

Are special education needs always considered in the military personnel assignment process?

Special education needs are only considered in assignments outside the United States. Assignments within our 50 States and Trust Territories are not based on the educational needs of children. Every local school system must obey public laws regarding the provision of special education.

What EFMP community support services are available through Army Community Service?

Army Community Service provides information and referral, advocacy, support groups, respite care, and relocation assistance.

***To learn more about EFMP,
contact your local
Army Community Service***

Exceptional Family Member Program



What is the Exceptional Family Member Program?

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical, and personnel services to families with special needs.

What is an exceptional family member?

An exceptional family member is a family member (child or adult) with any physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual disorder that requires special treatment, therapy, education, training, or counseling.



Who must enroll in the program?

The following soldiers with exceptional family members must enroll in the program:

- Active Army
- U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) soldiers in the USAR-Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program and other USAR soldiers on active duty exceeding 30 days
- Army National Guard (AGR) personnel serving under authority of title 10, United States Code

Department of the Army civilian employees do not enroll in the program. However, they must identify dependent children with special education and medically related service needs and family members with medical needs each time they process for an assignment to a location outside the United States where family member travel is authorized at Government expense.

How does a soldier enroll in the program?

The soldier contacts the nearest Army military treatment facility EFMP point of contact to begin the assessment process and obtain the enrollment forms. Once the forms are completed, they are forwarded to the appropriate regional medical

command for coding. The regional medical command enrolls eligible active Army soldiers into the program. The Army Reserve Personnel Command and the Army National Guard Readiness Center enroll eligible Reserve and Guard personnel.

Does enrollment have any impact on the soldier's career?

Enrollment in EFMP does not adversely affect selection for promotion, schools, or assignment. Information concerning enrollment in EFMP or any of the data used in the program is not made available to selection boards.

What are the benefits of enrollment in the program?

Enrollment allows assignment managers at Army personnel agencies to consider the documented medical and special education needs of exceptional family members in the assignment process. When possible, soldiers are assigned to an area where their exceptional family member's medical and special education needs can be met. This will depend on a valid personnel requirement for the soldier's grade, specialty, and eligibility for the tour. All soldiers are still eligible for worldwide assignment.