

Military Childcare Priority

Priority 1	<p>Qualifying children from 0-12 receive priority in the following order if their non-military parent or caregiver is <i>employed outside the home</i> and their military-affiliated parent or guardian is a(n):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Combat-related wounded warrior ⊗ Child development program direct care staff ⊗ Single Active Duty parent or dual Active Duty Military Service member ⊗ Single or dual DoD civilian employee paid from APF* and NAF** ⊗ Surviving spouse of a military member who died from a combat related incident ⊗ Individual acting in loco parentis*** on behalf of any of the individuals listed above
Priority 2	<p>Qualifying children from 0-12 receive equal priority if their non-military parent or caregiver is <i>actively seeking employment</i> and their military-affiliated parent or guardian is a(n):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Active Duty Military Service member ⊗ DoD civilian employee paid from APF* and NAF** ⊗ Surviving spouse of a military member who died from a combat-related incident ⊗ Individual acting in loco parentis*** on behalf of any of the individuals listed above <p><i>The status of actively seeking employment must be verified every 90 days.</i></p>
Priority 3	<p>Qualifying children from 0-12 receive equal priority if their non-military parent or caregiver is <i>enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution</i> and their military-affiliated parent or guardian is a(n):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Active Duty Military Service member ⊗ DoD civilian employee paid from APF* and NAF** ⊗ Surviving spouse of a military member who died from a combat related incident ⊗ Individual acting in loco parentis*** on behalf of any of the individuals listed above <p><i>The status of post-secondary enrollment must be verified every 90 days.</i></p>
Space Available	<p>After meeting the needs for priorities 1, 2 and 3, centers will support the need for full-time care on a <i>space available basis</i> for children of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Active Duty Military Service members with non-working spouses ⊗ DoD civilian employees paid from APF* and NAF** with non-working spouses or same-sex domestic partners ⊗ Eligible employees of DoD contractors ⊗ Federal Employees from non-DoD agencies, ⊗ Military retirees

*Appropriated Funds

**Non-Appropriated Funds

***In Loco Parentis: Refers to the legal responsibility of some person or organization to perform some of the functions or responsibilities of a parent (https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/in_loco_parentis)

Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at Penn State
<http://schoolresources.militaryfamilies.psu.edu/>