

Child Development Center Information

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday: 0500-1830

Weekends & Holidays: Closed



The CDC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We provide high quality early childhood programs in a safe and nurturing, home-like environment, while promoting the development and growth of children entrusted in our care.

Child and Youth Program

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Program Philosophy and Goals

Navy CYP's provide high quality educational and recreational programs for children and youth. Teams of caring, knowledgeable professionals plan developmentally appropriate programs that are responsive to the unique needs, abilities, and interests of children. Our staff fosters a sense of independence, trust and responsibility within each child through understanding and respectful interactions. Likewise, through positive relationships, our programs respect and support the ideals, cultures, and values of families, and the child and youth professionals within our programs and surrounding communities. The Navy's goals for child and youth programs are:

- *Build physical development and skills.
- *Promote social competence and positive relationships with others.
- *Foster emotional well-being and a sense of trust and respect for self and others.
- *Support sound health, safety, and nutritional practices.
- *Encourage children to think, reason, question, and experiment.
- *Develop initiative, problem-solving, and decision making skills
- *Advance creative expression, representation, and appreciation for the arts

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Youth Director: Erica White

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CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS

2019

Child Development Center

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Youth Activity Center

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Registration

Children must be registered to attend. Registration packets are available at the CDC front desk office.

Register online as well at militarychildcare.com. There is a registration fee. Program requirements are as follows: Show proof of Total Family Income (TFI), Students are required to show proof of full-time enrollment, provide written documentation of immunizations appropriate for the child's age prior to admission and that are up-to-date. Current season's flu shot is a requirement.

Eligibility

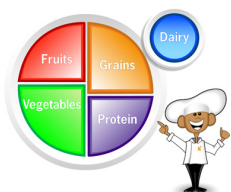
The NAS Meridian Child Development Center (CDC) provides quality full-time care for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. The children of active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians, Reservists on active-duty or during active duty training and Department of Defense Contractors are eligible. Children of retirees are eligible for recreational programs and activities, but are not eligible for full-time care.

Tuition

Fees are due every Military Pay Day (MPD) of each month.

Breakfast, Lunch and Snack

CDC and SAC Programs provide a variety of nutritious meals and snacks based on USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) guidelines. A weekly menu is planned and posted at each CYP facility.



Hourly Care

Hourly care is offered when space is available. Parents can make reservations by calling the CDC. These reservations can be made up to a month in advance or on the same day. If space is not available when you call, you will be placed on a waiting list and our staff will notify you if a space becomes available. Reservations are given on a first-come, first-serve basis. The fee is \$4 an hour per child.

Central Waiting List

A central waiting list (CWL) for child care exists for children birth to 12 years and is under the administrative control of the regional or installation CYP. CWL maintains a Navy-wide standardized waiting list system that provides fast, efficient and fair service to patrons. Children can be registered at www.militarychildcare.com.

Visitors

You will be provided with numerous opportunities to observe your child and participate in CYP. You are welcome to visit your child any time, unannounced, and join in the daily activities. CYP has an open door policy and always welcomes visitors, input, and questions from parents. Feel free to talk to the CYP professionals or the Director at any time to ask questions or discuss concerns. CYP also encourages and appreciates parent volunteers.

School Age Care

The School-Aged Care program is a program that is available for dependents of military and DoD personnel for your children ages Kindergarten through 12 years of age. Certified counselors help children with homework, arts, crafts, nature, and other activities. All counselors have experience in childhood education, and are CPR and first aid certified for your child's safety. Guardians must complete the required paperwork and must provide the prior month's LES or pay stubs to determine fees.

During the summer, SAC offers day camp as well as planned field trips, hikes, afternoon swims, and much more. A camp is also offered during the Winter break. Parents using the Summer Camp program have the option to register their child for only the weeks child care is needed. For example, if the camp program operates for eight weeks, the parent may choose to register their child for weeks two, four, and six only. If parents register and pay for the entire camp program, they will receive a 50 percent discount on the last week of program fees.



Youth and Teen Programs

Youth and Teen Programs offer developmental and recreational programs for youth through the age of 18. These programs are DOD certified and affiliated with BGCA and 4-H. Both organizations have long been recognized as offering programs and services to youth that can instill a sense of leadership and offer opportunities for educational and career exploration and development.