIAT): The MIAT is a multidisciplinary group that explores installation child care and youth supervision options for children that have been diagnosed with life-threatening conditions and functional limitations. The team determines child care and youth supervision placement and considers feasibility of program accommodations and availability of services to support child/youth needs. Parent participation is crucial to the success of the MIAT. Every effort is made to accommodate children/youth with special needs. CYS advises parents that are license practitioners to not sign any of the required medical documentation to complete his/her child's MIAT due to the American Medical Association and the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure consider it to be unethical.

Special Diet: Children/youth with life threatening food allergies or special dietary needs must provide a Special Diet Statement (SDS) from their health care provider specifying (1) which foods the child cannot consume, (2) the resulting allergic reaction if ingested and (3) allowable food substitutions. Children/youth may not be eligible for services without appropriate documentation. Specifying which foods should be eliminated as well as allowable substitutions is required in addition to the representative of the religious institution signing the Special Diet Statement form, printing their name on the SDS form, and dating when the SDS form was completed. SDS are good for three (3) years as long as the child does not have any major health status changes. For more information, please contact Parent Central Services.

Medical Action Plan (MAP):

Maintaining the health and safety of every participating child/youth in CYS programs is of utmost importance. If the child/youth has a medical condition/diagnosis, such as allergies or asthma, that may require him/her to take medication while participating in an activity, the parent/guardian will be asked to complete a Medical Action Plan (MAP). Medical Action Plans (MAPs, 7625-3 or 7625-2) are valid for one year based on the date signed by physician (MAPs) or APHN (7625-3, or 7625-2), or until notified of health status changes.

This plan is completed by the child's/youth's health care provider to ensure CYS staff is aware of the proper medication and the necessary course of treatment for the child/youth.

Reasonable Accommodation:

IMCOM REG 608-10-1 defines Reasonable Accommodation as "A determination of appropriate caregiving practices or medical procedures that can be accomplished in a program to support participation of children/youth with a special need in that program. Reasonable accommodation does not: a) Impose an undue hardship to the installation/Army. b) Fundamentally alter the program where the accommodation would take place. c) Pose a direct threat to staff or other participants in the program."

Waitlist: Because of the high demand for childcare, it is not unusual for families to be placed on a wait list. The Department of Defense (DoD) program has made it easier to find the child/youth care for family needs. Military and DoD Civilian families can search for child/youth options through MilitaryChildCare.com. Parents can find comprehensive information on child care programs worldwide, conduct a customized search for the care that is needed and submit a request for care at any time and from any location. Placement on the waiting list is determined by sponsor priority and the date of application. All child care waiting lists request must be submitted through MilitaryChildCare.com. For more information, please contact Parent Central Services. Current priority listing is below.

Priority 1A - CDP (Child Development Program) Direct Care Staff

Priority 1B - Single/Dual Military Members and Military Members with a Full-Time Working Spouse

Priority 1C - Military Members with a Part-Time Working Spouse or those with a Spouse Seeking Employment

Priority 1D - Military Members with a Full-Time Student Spouse

Priority 2 - Single/Dual DoD Civilians and DoD Civilians with a Full-Time Working Spouse

Priority 3 - Space Available

a. Families requesting child care must meet Child and Youth Services (CYS) eligibility requirements.

b. Families must request child care through the DOD Request for Care system located at www.militarychildcare.com.

c. CDP direct care staff, paid from either non-appropriated funds (NAF) or appropriated funds (APF), are responsible for the care and well-being of children enrolled in CDC, FCC, or

SAC programs and include classroom staff, trainers, food service workers, administrative, and management personnel.

d. Coast Guard Service-members (Active Duty and Reserve Component) and civilian employees will hold the same priority as equivalent DoD Service members and civilian employees, as detailed above, regardless of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating.

e. Combat-Related Wounded Warriors in an Active Duty Status, who require hospitalization, extensive rehabilitation, or significant care from a spouse or care provider that also require full-time child care, may be placed into Priority 1B upon Senior Commander approval. This authority cannot be delegated.

The status of post-secondary enrollment must be verified every 90 days.

Note: It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to confirm interest in remaining on the wait list by updating the request on www.MilitaryChildCare.com every 30 days. Failure to do so will result in removal from the wait list. When a space is offered in a viable care option (CDC, FCC, etc.) parent/guardians are given forty-eight hours (48) hours to accept/decline the space. If the viable care option is declined, then the child's name will be moved to the bottom of the wait list you are on. If PCS is unable to contact the parent/guardian, the space will be made available to the next eligible child/youth on the wait list. Contact Parent Central Services to discuss the available wait list options.

Viable Child Care Option: Care to meet the patron's schedule that reflects the necessary program type (full day, hourly, part day, etc.) and the appropriate age group (infant, toddler, preschool and school-age) for the child. Care may be on or off-post in any CDC, FCC or SAC program or at any location convenient to either the home or work. Viable off-post care options are those that are comparable in price and quality to on post sponsored child care options.

Parent Orientation: Before a child can attend child care services a Parent Orientation is required. CDC and SAC Parent Orientations are prescheduled and include program Philosophy, Accreditation, Policies, Partnerships, Facility Tours, and completion of necessary documents. FCC Parent Orientations are also required prior to starting care; one orientation is completed by the FCC representative and the FCC Provider completes an orientation in the Provider's home.

MST Parent Orientations are available upon request, but are HIGHLY recommended for Parents to become knowledgeable of all the programs/services.

Middle School/Teen Registration: Middle school/teens must be registered to participate in all programs. Registration may be completed at Devers Middle School/Teen Center or at Parent Central Services. All youth must be registered to participate in any MST program to include special

event programs, afterschool programs, trips, evening or weekend open recreation programs. All registration documents must be completed and signed by the Parent. CYS staff will validate the forms and an annual pass will be issued to youth.

Some special events and field trips may cost a nominal fee, but participation in these events is not mandatory. In the case of field trips, written parental permission must be granted before a youth is allowed to participate.



CHAPTER 3 - DAILY OPERATIONS

Daily Admission/Release: Arrival & Departure Procedures: Under no circumstance will a child/youth be released to any person who is not authorized to pick up the child/youth. Positive control of child/youth will be maintained at the classroom level. Note: Those making emergency pickups must show ID before child/youth will be released.

Child Development Center (CDC), parents/designee will swipe their child(ren) into the Child and Youth Management System (CYMS) using their Child Pass card at the front desk before proceeding to their child(ren)'s classroom. Under no circumstance will the parent/designee move beyond the front desk without first swiping in. Upon entering the classroom, the parent/ designee will sign the child(ren) in, annotating his/her name, date, time and signature.

When departing, parents/designee will first enter the child(ren)'s classroom and sign the child(ren) out of the classroom. After signing out and proceeding to leave the classroom, the parent/designee must swipe their child(ren) out of CYMS located at the front desk. These procedures are in place to ensure accountability for all children attending care.

The CDC is required to contact parents when their full-day child is not in care by 0930 (9:30 a.m.). CDC encourages parents to let their child's teacher know their child will be late or call in to notify the front desk that a child will be late at Bldg 4250 502-624 6702 or Bldg.4249-502-624-6708.

School Age Center (SAC), parents/designee will swipe their child(ren) into CYMS using their SAC Pass card and physically sign in the attendance book at the front desk before proceeding to their child(ren)'s activity room. Under no circumstance will the parent/designee move beyond the front desk without first swiping in and physically signing in. The child(ren) may sign themselves in the activity room (as age appropriate), using the established method of the program (in some cases, annotating his/her name, date, time and signature, in others annotating on the Locator Board that the child(ren) is "In"). The CYP present will ensure that all children are properly signed into the classroom before the parent/designee departs the room/area. Upon departure, parents/designee will swipe their child(ren) out of CYMS using their SAC Pass card and physically sign out of the attendance book at the front desk before proceeding to their child(ren)'s activity room. These procedures are in place to ensure accountability for all children attending care. School-age children may not leave a program unaccompanied without written permission from the parent.

The SAC staff is required to contact parents when their daily enrolled before-school child does not attend in the morning by 800 AM. Parents will be called at 1000 AM during full days when children don't arrive at SAC. SAC encourages parents to let their child's teacher or the front desk know when they will be late or not come into care in the morning (this also applies for the after-school program. Call the front desk when a child will be late/not attending at Bldg.4251– 502-624-6903.

Devers Youth Center, Middle School/Teens (MST) youth participate in an open recreation program, which means they are allowed to enter and depart the facility without a parent/designee. Youth will swipe into CYMS by using their MST Pass card and/or state their first and last name to the front desk CYS staff to be signed into CYMS. Youth will sign in before they may participate in the CYS youth program. When youth depart the Youth Center, they must use their MST Pass card to swipe out and/or state their first and last name to the front desk CYS Staff to be signed out of CYMS. These procedures are in place to ensure accountability for all youth attending MST.

Parents/guardians and visitors will enter and exit CYS Facilities through the front entrance/reception area, except during emergency evacuation and fire drills. During evacuations/fire drills, patrons will follow designated facility evacuation procedures.

Unless prior written arrangements have been made with CYS personnel, only parents or parent designees shown on DA Form 4719–R may take a child from a CYS program.

Children may not be released to siblings or other children under age 13.

No parent may be denied access to a child, including the right to pick up a child from a CYS program or FCC home, unless a copy of the custody agreement or court restraining order that relinquishes such parental rights is on file at the care giving site. If there are circumstances involving Child Protective Services, CYS facilities will follow the appropriate guidance.

DROP OFF FOR INFANTS at CDC:

For infants each parent will be asked to supply daily information on his/her child upon arrival. The sheet will be updated throughout the day by the staff and given to the parent at departure time. Please allow enough time to pass on all pertinent information at arrival. If your child's diaper is dirty upon arrival, please feel free to utilize our facilities to change the diaper if you have time. Anything you do to support us in caring for your child is much appreciated.

Denial of Child Care Services Due to Illness: CYS takes all reasonable precautions to offer a healthy environment. To ensure the safety of all enrolled children/youth the staff will observe children/youth for signs of illness or symptoms of contagious disease. This will be done by personnel who have been trained by the Army Public Health Nurse (APHN) or CYS Nurse. Screening will be done immediately upon child's arrival, during care, and prior to parent's departure.

CYS Services personnel will inquire whether the child has had:

- 1) Nausea, vomiting, or severe diarrhea (three (3) or more episodes within previous 24 hours.
- 2) Consultation with their primary health care provider regarding child health concerns.
- 3) Fever-axillary temperature greater than 100.5° F for infants three (3) months and younger or greater than 101° F axillary or oral in all other children.
- 4) Inability to participate in daily activities.

If any of the above symptoms are noted or reported, and the care provider determines that the child needs to be temporarily denied service, parents will be advised to:

- 1) Care for the child at home until symptoms have subsided and the child is able to participate in daily activities
Or
- 2) Consult their primary source of medical care for further instructions.

Exclusionary Criteria- Children who appear ill or show visible signs of fever are excluded based on the following symptoms:

- 1) Temperature greater than 100.5° F axillary (armpit) for children under three months and greater than 101° F axillary or oral for children over three months of age. Exclusion criteria

for children/youth and adults who become ill during the Influenza season (1 October-31 May) include: having a fever (100° F axillary or oral) **and** at least one (1) respiratory symptom such as runny nose, cough, congestion, sore throat, intestinal upset, and diarrhea, *NOTE: Individuals may be infected with the flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.*

- 2) Inability to participate comfortably in daily activities. This can include, but is not limited to: acute change in behavior-this could include lethargy/lack of responsiveness, irritability, persistent crying or sleeping, difficult breathing, or having a quickly spreading rash.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS! Common Illnesses Requiring Exclusion

**A Doctor's/Provider's Note is required for your child to return to Childcare
for the following illnesses:**

<u>Illness</u>	<u>Clearance note needed</u>	<u>Considerations for return to care</u>
Common Cold		Fever absent 24 hours
Rashes (unknown)	✓	Certification of clearance from provider
Conjunctivitis	✓	24 hours after treatment has begun and there is no longer any discharge from the eyes
Nausea/Vomiting or Diarrhea (unknown origin, often Norovirus)		N/V/D has subsided for 24 hours (needs note if dx with salmonellosis or Shigellosis, and 2 negative stool cultures). Child CAN return prior to 24 hours after vomiting or diarrhea incident if cleared with a doctor note.
Strep Throat	✓	The appropriate number of doses of antibiotics have been given over a 24 hour period for known strep and other bacterial infections
Ring Worm	✓	has been treated for 24 hours and areas are covered If lesions cannot be covered, can't be readmitted until lesions have shrunk
Flu		Rest at home until fever absent for 24 hours and able to participate in activities. In the very near future, it may be required to have a clearance if your child has the Flu – we highly encourage this clearance now.
Croup		Not specifically addressed- follow inclusive readmission criteria.
Pneumonia		Not specifically addressed- follow inclusive readmission criteria
Lice		Per IMCOM: Exclude until treated (shampoo w/pediculicide). Parent should be notified upon identification, however child may complete the day. Child may return after treated. There is not a no nit policy.

Hand Foot Mouth		Exclusion from care not indicated unless child is unable to participate
Fifth's Disease		Exclusion from care not indicated
Impetigo	✓	24 hours after treatment has begun and lesions are no longer weeping.
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	✓	After 7 days from date on antibiotic treatment was begun and provider certification
Pin Worms	✓	Exclude until 24 hours after treatment begins
RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)		Exclude until fever resolved and child can tolerate normal activities
Scabies	✓	Exclude until 24 hours after treatment completed.

Other Illnesses Requiring Clearance Note:

Giardia Lamblia • Shigella • Salmonella Hepatitis Haemophilus Influenza B (HIB) • Tuberculosis • Polio • Diphtheria • Scarlet Fever • Measles/Mumps/Rubella • Methicillin-Resistant Staph Aureus (MRSA) •
 • Chicken Pox (Lesions crusted, 5-6 days after onset- per AR608-10) • *Not all inclusive, if ever unsure, contact CYS nurse or APHN*

For ALL illnesses when applicable:

- Antibiotics need to be given for 24 hours at home before coming to care
- Fever must be absent for 24 hours without use of fever reducing agent (ex: Tylenol or Motrin)
- Child is able to comfortably participate in usual daily activities. Consider acute change in behavior – this could include lethargy/lack of responsiveness, irritability, persistent crying, difficult breathing, or having a quickly spreading rash. *Per AR 608-10, children can be excluded for persistent cough.*
- Per SOP and PH: "Child has completed the contagious stage of illness. A note from the doctor *may be* requested, giving permission to return". *This reserves the right of each center to require note from provider for any communicable illness at their discretion.*

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Illnesses Include:

- Impetigo—Red oozing erosion capped with a golden yellow crust that appears stuck on.
- Scabies—Crusty wavy ridges and tunnels in the webs of fingers, hand wrist and trunk.
- Ringworm—Flat, spreading ring-shaped lesions.

- Diarrhea—defined by watery stools or decreased form of stool that is not contained in the diaper and toilet-trained children if the diarrhea is causing soiled pants or clothing. In addition, diapered children with diarrhea should be excluded if the stool frequency exceeds two (2) or more stool above normal for that child; or loose or watery stools associated with fever; or if the child's ability to participate in program activities is affected.

NOTE: Breast-fed infants may have loose stools that may not always be contained in the diaper; they are not to be excluded unless there is a significant change in their normal stool pattern. Children that are on antibiotics will sometimes have loose stools; they should not be excluded unless they meet the criteria above.

- Chicken pox—Crops of small blisters on aired base that become cloudy and crusted in 2 to 4 days.
- Head lice—nits—Whitish—grey clot attached to hair shafts.
- Culture—proven strep infections that have not been under treatment for at least 24 hours.
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)—Red watery eyes with thick yellowish discharge.
- Persistent cough, severe diarrhea or vomiting.
- Symptoms of other contagious diseases such as measles, mumps, hepatitis, and strep infections.
- Pinworm infestation.

Re-Admission after Illness: CYS staff will provide Parent/Guardian with an illness/injury readmission form (AE Form 608-10-1B) detailing criteria for readmission. The Child/youth's health care provider should use the form to indicate when it's safe for the Child/youth to return to the program. However, a note alone from the health care provider **will not** automatically re-admit the Child/youth into the program or override Army regulations. The child/youth may only return to the CYS program when the following conditions exist:

- Fever has been absent for 24 hours. (Without the use of a fever-reducing agent or the parent provides a note from the child's healthcare provider clearing them to return to CYS Services care).
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea has stopped for 24 hours.
- Chicken pox lesions have all crusted, usually 5 or more days after onset.
- Scabies treatment has occurred 24 hours before readmission.
- Lice are under treatment, no nits are present, and a physician's note.
- Pinworm treatment has occurred 24 hours before readmission and a physician's note.

- Ringworm under treatment for 24 hours. The lesions must be covered. If lesions cannot be covered, child/youth will not be admitted until lesion has shrunk.
- Lesions from impetigo are no longer weeping and child has been on antibiotic medication for 24 hours
- There is no discharge from ears.
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye) treatment is ongoing, child has been receiving antibiotic medication for 24 hours, and no eye drainage is present.
- The child/youth has received prescription medication for 24 hours outside of CYS prior to administration by CYS staff.
- The child/youth has completed the contagious stage of an illness. A note from a provider may be requested given permission for child to return.
- The child/youth feels well enough to participate in the normal daily activities.

In addition, CYS Services staff must ensure that the following criteria are met:

- a) The child's presence will not endanger the health of other children.
- b) If an antibiotic was prescribed for streptococcal or a bacterial infection, the appropriate number of doses for antibiotics has been given over a 24 hour period for known strep and other bacterial infections, and the child's physician has approved readmission.
- c) Certification from a provider that the child may return to the program is required when the following diseases are diagnosed (list is not all inclusive):
 1. Giardia Lamblia
 2. Shigella
 3. Salmonella
 4. Hepatitis A, B, or C
 5. Haemophilus Influenza B (HIB)
 6. Tuberculosis
 7. Pertussis (Whooping Cough)-7 days from date antibiotic treatment began with provider clearance
 8. Polio
 9. Diphtheria
 10. Rashes (Unknown origin)
 11. Conjunctivitis
 12. Impetigo
 13. Scabies
 14. Scarlet Fever

15. Strep Throat
16. Ringworm
17. Measles
18. Rubella
19. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)
20. Clostridium difficile (C. Diff)

The Health Care Provider must sign, stamp, and date the “Return To Care” paperwork!

If the child was evaluated and treated by a medical provider for any condition (including those listed above), the parent/guardian must provide CYS Services staff with a signed, dated, and stamped note that states the child is cleared to return to care. A note is especially necessary if there is any question that the child is still communicable or is not well enough to return to care. In addition, any specific recommendations for limited activity or observations should be specified on the medical clearance note.

Children wearing casts, slings, have concussions/head injuries, or that have stitches must have a written statement from a healthcare provider with the level of participation allowed upon return to care.

Idling of Vehicles at CYS Facilities: Please note, vehicles are not allowed to idle in the facility's designated parking areas at any time, including during drop-off and pick-up. Please turn off your vehicle upon exiting. Idling vehicles contributes to air pollution and can emit air toxins, which are pollutants known or suspected to cause cancer or other serious health effects.

Basic Care Items: Acceptable basic care items are limited to topical items used for the prevention of sunburn, diaper rash, teething irritation, lip balm, insect repellants and lotions. Products such as these are limited to those identified in AR 608-10 and must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). An authorization form must be obtained from the parent/guardian each quarter in order for such items to be applied. Basic care items will be in their original container and stored out of reach of children. Each item should have the child's first and last name legibly written on it, as well as on the outside of the bag. Contact your FCC Provider or program director for a listing of approved basic care items. Parents are required to pick up expired medication from the center.

Administration of Medication: Certain medications may be administered in the CYS setting when it is not possible for Parents/Guardians to be present. Only prescribed medications on the CYS Approved Medication List such as antibiotics, antifungals, antihistamines, decongestants, topical medications, and rescue medications with valid Medical Action Plans (Albuterol, Diastat

Acudial, Diphenhydramine, Epinephrine, Glucagon) may be administered to child/youth who are enrolled in full-day, part-day or regularly scheduled school-age programs. Medications not on the approved medication list must have a medication Exception to Policy, reviewed by APHN and forwarded to IMCOM. Medications that are prescribed as needed (PRN) will not be given in programs, with the exception of rescue medications that have been prescribed. Parent/guardians will have the health care provider complete and sign the corresponding Medical Action Plan (MAP) for the required rescue medication. All medications must be in the original container, have a current prescription label and should be accompanied by proper dosing syringe/cup/ spoon. A Child/youth must be taking the medication for at least 24 hours prior to re-admission into a CYS program for non-rescue medications. Parent/Guardians will complete and sign a CYS Medical Dispensation Record, DA Form 5225-R, for each approved medication to be administered each quarter. A Parent/Guardian must complete and sign the form before medication can be administered and children/youth requiring rescue medication are not allowed to participate in the program without their rescue medication and Medical Action Plan being on site. This policy will be discussed during the Parent/Guardian orientation. Please contact the individual program for further information. **At the School Age Center and Middle School Teen Center all prescription medications will be stored at the front desk. Children are not allowed to carry their medication with them throughout the center or while on field trips.**

Children with Diabetes – CYS promotes the participation and inclusion of children and youth with diabetes to CYS programs and activities. CYS will not, solely by reason of a diagnosis of diabetes, exclude children/youth from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject children/youth to discrimination under any CYS program or activity. CYS provides reasonable accommodations to afford access to its programs and activities to children/youth with diabetes. Each request for accommodations for a child/youth with diabetes will be assessed on an individual basis. Procedures are in place to process the requests which may include a Multi-Disciplinary Inclusion Action Team (MIAT) meeting.

Self-Medication: School age and Teen Center youth can self-medicate if the child/youth's health care provider determines that it is developmentally appropriate, and the youth knows enough about the health condition including prescribed treatment procedure. Self-medication in CYS programs requires written instructions from the youth's health care provider. The instructions from the youth's health care provider must clearly spell out what and when self-medication is allowed and under what circumstances the youth must refer to the parents and health care provider for assistance. Parent/Guardians and youth are responsible for notifying the program staff of any medication that will be brought to CYS programs. Youth must self-administer all prescribed medications (prescribed medications must be labeled by pharmacy) in the presence of CYS staff who will then document the administration. If a youth (6th–12th grade) cannot self-medicate, then a MIAT review is required.

Rest and Nap Periods: Child/youth enrolled in CDC and FCC full-day programs or hourly care will have a rest period, usually following lunch. Child/youth wishing to nap can do so, while other

child/youth engage in some other quiet activity (e.g. read a book, coloring, etc.). Infants are allowed to follow their own resting/napping patterns.

Personal Items from Home:

Diaper Bags/Backpacks Containing Unsafe Items: To prevent harm to your child/youth and other children /youth/staff, please ensure his/her diaper bag or backpack does not contain items that could place others at risk. This includes food items since we have many children/youth/staff who have food allergies. Mondays are the highest risk due to Families using these bags during weekend outings and forgetting to take items out before bringing children into our facilities. Our number one priority is to ensure all children are safe while they are under our care and supervision.

- **Clothing:** Children should come to the center dressed appropriately for the weather (e.g.) jackets and hats for fall and spring; coats, boots and snow pants, gloves/mitten for winter). Children should come in "play clothes" so that they feel free to participate in indoor and outdoor activities. Long dresses are not permitted for safety reasons. Washable clothing is recommended as children may be involved in messy developmental activities (e.g. art, cooking, water and sand play). Two changes of clothing for all children under school-age are recommended. **School-age children are recommended to have one complete change of clothing with them.** All clothing and accessories should be labeled with your child's full name.
- **Shoes:** Children footwear should have rubber soles and be suitable for running, climbing and jumping. Tennis shoes are recommended. For safety reasons, sandals, jellies or cowboy boots should not be worn at any time. **Children without proper footwear will not be allowed to participate in gym, playground, obstacle course or outdoor fitness activities.**
- **Jewelry:** Accessories such as earrings, rings, bracelets, necklaces, and barrettes are not permitted for children under three or children who are in multiage rooms with children under three. Any type of beaded jewelry (hair, wrists, etc.) is not acceptable in the Child Development Center due to safety precautions for young children.
- **Sleep Aids:** If your child is over 12 months of age and has a special soft toy or blanket that he/she naps with, it may be brought to the program. The naptime toy or blanket will be put in the child's cubby and be made available for use during naptime. These items will need to be taken home for weekly laundering. Please ensure all personal items (i.e., book bags, books, school supplies, clothing, and blankets) are labeled with your child's full name. It is not recommended that children younger than 12 months sleep with soft toys. Any special items in an infant's crib must be reviewed by APHN, have a doctor's note, and possibly a MIAT conducted.

Diapering/Toileting Training/Dental/Biting:

- **Diapers:** For health and sanitation reasons, only disposable diapers are permitted in our programs. Cloth diapers are only allowed when the use of disposable diapers creates a health risk for the child and the parent/guardian submits a health care provider's statement to that effect. Diapers are checked and changed promptly if they are wet or soiled. Diapers and baby wipes should be labeled with the child first and last name.
- **Toilet Training:** Toilet training is a natural developmental process. Peak readiness is typically at 2 ½ years, but will vary with each child. We will not force children to use the toilet, nor will we punish a child for lapses in toilet training. Planning a consistent toilet routine for home and center will go a long way in helping your child accomplish this developmental milestone. You must provide sufficient changes of clothing and training pants.
- **Dental:** All children will be supervised when brushing teeth beginning at the age of two. Center based tooth brushing must be done in the rooms at the sink. Tooth brushing in a FCC Home must be done at the bathroom sink.
- **Biting:** Policies will focus on modifying the child's behavior within the existing environment rather than "suspending" the child. When this is not possible, the CDC Director may recommend the child be moved to another CYS setting to meet the child's needs.
- **Chronic incidents of behaviors** These incidents endanger the child, other children, or staff such as biting, kicking, scratching, hitting, spitting, throwing or turning over items, or excessive use of foul language are disruptive to our programs and to those participating in them. Parents will be informed when these behaviors occur. If behavior is repetitive, a conference will be scheduled with management staff to enlist parent cooperation and gather information regarding individual needs with the parent a behavioral plan will be developed for the child using Center of the Social, Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) from the Operational Guidance for Behavioral Support designed by Kids Included Together (KIT). While we consistently strive to meet individual needs our focus must remain with the safety and wellbeing of all children. If the negative, harmful behavior is repeated, parents may be contacted to remove the child from the program for the rest of the day. If no change in the negative behavior is evident, the parent will need to seek alternative care and denial of care will be elevated through the command to IMCOM. CYS continually reevaluates its programs to ensure consistent, developmentally appropriate care. Additionally, community resources are available to assist families. We encourage families to utilize Social Work Services, Army Community Service, and the Exceptional Family Member program.

Transitions: Children are supervised closely at all times and environment facilitates staff visibility and access to children. Extra vigilance is given during transition periods, i.e., arrival, departure, employees shift changes.

Celebrations:

- **Birthday and Holidays:** Children will participate in the planning and preparation processes of all special celebrations. CYS philosophy concerning developmental programs emphasizes the importance of hands on involvement of children, and these events are no exception, i.e. children should make their own favors and decorations, create their own menu to include food preparation and cooking experiences. Parents are welcome to participate in and attend these special celebrations. These events will take place only during children's designated PM snack time. Morning part-day pre-school will conduct celebrations during their class time.

Only nutritious foods and drinks will be served to children in the Child Development Center, School Age Center, Devers Middle School/Teen Center or Family Child Care home. All foods must be prepared on site. Due to food allergies and ingredients not always listed on labels, no food may be brought in from home or other outside sources. Parents who wish to contribute party bags for a special event or birthday are welcome to do so provided clearance is given by the program director.

- **Special Events:** Throughout the year, CYS sponsors special events and awareness campaigns such as Month of the Military Child and Army Birthday. Senior Commanders from Active Army, Guard, and Reserve and other branches of service; congressional delegates, local district officials and other key stakeholders plan and engage in observance of these events. Openings for child care are available during other special events such as balls and meetings that occur after normal operating hours. This type of care must be coordinated in advance thru Kids On Site (502) 624-4483.

Emergencies Closures/Evacuation/Mobilization: In the event of emergency, mobilization or other contingency in which the facility needs to be evacuated, CYS staff will follow a written Mobilization and Contingency Plan. Children/youth may be moved to the designated evacuation sites for safety and supervision if the emergency is not post-wide and only affects one facility. Parents/guardians and military police will be notified.

During emergency weather, childcare will be provided per the direction of the Garrison Commander. Hazardous road conditions dictate the times for opening/closing childcare.

In the event of illness, emergency or facility closure, CYS will make every attempt to contact the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian cannot be located to pick up the child/youth, the following

procedure will be put into action:

- The emergency notification child release designee on record will be called. If the center is unable to contact him/her, the next designee listed will be called.
- If none of the designees can be contacted, the military police will be notified and their procedure will be followed in reference to locating the parent.

Minor Accident /Emergencies: In the event of a minor accident resulting in injury to a child/youth requiring medical treatment, the CYS staff will immediately contact emergency services followed by notification of the Parents/Guardian. CYS personnel or FCC Providers will accompany the child/youth immediately on the transport to Hardin Memorial Hospital Emergency Room (or the hospital selected by the EMT) by ambulance. If a change happened in route that causes EMT to transport the child/youth to a hospital located in Louisville, KY, the Parent/Guardian will be contacted as soon as possible by CYS personnel. The staff or provider will remain with the child/youth until the Parent/Guardian arrives at the hospital that their child is located.

Serious Incidents: CYS must report the following incidents to the Safety Office and up the Chain of Command. A completed Report of Unusual Incident (RUI) will be sent to the Department of Army. The Military Police, 911 or another agency (including the Department for Community Based Services) may be called for assistance or to investigate. Incidents include:

- Death/Injury to a child/youth sustained in a CYS program or facility resulting in admission to a hospital or which prevents/precludes the child/youth from participating in school/Child Development Center/Youth Programs for more than 3 days.
- Child neglect, physical or sexual abuse allegations of any person working or volunteering in any CYS program, even if the allegation did not involve a child enrolled in a CYS program and any substantiated child neglect or abuse charge.
- Revocation or deferment of CDC or SAC accreditation.

CYS policy requires written incident/accident reports for falls, scratches, bruises, bites and scrapes that occur while your child/youth is in our care to include emergency situations. Parents/guardians will be informed of the incident/accident and will be asked to sign the report. All reports are kept in the child's/youth's folder and child abuse allegations are reported to higher headquarters.

Transportation Policy: A few CYS staff are trained to operate government vehicles to safely transport children/youth on and off post. Our safe passenger rules must be adhered to at all times; please review them with children/youth. Failure to follow these safety rules may result in the suspension of a child's/youth's transportation privileges. In most cases, the CYS program does not provide/utilize bus monitors to and from school at CYS expense.

- Seat belts must be worn at all times in mini-buses. Mini buses will not move until everyone is buckled up.
- Everyone must remain seated and facing forward on buses. Buses will not move until everyone is properly seated.
- Inside voice is to be used at all times in vehicles.
- Eating, chewing and drinking are prohibited in vehicles.
- No objects (including body limbs) shall be extended out a window.
- Littering is prohibited. Trash should be placed in designated trash containers.

The majority of transportation of CYS children/youth to/from school and on field trips is provided through a CYS contract with Taylor Motor Company (company providing transportation to on post schools) or another contracted transportation service. Permission slips are always signed by parents prior to any transportation.

Field Trips: As part of the curriculum, field trips and nature walks are scheduled to Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) sites and other local sites to augment the developmental program. All field trips receive input from Families, child/youth and staff to offer planned activities in conjunction with community service projects. Field trip sites are visited by staff prior to the scheduled trip. Parents/guardians will be informed in advance of the date and destination of each trip and will be required to sign a permission slip for each child/youth participating in the trip. Ratios must be maintained by paid staff supplemented with adults such as parents or volunteers. Ratios for high risk activities must follow guidance. Please consult the program director for additional information on high risk activities.

Food and Nutrition: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Enrollment and Income Applications must be completed on an annual basis for all infants – 5th graders registered in CYS. FCC homes and CDC programs will have all infant jar food, formula and cereal for infants available. Parents are required to complete an infant addendum annually indicating what foods/formula they will be providing by marking the appropriate blank on the form. FCC homes and CDC programs offer on-site ready to feed iron-fortified formula for infants in full- and part-day programs. These specific USDA CACFP approved formulas are free of cost and parents/guardians have the option to decline. Parents/guardians are responsible for preparing bottles and providing an adequate number of bottles labeled with the date, child's first and last name and the time that the bottles were prepared or breast milk expressed.

Glass bottles are not allowed and all bottles must have caps. Medications, cereal or any other food may not be mixed with formula or breastmilk for infants (under 12 months of age), unless otherwise indicated in the MIAT care plan due to medical reason. Whole milk is allowed for children over 12 months.

Infants (under 12 months) will be fed individually and according to the infant's feeding plan. Infant Feeding Plans are based on USDA CACFP guidelines and are established by the parent and recommendations of the child's physician or other qualified health professional.

As of January 2018, the MST program will no longer participate in the USDA-CACFP program during the school year; participation in the summer break program will be reviewed each year.

Family Style Dining: With the exception of SAC and MST programs that serve buffet-style meals, CYS programs sit and dine “family style” with children/youth in FCC homes and centers. Family style dining promotes expanded language and cognition skills, builds fine motor skills and models appropriate eating habits while fostering social interactions. Most importantly, family style dining promotes a feeling of unity and acceptance that is essential to emotional development. It is developmentally age appropriate for children/youth to participate in cleaning and setting tables, preparing meals, serving themselves (with staff assistance if needed) and assisting with clean-up after meals.

Lost and Found: Each CYS program has a designated area to store items that are left behind. Contact the Director if you have missing items. Items are kept for a minimum of 30 days and then turned in to Helping Hands (clothing, wallets with no money) or the Military Police (wallets with money or electronics)

Outdoor Activities: All children are taken outdoors daily for fresh air and to play, weather permitting. In order to ensure their health and safety during outdoor play/sports activities, we ask that you ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and active involvement in outdoor activities. Layering your child’s clothing allow us to respond appropriately to fluctuating temperatures by either adding or removing layers of clothing for your child’s comfort. In addition, we ask that you select clothing that is not too loose and doesn’t have strings/ties that may get caught on playground equipment. Also, please provide sneakers or gym shoes rather than sandals, clogs or dress shoes. A daily checklist is completed for all indoor/outdoor areas of center-based services where children/youth participate.

Parent Participation Program: The Military Child Care Act requires the establishment of a parent participation program at each DoD installation. The program allows parents/guardians to earn points by participating in pre-approved activities on post, off post or in the comfort of the parent’s home. ***Parent/guardians who wish to take advantage of this cost saving opportunity will receive a 10% monthly fee reduction.*** Here are a few ways Parent/Guardians can earn points towards fee reductions in childcare for one child:

- **Parent Education:** Workshops will be advertised to parents including online/face-to-face. All efforts will be made to engage with families. The School Liaison Support Services will establish a system of communication with families in areas to include, but not limited to: transition support, school options, and support for times of parental absence, special education, community relations, homeschool support, academic planning, and post-secondary education. Additionally, the School Liaison Support Services is available to help with back-to-school events, Partners-in-Education, Adopt-a-School, youth sponsorship, and

relocation topics.

- **Parent Advisory Board (PAB):** The PAB is a parent/guardian forum that meets quarterly to discuss current issues and offer recommendations for CYS program and service improvements. Parent/Guardians concerns are channeled through the program director to the installation commander for review and disposition. The Leadership (President, etc.) will be parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer to serve.
- **Holiday Gatherings:** The CDC, SAC, FCC, and/or Youth Sports Programs may offer a Parent/Coaches luncheon or dinner if program operations allow and/or funding is available.
- **Parent Conferences:** Provide parents/guardians a formal means of communicating with those who provide direct care to their children on a regular basis. It offers a great opportunity for Parent/Guardians to learn up to date community news and program information while discussing their child's/youth's developmental progress. Parent Conferences are offered at the CDC for children enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten program. They are offered at SAC and MST at the request of the Parent/Guardian.
- **Parents' Rights & Responsibilities:** Each child's maximum potential can best be achieved through a strong partnership between parents and the educational, recreations, and child care community. To foster active engagement between parents and the child care community, parents have certain rights and responsibilities.

All Parents Have The Following Rights:

- The right to affordable and available child and school age care and programming in a safe and supportive learning and recreational environment.
- The right to access information about their child with access to any educational records, including portfolios or other written records, visual recordings, and any information on educational and recreational programs and opportunities available to their children.
- The right to be actively involved and engaged in the program and to be given every available opportunity for meaningful participation.
- The right to approach management to enquire about their child's well-being.
- **All Parents are Responsible For:**
 - Sending their child to the program appropriately dressed and ready to participate.
 - Ensuring their child arrives at the program in adequate time to be provided transportation or meals, if required, or to participate in scheduled field trips.
 - Informing the program if the child will not be attending the program.
 - Being aware of their child's activities at the program by talking to staff, reading program notices, and meeting with program staff if any issues arise.
 - Maintaining verbal and/or written contact with the program concerning their child.
 - Adhering to all program policies.

- Notifying program management staff of any quality of care issue.
- Responding in a timely manner to communication from the program.
- Attending any meetings and/or conferences that pertain to their child.
- Entering the program's facility in a respectful manner, refraining from disruptive behavior and treating all members of the program with courtesy and respect.
- Ensuring that the program is updated with accurate contact information including addresses, phone numbers, two emergency contacts, etc.
- Notifying the program if their child contracts a communicable disease.

Alcohol and Tobacco Policy:

Because children and youth are impressionable and because we value their health and yours, smoking is prohibited in all CYS buildings and playground areas. There are designated outdoor smoking sheds for employees on a break or lunch period. Per AR 600-43, paragraph 4-2, designated smoking sheds must be at least 50 feet from common points of entry/exit and cannot be located in areas that are commonly used by non-smokers. All smocks and aprons must be removed prior to smoking.

Mission-Related Extended Duty Child Care is provided at no cost to Families for short term child care (generally up to 3 hours/day) beyond regularly scheduled hours of care (based on the Sponsor's typical duty day/care requirement). A written validation statement is required from the Soldier's unit/sponsor's supervisor to qualify.

Mission-Related Extended Duty 24/7 Child Care Fee Assistance: Provided at no cost to Families for care longer than three additional hours per day. Individual Families are authorized up to 15 calendar days per child for Extended Duty 24/7 Child Care per year. A written validation statement is required from the Soldier's unit/sponsor's supervisor to qualify and coordination must be made with the CDC or SAC.

After Hour Care: Children/youth must be picked up by posted closing time. When a Child/youth is left at the site past closing, staff will attempt to contact the parent/guardian using all telephone numbers provided, to include the emergency release designees. If after 30 minutes of a facility or FCC Provider home closing time, the end of an instructional class/sporting or Middle School Teen event and all attempts made by CYS Personnel, the parent's unit, and the Fort Knox Military Police have failed to locate a parent or authorized designee, the CYS Program Director on duty with another staff member will transport the child to the designated FCC provider (A copy of the child's file will accompany the child). The Provider is notified a child will be transported to her/him for care until the parents are located. A notice to the parent will be posted on the facility door to instruct parent to call the director.

Child Care & Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather, childcare will be provided per the direction of the Garrison Commander. Hazardous road conditions dictate the times for opening/closing childcare. For inclement weather, 0800 is used as the standard reporting time.

Normally, if the installation is on a 1 hour delay, childcare opens at 0830 (no before school services offered at SAC). If the installation is on a 2 hour delay, childcare opens at 0930 (no before school services offered). Please be sure to check the following website for any changes <http://www.knox.army.mil> or the installation website or CYS Fort Knox Facebook.



CHAPTER 4: PAYMENTS AND REFUNDS

FEES: A DoD Fee Policy is released each school year.

Tax Liability: All Civilian Families using on-post child care are required to register with the designated DoD Third Party Administrator and complete an online parent enrollment form to determine the tax value of their child care subsidy. Each year DoD must determine the value of the child care subsidy. This net value is the amount that is considered potentially taxable income associated with the DoD child care subsidy. Only child care subsidies that exceed the \$5,000 (\$2,500 for married individuals filing separately) exclusion are taxable and reportable. Sponsors are responsible for considering any dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts (DCFSA) to determine if the net value plus the DCFSA value exceeds the \$5,000 or \$2,500 amount. For FCC users, request all tax documents prior to customer PCS or Provider PCS.

Total Family Income (TFI): is all earned income including wages, salaries, tips, special duty pay (flight pay, Active Duty demo pay, sea pay), and Active Duty save pay, long-term disability benefits, voluntary salary deferrals, retirement or other pension income, including SSI paid to the spouse and VA benefits paid to the surviving spouse before deductions for taxes. TFI calculations must also include quarter's subsistence and other allowances appropriate for the rank and status of military or civilian personnel whether received in cash or in kind. For dual military living in government quarters include Basic Allowance for Housing with Dependents Rate (BAH RC/T) of

the senior members only; for Defense civilian OCONUS include either the housing allowance or the value of the in-kind housing provided. Current BAH chart is located at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm>. All patrons, regardless of category, must show proof of income of everyone in the household.

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO DETERMINE TFI:

- a. Military Sponsor's current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) - Based on a full month of income.
- b. Civilian Sponsor's current LES.
- c. Spouse/Partner's LES, W-2 forms, and/or other income documentation.
- d. Schedule C (IRS return) from previous year to demonstrate wages from self-employments.
- e. Letter from employer if Spouse/Partner has not worked one full month. The letter must include rate of pay and anticipated average number of employment hours in order to calculate an annual pay estimate. Pay stub must be submitted following the first month of employment.

Families who fail to show proof of TFI, within 90 days, are charged Category 9 parent fees. If the required documents are provided at a later date, the TFI Category is adjusted accordingly and new fees effective from that date.

Fees for Blended Married Families are based on the TFI of the household.

Fees for Legally Separated Families are contingent on a legal separation document, a signed separation agreement, or a notarized statement explaining that the parents are separated and unable to reconcile their marital relationship, civil union, or domestic partnership.

Note: All new DoD Contractors, and/or specified space available patrons enrolling on /or after February 1, 2018 will pay the unsubsidized fee listed under TFI category 9A.

Annual TFI **will not** be adjusted unless:

- Unemployed spouse/partner finds paid employment
- Family is granted a Financial Hardship/Extenuating Circumstances Reduction
- Annual Internal Review Audit documents inaccurate documentation of TFI or Fee changes
- Special circumstances (Furlough, documented loss of income)

Parent fees **will be** adjusted when:

- The Family moves to a new TFI Category.
- Child/Youth transition between programs with different fees, e.g., full day care to Kindergarten, Full Day to Part Day, After School to Summer Camp, Child Development Center to Family Child Care, etc.
- Army Fee policy directs a fee change.
- A Financial Hardship Waiver is approved.
- The Family relocates to another installation with different fees
- Special circumstances (Furlough)

NOTE: An Annual Fee Audit is conducted by an outside CYS agency to verify the accuracy of income information disclosed by CYS patrons and to ensure fees charged for full-day and part-day CDC, SAC fees are based on TFI and within DoD/Army fee ranges and guidelines.

NOTE: If there are concerns with the information presented at registration/re-registration, CYS may involve SJA and/or request involvement from the CYS Coordinator to ensure the Patron Fees are accurately accessed.

Program Fees: Are generated semi-monthly on the 1st and the 15th of the month. Parents can pay monthly fees for regularly scheduled Full Day, Part Day and Part Time Care in monthly or semi-monthly installments. Incoming Families make their initial payment for care at the time they accept the child care space offered by the CYS Parent Central Services Office.

Services will be terminated if full payment plus late fee charges for the month are not received by the last working day of the month unless a command approved financial hardship waiver has been initiated.

Note: Vacation (Summer & Seasonal) camp fees must be paid weekly by the Monday prior to the start of the camp. Ex: If camp begins 8 June, the camp must be paid in full by 1 June. Days will not be prorated for Federal Holidays (ex: July 4th, etc.)

Instructional programs and Youth Sports & Fitness offerings must be paid in full prior to attendance.

- **Hourly Care services/fees:** Priority for Hourly Care reservations will be given to in-processing Soldiers, emergency care/placements, and medical appointments. Children must be registered with CYS and Patrons must attend an orientation. Reservations may be made 30 days in advance by calling (502-624-6700, your online WebTrac account or by visiting the Hourly Care front desk. There is a one (1) hour minimum per day and a maximum of fifteen (15) hours per child per week. Exceptions to the maximum hours allowed per week will require written documentation submitted to PCS for the CYS Coordinator's approval/disapproval. Reservations must be cancelled prior to the time of your reservation. Reservations from 0830-1200 must be cancelled no later than 0800 and those from 1300-1630 must be cancelled no later than 1100 on the same day of reservation. There is an automatic \$10 fee if Patrons fail to cancel their appointment within the prescribed time or if they are No Shows. The Standard Army-wide hourly care rate is \$5 per hour per child for ALL CYS programs regardless of Total

Family Income (TFI) category. **Multiple Child Reductions do not apply to hourly care.** Hourly care payment is due at the time of service. Late fees will be applied the first minute following the end of the reservation. Patrons will be charged \$1.00 per minute, up to 15 minutes per family. After 15 minutes, the charge is \$5.00 per child for the next 45 minutes. CYS emergency procedures will be followed when the child/children is/are left at the program one hour after the reservation time.

NOTE: Failure to make payment will result in termination of availability of child care services.

SAC Hourly Care

The School Age Center (SAC) is pleased to offer our families hourly care based on space available during the hours of operation. When Before/After Care is in session, hourly care is available until 1730 for up to 2 days per week. An hourly care fee of \$5.00 per hour is charged for occasional users attending SAC five or fewer hours per week. When school is not in session, such as professional development days or inclement weather, full-day hourly care is available. Hourly care at SAC closes at 1730, however if there are unexpected circumstances, SAC will work with parents.

The School Age Center follows the Fort Knox Schools and Hardin County Schools calendars regarding school closings and professional development days. Please contact SAC to make reservations for hourly care.

- **CYS WEBTRAC Payments:** Some CYS programs allow patrons to make online payments. Please contact your local Parent Central Services for availability of WebTrac payment options.
- <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbwsc/Knoxcyms.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

Other Payment Options: Payments may be made with cash, check, credit card, auto debit or through WebTrac. Personal checks will be accepted in the amount due only.

- **Late Pick-Up Fee:** CDC and SAC programs have a late pick-up fee of \$1.00 per minute up to 15 minutes per Family per site regardless of the number of children in care at that site. For example, a Family who has two children in the CDC and one child in SAC will pay a \$15 late pickup fee at each site if pick up is 15 minutes after closing. When the Family is later than 15 minutes, the Family is charged \$5.00 per child, per site for the remainder of the hour and then \$5.00 per child, per site for each hour thereafter. Late pick-up fees are not charged for approved mission related circumstances or when specific arrangements to extend child care are made prior to pick-up. Late pick-up fees and no show fees also apply to the SAC Free Activities and CDC Friday evenings or Saturdays. Be sure to contact Parent Central Services office regarding documents required for the approval of mission related circumstance.

- **Late Payments:** Payment for regular scheduled care for full day/part day care. Late payment fee is charged after the 5th business day and is \$10.00 per child per payment cycle (semi-monthly) or \$20.00 (monthly).

When late or non-payments have been identified, the procedures as outlined in the SOP, Subject: "Non-Payment of Child Care Fees, Collection of Delinquent Accounts and Denial of Services" will be followed which include:

- Verbal Notification by Front Desk staff during swipe in/swipe out on the 4th and 5th days of each semi-monthly billing cycle. CYMS swipe stations should be toggled to 'Display Message if HH Balance Exists' so front desk personnel can give parents a courtesy reminder of approaching payment deadlines.
- Personal Follow-Up. By Program Manager on 6th day of the first delinquent billing cycle. Families with an outstanding balance should be contacted via telephone, in writing or in person regarding the outstanding balance. This will include informing Families of their option to request a Financial Hardship Waiver from IMCOM G9 and reminding of them of penalties if payment arrangements are not made by established deadlines.
- Written Notice of Non-Payment/Potential Termination. By Program Manager on 6th day of the second delinquent billing cycle. This will be an automated Army-standard notice. If possible, Program Manager should also do a final verbal follow-up in conjunction with this letter to ensure the Family fully understands the pending consequences and to encourage them to seek assistance if warranted. Services will be suspended on the last day of the month until the fees are paid in full or a hardship waiver/payment is approved by the garrison commander. Services may be terminated when fees are not paid in full or a financial hardship waiver is not approved.

Note: When payment is not received, collection of wages will be initiated.

Financial Hardship Waiver: Families must demonstrate a need for a child care fee reduction due to financial hardship based on a review by an ACS financial counselor or a certified financial professional external to CYS. The counselor will provide a recommendation for a fee reduction to the Garrison Commander. Fee Adjustments for Financial Hardships must be re-evaluated at least every six months by the counselor or Garrison Commander. Financial Readiness Program (FRP) will conduct no less than two follow up meetings with patrons once a recommended waiver is granted to receive status updates (one meeting during the first six months and a second meeting during the second six months). **Families whose child care fees are 25% or more of their Total Family Income (TFI) may request a hardship review.** Contact the Outreach Services director at Parent Central Services for assistance in filing a hardship.

Leave/Vacation Options: Family Child Care Fees are annualized during registration for a 2 week Leave/Vacation which reserves the child's space. The option chosen must be used during the registration year and cannot be carried over into the next year. Families who opt for 4 weeks of Leave/Vacation pay a higher monthly fee than families who chose the 2 weeks fee option. Family Leave/Vacation must be taken in a minimum of one week increments. Families must provide advance notice prior to taking leave/vacation. **Leave vacation options are available to patrons enrolled in CDC/FCC programs ONLY.**

Withdrawal/Out-processing: Parents are required to provide a minimum of 2 weeks' notice in writing prior to withdrawal. This notice should be given to the Center Director, Assistant Director or clerical staff. Failure to submit written notification will result in on-going assessment fees. The other available option is for parents to use the two week leave/vacation in lieu of the two week notice of withdrawal.

A one-time ten percent (10%) reduction may be applied to the final payment for full day, and before/after school care programs when a 30-day notification for withdrawal/disenrollment from a program is provided. This reduction is not applied to Families transitioning to other on-post CYS Services programs. (Ex: CDC to SAC).

Absenteeism: *No credits or refunds are issued for child/youth absenteeism due to:* (a) regular childhood illnesses or injuries (two weeks or less) (b) CYS program closures due to inclement weather, staffing training, or special installation circumstances determined by the Garrison Commander (GC), (c) withdrawal except in situations approved by the CYS Coordinator where the child/youth has not started the class and for (d) unused leave/vacation. Sponsors requesting refunds for circumstances outside the scope of this policy must submit their justification in writing through the program director to the garrison commander.

Refunds: Refunds are authorized for: (a) program closures for repair or renovation when an alternate care setting is not provided (b) unexpected prolonged child absence due to Family emergency or extended illnesses (c) withdrawal from a regularly scheduled child care programs upon receipt of PCS orders and (4) withdrawal from a Youth Sport (occurring before midseason of the sport) upon receipt of PCS orders. Forms are available at Parent Central Services or at your program facility.

Waitlist Terminations: When a waiting list exists, Garrison Commanders have the authority to terminate services or grant Spouses looking for employment a one-time 90 day extension to remain in care after the initial 90-day period has passed. Patrons can lose their space with a 30 day notice.

PARENT FEE REDUCTIONS/INCENTIVES:

CATEGORY A Sports – Soccer, Flag Football, Cheerleading, Basketball, Volleyball, Track & Field, Dodge Ball

CATEGORY B Sports – Baseball, Softball, Wrestling

CATEGORY C Sports – Tackle Football, Lacrosse, Ice Hockey, Competitive Swimming, Golf, and Field Hockey

Youth Sports Coach Fee Reduction: Children of Volunteer Youth Sports Coaches may earn FREE or reduced sports fees.

* Children/Youth of Head Coaches receive Category A or B sports at no cost during the same season.

* Children/Youth of Head Coaches receive Category C sports at no cost for the first child and a 15% reduction for subsequent children during the same season.

* Children/Youth of Assistant Coaches receive Category A or B sports at no cost for the first child and a 15% reduction for subsequent children during the same season.

* Children/Youth of Assistant Coaches receive Category C sports at a 25% reduction for the first child and a 15% reduction for subsequent children during the same season.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE FINGERPRINTS AND INSTALLATION RECORDS CHECK: ARMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (ASAP), MTF ARMY CENTRAL REGISTRY (ACR), AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (CID)/Alerts.

Youth Participation Reduction Fee in Middle School/Teen Program: Youth who volunteer in MST program earn points for their volunteer hours which can be applied towards fee related events, trips and activities.

Deployment Support Services: Parents receive a 20 percent deployment reduction for regularly scheduled child care and reduction for other deployment support services. Community Based Fee Assistance Support Services are available through Child Care Aware.

Please contact Parent Central Services for additional information regarding Deployment Support Services.

* Please note these services may change – call Parent Central, (502) 624-6703.

Parent Participation Fee Reduction: Parents may earn a fee reduction of 10 hours in CYS programs for participation. A 10% reduction on one month's fee for one child/youth may be awarded for each 10 hours of parent participation. Reductions are limited to 10% per child/youth per month and will be reflected on the 1st of the month billing. *NOTE: Points are carried forward until 10 points are earned. Upon earning 10 points the points must be used during the month earned or the following month. Points cannot be saved or carried forward for future use.*

Parent participation hours may accumulate month to month and may not be shared with other Families. The CYS Coordinator may approve Military Units or formal organizations such as Family Readiness Groups (FRG) to "adopt" Families who are unable to accumulate participation

hours due to deployment or other extenuating circumstances. Families **must be identified and approved prior** to the accumulation of points. Members of units or organizations are not required to have children or youth enrolled in CYS Services. Adopted Families **may not** use hours accumulated on their behalf when the deployment or extenuating circumstance ends.

Multiple Child

Seasonal youth sports: MCR applies to Families with more than one child enrolled in a seasonal youth sport. The Standard Army-wide Multiple Child Fee Reduction is applied to the second child and all subsequent children enrolled in a youth sport occurring in the same season. Regularly scheduled child care programs (Full-day, Part day, FCC home, before and After School Age, etc.): MCR applies to Families with more than one child enrolled in ongoing child care programs. The child enrolled in the highest cost care option is considered the first child and pays full fee. The Standard Army-wide Multiple Child Fee Reduction is applied to the second child and all subsequent children enrolled in regular ongoing child care program.

Family Child Care Fee Incentive: FCC Parent Fee Assistance represents a savings to Families over Army CDC and SAC fees for designated Total Family Income Categories. This savings is an efficiency incentive to encourage more Families to use FCC Homes as their primary source of child care. Contact Parent Central Services for additional information on FCC Parent Fee Assistance.

Extended Duty Child Care Fee Assistance: Provided at no additional cost for short term child care (generally up to 3 hours/day) beyond FCC regularly scheduled care hours (based on Sponsor's typical duty day/care requirements). A written validation statement is required from the Soldier's unit/Sponsor's Supervisor to the FCC Provider to qualify.

Mission Related Extended Duty 24/7 Fee Assistance: Provided at no additional cost for care beyond FCC regularly scheduled care hours. Individual Families are authorized up to 15 days for Extended Duty Child Care per year. A written validation statement is required from the Soldier's Unit/Sponsor as well as coordination with Center Director.



CHAPTER 5 - CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

ABOUT OUR STAFF:

Our staff consists of professionals and para-professionals with varying amounts of education and prior experience in their chosen career field. All entry level direct care staff receive 66 units of specialized training during the first eighteen months of employment and 24 units annually after the initial training is completed. Training includes but is not limited to: regulations and directives, child/adolescent growth and development, education methods and materials, discipline and guidance techniques, child health and nutrition, special needs, safety and emergency procedures, First Aid and CPR. All staff are encouraged and supported in their pursuit of higher level credentials and degrees. We are proud of our staff, their accomplishments and their commitment to providing quality child care and youth programs for the children of the Fort Knox community. Management and support staff also pursue training tailored to meet the requirements of their positions.

CORE CURRICULUM:

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Creative Curriculum is the authorized curriculum used in CDC for children ages 0–4. The Teaching Strategies (TS) Gold developmental assessment, Checkpoints, will be used to

document the progress of children. All activities will be developmental in nature and recognize children's individual differences by providing an environment that encourages self-confidence, development of self-help and life skills, curiosity, creativity, and self-discipline as outlined in the Creative Curriculum. Concrete experiential learning activities encompass the following six domains: Social, Physical, Language/Literacy, Cognitive/Intellectual, Emotional and Cultural.

Typical child routines such as meal times, clean-up times, napping and rest times, and diapering and toileting are integral parts of the curriculum, not separate items between curriculum areas. Daily specific lesson plans and schedule along with weekly lesson plans are posted.

FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCC) HOMES

As part of the CDC, the FCC homes follow the same as the CDC with Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold for children 0–5. The child routines are the same as the CDC.

SCHOOL AGE CENTER (SAC)

Curriculum and programming centers around the school age four services areas: Sports & Fitness, Fine Arts, Citizenship & Leadership, and Leisure & Recreation. Children will have input into activity choices to ensure the activities meet their needs and interests. Documentation of child input into activities is on file in the program. Program choices are designed and implemented to meet a variety of child interests to cover a wide variety of skill, ability and interest levels.

Daily schedules/lesson plans will be flexible, provide stability without being rigid, allow children to meet their physical needs (e.g., water, food, restrooms) in a relaxed way, allow children to move smoothly from one activity to another, usually at their own pace, and facilitate transitions when it is necessary for children to move as a group.

Program activities are offered in Life Skills, Citizenship and Leadership Programming. A variety of clubs and committees will be available to expand children's interpersonal, speaking, and leadership skills. Program choices will be offered to help children develop skills in independent living and life planning such as cooking, swimming, etc.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/TEENS (MST)

The MST program utilizes a comprehensive youth development curriculum framework to ensure the physical, cognitive, social and emotional needs of youth are addressed. The framework is comprised of Four Service Areas to meet the core requirements. Youth will work together with staff to ensure they have input into activity choices. Activities must meet the needs and interests of the youth. Intent is to have a combination of youth and adult choices in the lesson plan. Youth will help determine frequency. Activities will reflect the program's written philosophy and goals for youth in a prominent area.

Program opportunities, in the four Service Areas: 1) The Arts, 2) Sports and Recreation Programs, 3) Education & Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Programs, 4) Health and Wellness Programs, and 5) Leadership and Service programs.

- Youth Councils, which will provide opportunities for youth to actively participate in planning and conducting youth programs.
- Volunteer Community Service will provide opportunities for youth to actively learn through service to their community.
- Workforce Preparation provides opportunities for youth to prepare for successful entry into the workforce.
- Youth Technology Lab. Provides opportunities for youth to explore interests, enhance technology skills, and research information.

We encourage our Families to share their culture, heritage and home language throughout all curriculums.

YOUTH SPORTS AND FITNESS (YSF) PROGRAM

The Youth Sports and Fitness Program operates primarily at Caruso Youth Sports and Fitness Complex and has various facilities throughout post. The program utilizes a comprehensive framework to ensure the physical, cognitive, social and emotional needs of youth are addressed;

- Team Sports are offered for all children ages five and above in the following sports:
 - Baseball/T-Ball
 - Soccer
 - Basketball
 - A minimum of two additional teams sports offered at any time of the year (volleyball, dodge ball, cheerleading, tackle football, etc., based on community needs and interests).
- Individual Sports are offered in at least three locally selected sports. A minimum of one Fitness and Health option is offered anytime during the year such as healthy lifestyles, healthy eating, personal hygiene, etc.
- Fitness and Health programs focus on nutrition education/counseling and health promotion. These programs are implemented throughout the CYS Services system.
 - Nutrition, Counseling or Health activities/event
At least one other locally determined option i.e. aerobics, swimming laps, weight lifting, biking, fitness trails, challenge courses, walking, jogging, hiking, etc.

Outreach programs are offered in CDC, SAC, MST and FCC in four areas throughout the year.

- Intramurals (SAC/MST)
- Motor Skill Activities (CDC/SAC) i.e. Start Smart
- Skill Building Clinics (all)
- MWR Partnerships (SAC/MST) i.e. Gymnasium, Outdoor Recreation

A minimum of one additional outreach activity (usually a special event or camp) is offered.

CORE PROGRAMS:

Child Development Centers (CDCs) and Family Child Care:

CDC: (Ages 6 weeks-Pre-Kindergarten) Offer on-post full-day, part-day, hourly child care, extended duty day care("We've Got You Covered") and the *Strong Beginnings* Pre-Kindergarten program. Care is provided by trained staff and operations are subject to Department of Defense (DoD) Certification. (Child Development Center 74017).

FCC: (Ages 4 weeks-12 years) Offer full-day, part-day, and hourly child care to include extended duty day, weekend care, 24-hour care as needed in a home environment. Care for up to six children (depending on mix of ages) is provided by trained, certified, and monitored Family Child Care Providers On post privatized housing and is subject to DoD Certification.

School-Age (SA) Centers: (Kindergarten – 5th grade) Offer before and after school programs, weekend activities during the school year, summer care and camps during school vacations. Care is provided by trained staff and operations are subject to DoD Certification.

Middle School/Teen Center (MST): (grades 6-12) The Youth Program offers comprehensive, supervised program options and affordable, quality, predictable services that are easily accessible for eligible youth in grades 6 through 12 who are generally 11 – 18 years of age. This is achieved through a comprehensive Youth Program framework consisting of the Four Service Areas. Through formal partnership agreements with several nationally-recognized youth-serving organizations, 4-H and Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), youth have access to programs, standardized curricula, special events, camps, scholarships, etc., no matter where they live. Supervision and programming is provided by trained staff and operations are subject to DoD Certification.

- Homework Centers (K-12 grades): Create a safe and familiar before- and after-school academic support environment in school-age centers and youth centers.
- School Youth Sponsorship Programs: Ease school transitions in CONUS and OCONUS schools.

Youth Sports & Fitness Programs and Instructional Programs: (Ages 3-12 grade) Offer developmentally appropriate opportunities for children and youth to be engaged in individual and team sports, competitions, skill building clinics, and nutrition and health classes that foster development of life-long healthy habits. Provided by trained CYS employees and volunteer coaches in a variety of settings including Youth Centers, MWR Facilities, Schools, community fields and facilities. DODI 6060.4, AR-215-1, AR-608-10.

- Baseline Programming includes:
 - Team Sports
 - Individual Sports
 - Fitness and Health
 - Outreach
- National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS): NAYS is the nation's leading youth sports educator and advocate with national programs that educate administrators, coaches, officials and parents about their roles and responsibilities in the context of youth sports, in addition to offering youth development programs for children. Since 1993, the National Alliance for Youth Sports has created a unique partnership to bring quality youth sports programs to children on military bases in CONUS and OCONUS locations. Through NAYS CYS offers; youth sports coaches certification, youth sports officials training services, parental sports education and marketing services, Start Smart Sports Development Program for Child Development Centers, and on site and on-line educational forums on Army installations worldwide.
- Youth Sports and Fitness also hosts instructional programs, which include: Gymnastics, Dance, and music lessons. These instructional programs take place at the Hansen Center and Building 4555. Costs of individual sports and instructional programs will vary.
- **Concussion:** With the increase in concussion reports in the Youth Sports, the Caruso Youth Sports and Fitness Program makes your child's health and safety a #1 priority.

During sports, we know that Concussions are a possibility, therefore the youth sports staff & coaches and everyone involved are keen when we see the below Signs Observed with a player, we take action:

- √ Can't recall events prior to or after a hit or fall.
- √ Appears dazed or stunned.
- √ Forgets an instruction, is confused about an assignment or position, or is unsure of the game, score, or opponent.
- √ Moves clumsily.

- √ Answers questions slowly.
- √ Loses consciousness (even briefly).
- √ Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes.

Concussion Symptoms the Player May Report:

- √ Headache or “pressure” in head.
- √ Nausea or vomiting.
- √ Balance problems or dizziness, or double or blurry vision.
- √ Bothered by light or noise.
- √ Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy.
- √ Confusion, or concentration or memory problems.
- √ Just not “feeling right,” or “feeling down”.

The Youth Sports & Fitness office provides parents with more information on concussions when a child/youth participates in Sports.

√ To ensure that the equipment your child will be wearing during football practices and games, all helmets are sent to Riddell Sports where they are inspected, repaired, and reconditioned to the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) standards. While there is no standard on shoulder pads, our programs take the extra step to send shoulder pads to Riddell where they are thoroughly inspected, repaired, and sanitized after every season.

√ Baseball is no exception. National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE). We ensure all baseball helmets are inspected and sanitized to the NOCSAE standard. This responsibility may be shared by different companies; however, rest assured we only select reputable and professionals to work on our equipment. There is no standard for catcher's gear; however, this equipment is JUST as important as the helmet. We send all catcher's gear (shin guards and chest protectors) out to be professionally inspected, repaired, and sanitized. NOCSAE's mission is to commission research in sports medicine and science and establish standards for athletic equipment, where feasible. The Committee fosters and encourages the dissemination of information on research findings on athletic equipment, injury data, and other closely related areas of inquiry.

Parent and Outreach Services Programs

- **Parent Central Services:** (Ages 0-12 grade) Offers registration, enrollment, records transfer, parent education classes, and babysitter training and referral services for Families. Includes CYS Parent Advisory Board, non-traditional outreach services, and Parents On Site volunteer program. Provides program information, sends publications and messages and contributes to web sites of interest to parents.
- **Kids On Site Child Care:** (Ages 6 weeks-5th grade) Offers short term hourly child care for Families using/attending Command Sponsored events, e.g., Strong Bonds, Family Readiness Groups, Memorial Services, Yellow Ribbon Events etc. Provided by CYS employees in a variety of on and off post settings that may include Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities, Chapels, Hotels, Schools, Armories, etc. Parents remain on site or are immediately available in an adjacent facility.
- **Kids At Home:** (Ages 6 weeks-12th grade) Offers non-traditional outreach services to support Families with children/youth whose primary care/educational setting is in their own home. Includes *imAlone* classes for enrolled children (11-15 years) whose parents have determined that they can be home alone during out of school hours, and *Home School Services*, e.g., use of CYS tech labs, multipurpose rooms, homework centers, instructional programs for educational purposes during school hours (when facilities are not in use) by children/youth who are home schooled and accompanied by their parents.
- **Parents On Site/Parent Co-Ops:** (Ages 6 weeks-12 years) Offer support services for the operation and management of parent co-ops that exchange babysitting services, infant/toddler playgroups, and short term care in unit settings by Family members in one unit or organization for similar services at a future agreed upon time with Family members in another unit or organization. Care is provided by parents with CYS staff assistance and operations are subject to DoD Certification.
- **Babysitting Certification Class**

This course is designed to familiarize teens, aged 12-18, with the responsibilities of babysitting and also teach skills and techniques needed for sitters to become Competent and caring. Student will receive training materials, a certificate of completion for completing the babysitting class and valuable hands-on training in emergency procedures, safety, child

development, nutrition, and the business of babysitting. The course will provide Infant and Child First Aid/ CPR training to each student. Upon completion the student will be issued a FA/CPR card valid for 2 years and will be eligible to be placed on the CYS babysitter referral list.

- **Instructional Programs:** (Ages 12 months -12th grade) Offers range of out of school classes, e.g., music, dance, gymnastics, and life skills designed to complement, expand, and support the academic, life skills, and athletic experiences children and youth have within Army CYS Programs and Schools. Provided by CYS employees in a variety of settings which may include Child Development Centers, School Age Programs & MWR and Community Facilities. Parents must remain on site with their children up through 5th grade.

Supporting Families through Deployment

- **Youth Technology Labs (YTLs):** (Grades Kindergarten Ages 5-12th grade) Provide a safe, secure, and age appropriate place where children and youth can engage in technology-based activities and programs; both key to linking youth with their deployed parents and serving as a vital component of CYS Home Work Centers and Mobile Tech Labs that support geographically dispersed children and youth through Operation Military Kids.
- **Operation Military Child Care (OMCC):** Supports the child care needs of Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldier parents who are mobilized or deployed. OMCC helps eligible Families locate child care options in local communities. Sites must be licensed and be inspected annually. This still exists.
- **Military Family Life Counselors (MFLC)/Child and Youth Behavior (CYB):** Provide on-site counselors in child and youth programs to offer non-medical, short term, situational, problem-solving counseling services to staff, parents, and children within CYS facilities, garrison schools and summer camps. Fort Knox CYS uses Child and Youth Military Family Life Counselors (CYB-MFLC) throughout all programs.
- **Respite Child Care:** Offers respite child care for parents of deployed spouses to give them temporary relief from child rearing duties and allows them time to take care of personal business. Families are offered 16 hours per child, per month at no cost care beginning 30 days before Soldier is deployed and ending 90 days after Soldier returns.

School Support Services: (Grades Pre-K-12) the purpose of School Support Services is to reduce the conflict between military mission requirements and parental responsibilities related to K-12 education. School Support Services provides a variety of programmatic strategies and resources to achieve this mission and to support academic success and wellness for Army children and youth.

- School Liaison Officers (SLOs): Have strong educational backgrounds and are located at Fort Knox. SLOs provide support to Garrison Commanders, Army Families and school districts. SLOs advise garrison command staff on matters related to schools; assist Army Families with school issues; communicate information and support services to Army Families and schools; support Army Families during school transitions; collaborate with school districts to build positive relationships and address issues that impact Army students; facilitate training for parents, schools, and garrisons; foster reciprocal transition practices among school districts and increase school transition predictability for Army Families.
- Home-school Support: Provided to Families who choose to homeschool their children. SLOs gather and share policies and resources to help these families overcome unique challenges and barriers.
- Homework Centers (K-12 grades): Create a safe and familiar before/after-school academic support environment in school-age centers and youth centers.
- Army Youth Sponsorship Programs: Ease school transitions in CONUS and OCONUS schools.
- Tutor.Com: (K-1st Yr College) offers free, online tutoring services to dependent children of active duty Army personnel, dependent children of deployed Army National Guard personnel, dependent children of deployed Army Reserve personnel, dependent children of Army Wounded Warriors/Survivors, inactive/part-time Army National Guard personnel and their dependents and inactive/part-time Army.

Employee Authorized Emergency Designee Notification
This form is developed as a result of a finding from the 2009 Regional inspection.

I, _____, an Employee of the Fort Knox Child and Youth Services at the _____ program am informing my supervisor that I have been designated as an Emergency Designee for the child(ren)/youth listed below. The parents or guardians have listed me on the Authorized Emergency Designee form and is also documented within the Child and Youth Management System (CYMS).

I am the authorized emergency designee for the following child(ren)/youth:

Child's Name (Please Print)	Relationship to Child:	
	<u>Relative</u> (grandmother/father, cousin, sister, etc.)	<u>Friend</u> (Neighbor, acquaintance, etc.)
1.		
2.		
3.		

I understand the Army discourages the practice of CYS employees being listed as Emergency Designees, however, we realize we are closely entwined in the community and actively involved with community members, some being our patrons. Once the employee signs the child/youth out of a CYS facility or picks the child up at some place in route to a CYS facility (or other destination) in a private vehicle or walking, the employee is **not** operating in the official capacity as a CYS employee. The Emergency Pickup Agreement is between the parent/guardian and employee and not associated with the job. An employee or parent may remove the employee as a designee at any time (the removal notification is between the employee and the parent.). CYS will provide notification to the parent of the employee's request to be removed as the emergency designee.

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

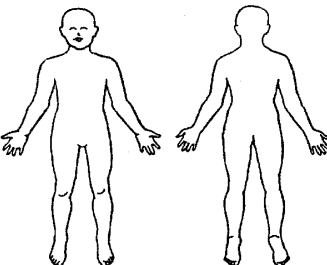
=====For Office Use=====

Information verified in CYMS by Admin Staff: _____ Date: _____

Director/Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Disclaimer: The U.S. Government is not responsible for any incidents/accidents that may result in the transportation of children/youth while staff is officially off duty.

FORT KNOX CHILD, YOUTH & SCHOOL SERVICES CHILD OR YOUTH INCIDENT REPORT

Name of Child/Youth Involved:				Age:		Date & Time of Incident:			
Location of Incident Facility:						Module/Program Area:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Playground	<input type="checkbox"/> Hallway	<input type="checkbox"/> Shuttle/bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trip		<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Field				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gym	<input type="checkbox"/> SKIES Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Public School		<input type="checkbox"/> FCC (circle) Inside-Outside					
<input type="checkbox"/> Did not occur in CYSS setting per parent/guardian						<input type="checkbox"/> Learn Center			
Description of Incident (Mark all that apply)									
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor Cut			<input type="checkbox"/> Bite			<input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding			
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor Scrape			<input type="checkbox"/> Bruise-Mark			<input type="checkbox"/> Open Wound			
<input type="checkbox"/> Scratch			<input type="checkbox"/> Swelling			<input type="checkbox"/> Bloody Nose			
<input type="checkbox"/> Painful extremity			<input type="checkbox"/> Head Injury			<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Indicate Injury				Parent/Guardian Notified? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
		Time of Day	Type of Contact (In-person, phone, left message)		Who did you contact? (parent, guardian, emergency contact)		CYSS staff Initials		
Minor First Aid Provided by CYSS									
<input type="checkbox"/> Cleaned w/Soap & Water <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Band-Aid <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Rested <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)									
Objective Written Description of Incident									
Describe in detail what happened to the child or youth. (use back side of form if needed)									
Name of CYSS Staff who observed incident:									
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Were there other children or adults involved in the incident? If yes, explain how without using other children's names:									
Other Resources									
<input type="checkbox"/> 911 Called		<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Room		<input type="checkbox"/> APHN		<input type="checkbox"/> MPs			
<input type="checkbox"/> 911 Transported		<input type="checkbox"/> MFLC		<input type="checkbox"/> SWS		<input type="checkbox"/> CYSS Nurse			
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Office		<input type="checkbox"/> CYSS Branch Administrator				<input type="checkbox"/> CYSS Chief			
Print Name: <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">CYSS Staff-Provider Signature & Date</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">TACS Signature & Date (Behavior Only)</div>					<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Parent/Guardian Signature & Date</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Director Signature & Date</div>				

**CHILD, YOUTH & SCHOOL SERVICES (CYSS)
CHILD ILLNESS/INJURY READMISSION RECORD**

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

AUTHORITY: To provide childcare services.

ROUTINE USES: In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 USC 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records and information may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 USC 552a(b)(3) as follows: Information from this system may be disclosed to civilian health and welfare departments and agencies in emergency situations. The "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Army Compilation of Systems of Records Notices also apply.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary, but if information is not provided, individuals may not be able to participate in CYSS activities.

Child's Name _____

Date _____

Your Child is being excluded from CYSS for the following reason:

_____ Elevated Body Temperature	_____ Loose Stool/Persistent Diarrhea
_____ Rash	_____ Vomiting
_____ Persistent Cough	_____ Eyes/Ears Red or Draining
_____ Not participating in daily activities	_____ Injury
_____ Other	

Comments: _____

Parent Instructions: If your child needs to be seen by a doctor, please have the doctor complete the section below. Your child must meet readmission guidelines below. Many childhood illnesses are contagious. Children may be readmitted to CYSS **without** a medical statement provided the following conditions exist: (NOTE: In the event of an outbreak, APHN may request a medical statement)

- Fever has been absent for 24 hours.
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea has subsided for 24 hours.
- Chickenpox lesions are crusted, usually five days or more.
- Scabies treatment has occurred 24 hours before readmission.
- Lice treatment are under treatment and no nits are present.
- Pinworm treatment has been treated for 24 hours.
- Ringworm has been treated for 24 hours and areas are covered.
- Lesions from impetigo are no longer weeping and child has been on antibiotic medication for 24 hours.
- There is no discharge from the ears.
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye) treatment is ongoing, child has been receiving antibiotic medication for 24 hours, and no eye drainage is present.
- Child/Youth has received prescription medication for 24 hours outside of CYSS prior to administration by CYSS staff.
- Child has completed the contagious stage of the illness. A note from the doctor may be requested, giving permission to return.
- Child feels well enough to participate in daily activities.

Caregiver Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Director/Supervisor Signature _____

If a doctor sees your child, please have the doctor complete this form and bring it with your child when he/she returns to CYSS care.

If your child needs to be seen by a healthcare professional, please call the clinic before taking him/her in. Have the healthcare professional complete this form and bring it with your child when he/she returns to care. Child must be free of communicable disease and able to participate in scheduled activities to return to care. Child must follow the guidelines prescribed by AR 608-10.

NOTE: A healthcare professional's recommendations may not override the guidelines prescribed by AR 608-10.

I have examined _____ and have found the following:

DIAGNOSIS _____

This child has a contagious illness: YES _____ NO _____

This child may return to CYSS on _____

MD Signature _____ Stamp: _____ Date: _____

Doctor and Facility Stamp required for return to Child Development Center.

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- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Form AD-475C (REVISED 12-99)

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This child care receives
Federal cash assistance to
serve healthy meals to your children.
Good nutrition today means
a stronger tomorrow!

Meals served here must meet
nutrition requirements established by USDA's
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Questions? Concerns?

Call USDA toll free: **1-866-USDA CND**
(1-866-873-2263)

Visit USDA's website: **www.fns.usda.gov/cnd**



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Reporting child abuse and neglect:



Everyone shares responsibility for the safety and well-being of military children and youth.

If you see or suspect child abuse, child neglect or a safety violation
in your DoD child and youth programs or schools, report it:

Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC):

Military Police
(502) 624-2111

*Local Child Protective Services
or designated reporting line*

**Department for
Community Based Services (DCBS)**

(270) 766-5088 (0800-1630)

1-877-597-2331 (after 1630 and on weekends)

Installation Family Advocacy Program or designated department

Or call the DoD Child Abuse and Safety Violation Hotline

(business hours, Eastern Time):

877-790-1197 *[In the United States]*

Overseas: Please call collect at **571-372-5348**

[Local charges may apply.]

If a child is in immediate danger, call 911.



DEVELOPMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN

Infants 6 weeks- 18 months

- Infants delight in learning about themselves, their world, and the people around them. They learn by discovering and exploring their world, and imitating people around them. They repeat and practice actions to see the result and will learn new ways to get the desired results.

Toddlers 18 months- 3 years

- Toddlers like to conform and are becoming sure of themselves gaining a sense of personal identity. They are adventurous and may become negative or defiant and need controlled freedom. They learn by discovering and exploring their world. They imitate other people repeating and practicing both language and motor skills. At this age, they need to receive a lot of encouragement.

Preschool 3 years - 5 years

- Preschoolers are self-assured and are becoming more independent. They enjoy responsibility and like to associate with their parents. They like following the rules. They learn through cooperative play with their peers. They enjoy other children and will develop “friends” and become highly socialized.

School Age 5 years - 11 years

- School age children like to imagine and engage in pretend play. Their reality is not firm so they follow perceptions over judgment. They are learning to make good choices and exercise self-discipline, though this does not come easily for some. They learn from authentic experiences relating things they are learning at school to real world experiences. Their success is often preceded with frustration and sometimes they must learn to accept weakness.

Middle School 11 years - 14 years

- Middle school students are developing logical thought allowing them to move beyond superficial aspects into categorical labels (for example “all humans are mortal”). They are gradually becoming ready for independence, and may face body changes, over-confidence, or self-consciousness. They learn through peer interactions and talking things out. They have trouble remembering things and may not like repetitive tasks. They lack the maturity of high school students and can be moody or emotional.

High School 14 years - 18 years

- High school students’ thoughts are becoming more abstract. They can incorporate principles of former logic, and can generate multiple hypotheses. They will likely get a surge for independence. They benefit from positive family environment and open parent-youth communication. They learn through active engagement such as debate. They could greatly benefit from using a planner and developing time management skills. They do best when they have something to look forward to that motivates them, and should start setting goals.

**DEVERS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TEEN CENTER
CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following code of conduct was prepared by students attending Devers Middle School and Teen Center programs and will be followed at Devers and all functions sponsored by Devers:

I will be courteous and respectful toward others including staff members, volunteers, and other participants.

I will follow the guidance of MST staff and volunteers.

I will not engage in fighting, wrestling, or physical contact of any kind.

I will not smoke, use alcohol or any other illegal substance in or on Devers grounds, including the parking lot.

I will dress appropriate; this means no clothes that are revealing, has vulgar language or images featuring alcohol and or tobacco products, or that are sexual in nature.

I will not run, horseplay, or throw objects in or on MST premises.

I will not participate in public display of affection, kissing, hugging, holding hands etc.

I will not eat or drink on the carpet area and gymnasium.

I will not use racial slurs, vulgar languages or abusive languages. I understand that such language will not be tolerated and that I will leave the Devers MST premises and return only after my parent has met with the Director.

I will not bring weapons or other instruments that will cause harm to others.

I will not sag pants or wear hoods on my head while in the building. I understand that if I don't pull my pants up I will be asked to leave the facility.

I will not bring glass bottles in the building.

I must have a CYSS card to sign out all equipment (we will not take watches, shoes, cell phones, etc for exchange)

I will not misuse game equipment, leave equipment on tables, or leave video game equipment plugged in.

I will not behave in any manner that might be considered verbal, physical or cyber bullying.

I will only post information that is TRUE, NECESSARY AND KIND when using Social Networking.

I will not visit sites that display pornography, inappropriate videos, music language or jokes when using technological devices such as cell phones, laptops or IPADS while in the center or participating in MST programs offsite.

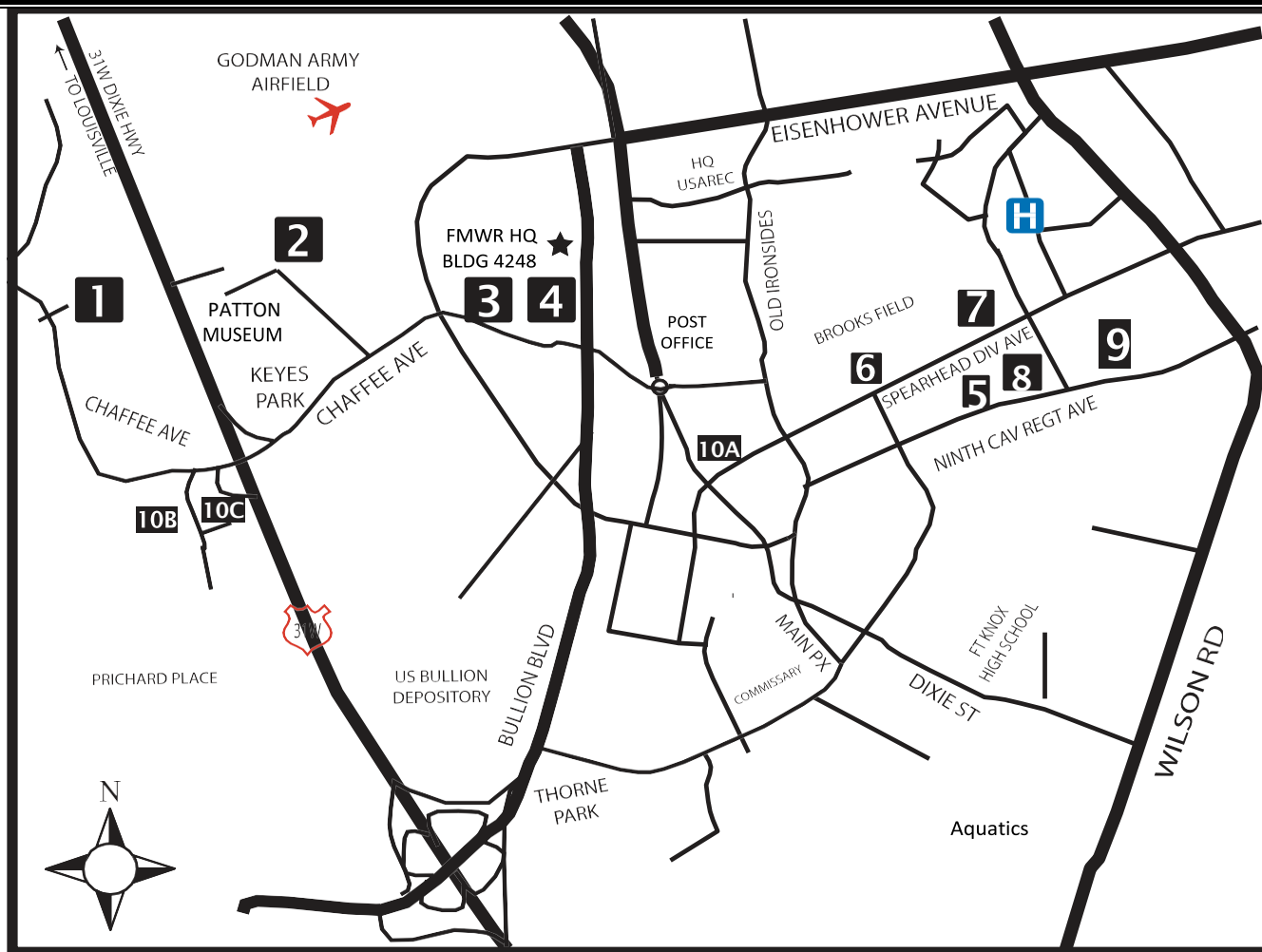
I will not take pictures of any youth or adults without their permission.

I will only listen to appropriate music that does not contain profane language or inappropriate messages with any type of device while in the center, being transported to or from the center or participation in any MST programs offsite.

I understand that lockers are provided free of charge to secure my valuables.

I will sign in/out at the front desk when entering and leaving the building.

I understand that failure to abide by the MST Code of Conduct could result in my removal from the center and a meeting with a parent, myself and the YS Director will be required before I am able to return



1. Devers Middle School & Teen Center (MST)-Bldg 5543
2. Instructional Programs (Gymnastics & Piano)-Bldg 4555
3. Donna Kirby School Age Center (SAC)-Bldg 4251
4. Child Development Center (CDC), Family Child Care (FCC)-Bldg 4249
5. HR/CPAC-Bldg 503, 459 9th Cav Regiment Road
6. Security (Fingerprinting)-Bldg 1110, 2nd Floor
7. Hansen Instructional Programs (Dance)-Bldg 1053
7. Hansen Custodial Program-Bldg 1053
8. Parent Central Services (PCS)-Bldg 500
8. School Support Services-Bldg 500
9. Caruso Youth Sports & Fitness Program (YS&F)-Bldg 718
10. Kids on Site Locations: 10A Main Post Chapel
10B Prichard Place Chapel 10C Religious Education Center (REC)



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US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY GARRISON COMMAND, FORT KNOX
111 E. CHAFFEE AVENUE
FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY 40121-5256

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

IMKN-MWA

JUL 26 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Commanders, Fort Knox Partners in Excellence
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Fort Knox Policy No. 09 -- Installation Child Home Alone/Supervision Policy

1. References.

- a. AR 608 -18, The Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP), 13 September 2011.
- b. AR 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program, 27 January 2017.
- c. Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6060.3, School-age Care Programs, 19 December 1996.
- d. Memorandum of Agreement between US Army Garrison and KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), 18 December 2013.
- e. Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 211.951, 2216B.190, 311.6526, 405.075 and 620.355, known as the Thomas J. Burch Safe Infants Act.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to impose requirements for the supervision of children residing on or visiting Fort Knox, and outline out-of-school child and youth supervision criteria during parental duty hours.

3. Definition.

- a. "Supervision" is the act of watching, directing, and guiding a child's activities in order to ensure their safety and well-being.
- b. This policy applies to any minor once on the installation to include residing on this installation.

4. The following policy guidelines and reference chart at enclosure, are established:

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a. Children in Grades 5 and Below.

(1) Require supervision and may not be left "home alone." Such supervision may be provided by their parents, other adults, or in some instances, children who are at least in 6th grade. Children in Grades 5 and below will not be left unsupervised in on-post privatized housing at any time. Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure the person providing supervision has been trained in infant/child CPR, basic first aid, and proper care-giving techniques. Babysitter Training Course offered by CYS 4H/American Red Cross Training (502-624-6703). Youth Sports and Instructional Programs have more specific requirements (502- 624-4747).

(2) Children in grades 5 and below will not be left unattended for any period in a vehicle.

b. Children in grades 6 and above. Supervision of children in grades 6 or above will be based on their maturity. Children need to know where their parent(s) is/are and how to make contact with them. In addition, children need to know when and how to call the police, ambulance, and other emergency phone numbers. Children need to have access to another responsible adult other than their parent when needed to ensure the safety and welfare of the child. Children will not be allowed to damage or destroy personal or government property, garden plots, yards, or buildings. Children 14 years and under will not be left alone overnight without adult supervision.

c. Post Facilities and Outside Areas. Post facilities (e.g., PX, commissary, library, craft shops, etc.) are intended to provide goods and services for a better quality of life for our Soldiers and Families. Post facilities are not intended for places where parents can leave children unattended and unsupervised for extended periods. Parents will ensure children use post facilities only for legitimate purposes and conduct themselves in a courteous manner.

d. Parent Responsibilities. The care and supervision of children/youth is a parental responsibility and includes a planned way to provide for the necessities of nourishment, sanitation, and well-being of children/youth. Parents remain responsible for ensuring their children arrive on time and safely at school, particularly if they walk or bike to school. Parents should refer to their child's school policy for walking to/from school alone. At all times, but especially during the summer months and school intercessions, parents will ensure the health and safety of their children by providing appropriate supervision in playground areas and outside. Playing in the streets is prohibited.

e. Children left overnight. Children in 11-12th grade may be left home alone for no more than one night as long as the child is at least 16 years old and has not reached

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the age of 18 (18 years old is an adult). The sponsor must be in a 60 mile radius of the child and the child must have access to adult supervision when needed.

f. Children enrolled in Youth Sports & Fitness and Instructional Programs. Youth Sports (team/individual sports) has a specific policy for individual/team sports per the assigned age group with trained volunteer Coaches. The Youth Sports specific policy for the age group will be followed. For instructional classes (gymnastics, dance, martial arts, music, etc.), parents must stay on site with their children who are in 5th grade and under.

5. Special Provisions:

a. Children who meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program, as defined by AR 608-75, require special supervision. Parents may modify these guidelines in accordance with their children's special needs.

b. Swimming areas present extreme hazards to children and should always be considered an unsafe environment. Parents should never leave any children under 5th Grade unattended in a swimming area.

c. IAW reference e above, parents may leave an infant no more than 30 days old with any Kentucky EMS provider, police station, fire station or hospital without consequence. This Child Home Alone/Supervision policy extends the same protocol to fire stations, Ireland Army Health Clinic, and the MP station located on Fort Knox.

6. Point of Contact. These guidelines have been established in an effort to protect children visiting or residing on the installation. Every Soldier, Civilian employee, and member of the military community should report information about known or suspected instances of a child left unattended to the 24/7 Fort Knox Reporting Point of Contact, which is the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), (502) 624-2111. Fort Knox reports of child abuse are investigated by the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services (DCBS). Child and Youth Services (502) 624-6703 is available to assist parents with finding suitable center-based or in-home provider childcare. DES will monitor compliance with these guidelines.

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COL, LG
Commanding

FORT KNOX CHILD/YOUTH SUPERVISION POLICY

This policy applies 24 hours a day, seven days a week to those who are assigned to, supported by, or are guests on Fort Knox. The care and supervision of children/youth is a parental responsibility. Supervision is a planned, consistent way to provide ongoing care for children/youth to include necessities of nourishment, sanitation, and well-being. This policy is based on the grade of the child/youth in school. During summer children/youth are considered to be in the grade they just completed for the school year.

Age or Grade of Child	May Be Left Alone at Home	May Be Left Alone Overnight	May Play Outside Unattended	May Be Left Unattended in Car	May Watch Other Children
Newborn through 4 yrs (Preschool)	No	No	No	No	No
Kindergarten – 2 nd Grade	No	No	Yes, with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision *	No	No
3 rd – 5 th Grade	No	No	Yes, with access to adult supervision *	No	No
6 th – 8 th Grade	Yes, depending on maturity of child	No	Yes, with access to adult supervision *	Yes	Yes, if 12 years old or older (required youth take Babysitting Training Course**)
9 th -10 th Grade	yes	No	Yes, as long as youth knows phone numbers to contact adults for help *	Yes	Yes, depending on maturity of youth
11-12 th Grade	Yes	Yes, Child must be 16 years old and for one night with sponsor in local area (60 mile radius) and access to adult supervision.	Yes, as long as youth knows phone numbers to contact adults for help *	Yes	Yes, depending on maturity of youth

* As coordinated by the child/youth's parents or guardian

**Babysitter Training Course offered by CYS (4-H/American Red Cross Training) (502) 624-6703

Youth Sports and Instructional Programs have more specific requirements (502) 624-4747

Encl 1 to memo, IMKN-MWC, subject: Fort Knox Policy Memo No. 9 - Installation Child Home Alone/Supervision Policy

**Statement of Understanding
Child and Youth Services Personnel**

Standards of Conduct and Accountability in
Child and Youth Services (CYS) Programs

I understand that:

1. I am responsible for providing guidance in accordance with (IAW) CYS Policy by using knowledge, skills and abilities to identify appropriate and inappropriate behavior of children/youth based on their age and social/emotional development. I will role-model and explicitly teach problem-solving strategies, impulse control, empathy and acceptance of self and others as well as pro-social behavior.
2. I will never use corporal/physical punishment, psychological abuse or coercion as an acceptable form of guidance. Guidance will never be punitive in nature. Children will not be punished physically or verbally for lapses in toilet training or refusing food. I will never punish children/youth by any of the following: spanking, pinching, dragging or grabbing, shaking, or other corporal punishment; isolation; confinement in closets, boxes, or similar places; time away/timeout; binding to restrict the movement of mouth or limbs; humiliation, verbal abuse, taunting or teasing; deprivation of meals, snacks, outdoor play opportunities, or other program components. Restricting the use of specific play materials and equipment, or participation in a specific activity will be based on the developmental age and social/emotional development of the child and if it poses a safety concern for the child or others.
3. I am responsible for knowing the boundaries for appropriate and inappropriate touching that are established to ensure that CYS personnel have a clear understanding of what is acceptable and what is not. These boundaries are specified in the Standards of Conduct and Accountability SOP.
4. If an allegation of abuse/neglect is made against me, it will be grounds for immediate closure of my Family Child Care (FCC) home or reassignment outside of CYS until the investigation is completed.
5. I am responsible for supervising Infants, Pre-toddlers and Toddlers by sight and sound at all times, including when sleeping. Mirrors and video monitoring do not replace direct sight and sound supervision. Preschool and kindergarten children are supervised by sight most of the time, with the exception of brief periods when children cannot be seen but still heard, as long as I check frequently on children who are out of sight (i.e. child using the toilet independently, child in a library area). Kindergarteners and School-age children may leave my supervision for brief periods, so long as they are in a safe environment (such as going to a hall bathroom) but must be within sight and/or hearing most of the time. Middle School and Teen youth are supervised by monitoring areas where youth are engaged in activities and requires that I move throughout the facility.

6. I am responsible for maintaining specific accountability for each Child Development Center (CDC)/Family Child Care (FCC) child in my group or each School Age Center (SAC)/Middle School Teen (MST) youth in my facility. I will follow the systems in place to account for children and youth at regular intervals, especially during periods of transition in CDC/SAC and during off-site activities based on risk assessment analysis. If I observe a child slipping away from or leaving his/her primary care group or discover a youth in an off-limits area within the facility, I will notify the primary caregiver. These instances are not considered abuse/neglect. I am part of a team and am responsible for assisting my teammates as needed.
7. I will conduct or participate in a face-to-name count of children conducted once per hour in CDCs and during transitions in and out of the classroom. I will monitor all School Age children and Middle School/Teen youth while they independently move throughout the facility.
8. I must ensure the physical count of children/youth and/or the system that is used to monitor the whereabouts of children matches the number signed in (applies to direct care and management staff). I must ensure that the physical count of children/youth matches the number swiped into Child and Youth Management System (CYMS) (applies to management staff only).
9. I will focus my full attention on the children/youth in my care and will refrain from using personal electronic devices (to include cell phones, tablets, laptops and smart watches) while counted in ratio.
10. I am responsible for ensuring that all children/youth safely evacuate the building in the event of an emergency.
11. I understand that CYS facilities are under continuous video and audio surveillance through Closed Circuit Television (CCTV). I also understand that recordings may be used to substantiate or refute allegations of child abuse/neglect or recognize positive performance.
12. I may be observed by a manager or Training Specialist as part of a documented training or performance observation any time during my duty hours, either in person or through the use of the CCTV System.
13. As a mandated reporter I will immediately and directly report to the Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC) and local Child Protective Services (CPS) (if located in the U.S.) any incident I witness which a reasonable person would consider child abuse or neglect.
14. If I witness an incident that a reasonable person would not consider child abuse or neglect, but is still a violation of this guidance, I will immediately verbally report it to my supervisor or other management staff, and follow up in writing.

15. I am responsible for completing reports on accidents, injuries to children/youth, or other unusual incidents that occur while I am on duty.

16. I will wear my appropriate color coded apparel (ensuring apparel can be seen at all times and from all angles) when caring for children/youth.

17. I will refrain from commenting, passing judgment, or providing guidance or input on sensitive topics with children/youth. I will encourage children/youth to reach out to a trusted family member or counselor for discussion.

18. The following Social Media and Electronic Communications are prohibited:

- Displaying in the workplace or any other place likely to embarrass or undermine the professional credibility of the CYS program or otherwise interfere with CYS operations, any material that is sexually explicit, provocative, inappropriate, inflammatory, or unprofessional. Such materials shall not be present on CYS premises.
- Communication to staff or children/youth that is unprofessional or inappropriate.
- Communication with children/youth through social media platforms except via the program's official social media pages (e.g. facebook, twitter).
- Communication with children/youth by email and messaging except via staff's .mil email address – all electronic communications with children/youth will have a parent and at least one other staff member on the cc line.
- Communication with children/youth by text message via a personal device.
- Sharing home or personal email, messaging, phone numbers or social media addresses with children/youth.
- Posting media to a personal social media site which includes non-familial children/youth enrolled in CYS programs.
- Use of Personal Electronic Devices while on duty.

19. I am required to immediately inform my supervisor/program director if I am charged with a crime referenced on the DD Form 2981 Basic Criminal History and Statement of Admission.

CAREGIVER'S CREED

"I am an Army Caregiver, a professional trained in my duties. I serve Department of Defense Families who protect the nation, by protecting their children/youth. I will always provide a safe, nurturing, enriching environment and ensure accountability for children/youth in my care. Never will I put children/youth in harm's way or allow others to do so. I will build trust with parents/guardians so they can concentrate on their mission. I will always treat Families with the dignity and respect they deserve. Army Caregivers are key members of the Army Team. I am an Army Caregiver."

My signature acknowledges that I have read, understand, and will comply with the Caregiver's Creed and the Standard of Conduct and Accountability SOP on appropriate

guidance, touching, interactions, social media, and accountability of children/youth, and my role in preventing and reporting child abuse or neglect in CYS programs.

In addition, my signature acknowledges I have read and understand:

- a. AR 608-10, sections pertaining to the Touch Policy and supervision of children, and other sections as directed by management;
- b. AR 608-18 Chapter 8, Out of Home Cases in DoD Sanctioned Activities;
- c. Latest CYS Multi-Disciplinary Team Inspection tool sections on Risk Management and Supervision; and
- d. My Position Description, which states my designation as a mandated reporter of child abuse or neglect.

I understand that failure to comply with these policies may result in adverse disciplinary action taken against me.

Year 1:

_____	_____	_____
CYS Personnel Signature	Print Name	Date

Year 2:

_____	_____	_____
CYS Personnel Signature	Print Name	Date

Year 3:

_____	_____	_____
CYS Personnel Signature	Print Name	Date

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT

MY SIGNATURE CONFIRMS THAT:

(Please check)

_____ I HAVE RECEIVED A HARD COPY OF THE CYS PARENT HANDBOOK

_____ **I HAVE BEEN PROVIDED A CARD INDICATING THE WEBSITE FOR THE LOCATION OF THE PARENT HANDBOOK

_____ I WILL BE EMAILED AN ELECTRONIC COPY TO THE BELOW EMAIL ADDRESS WITHIN 3 DAYS.

Please print email address very clearly

I WILL READ THE CYS PARENT HANDBOOK FOR FULL UNDERSTANDING OF REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

PARENT PRINTED NAME

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

IF FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR CONTACT INFORMATION.

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For CYS Staff Only

**A COPY OF THE SIGNED PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM WILL
BE PLACED IN THE CHILD'S FILE AT CDC & SAC**

****If required, email sent:**

On _____ by _____ /
DATE Printed Employee Name/Signature who emailed the Handbook to Parent



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