



CHILD CARE **Army Fee Assistance** PROGRAM

What is the Army Fee Assistance (AFA) Program?

The AFA program offers fee assistance to offset the cost of community-based care. Fee Assistance buys down the higher cost of off-post care allowing eligible Families to pay fees comparable to those charged at the Installation for full day services. The Fee Assistance program is administered by Third Party Contractor Child Care Aware of America (CCAoA)

Who is eligible for the AFA program?

- Single Soldiers / Single Army Civilian employees
- Dual Military Soldiers / Dual Army Civilian employees
- Active-Duty Soldiers (to include activated Guard and Reserve Soldiers) / Army Civilian employees with a working spouse/domestic partner **
- Active-Duty Soldiers (to include activated Guard and Reserve Soldiers) / Army Civilian employees with a spouse/domestic partner enrolled in a post-secondary education program **
- There are no income limits for the Army Fee Assistance program

** A spouse/domestic partner must be employed or enrolled in school for a minimum of 25 hours per week for full time eligibility and between 16 and 24 hours per week for part time eligibility.

How do I apply for AFA Program?

Families can apply for Army Fee Assistance using the link:

<https://fap.americasteamforchildcare.org>



To find out what supporting documents need to be submitted with your application visit:

<https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/cys/childcare-fee-assistance>

How can I find an eligible provider in my area?

To find out more about providers eligibility for the program visit:

<https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistanceresp/feeassistanceresp/feeassistanceresp/feeassistanceresp/feeassistanceresp/>. Our third-party contractor - CCAoA can assist Families finding an eligible provider by conducting a customized childcare search considering your home and work address, transportation routes to and from work, hours of care needed, ages of the children, and childcare providers eligibility and availability. Contact CCAoA at 1-800-424-2246 for assistance with finding a qualified provider or to find out if your current child care provider qualifies for the program.

How is the fee assistance calculated?

The Army Fee Assistance subsidy is the difference between what the Sponsor would pay on the installation and the community-based childcare provider's fee, up to a provider rate cap per the current fee policy. Childcare fees on the installations are based on your Total Family Income. The Army Sponsor is responsible for any fees not covered by the Army Fee Assistance Program and any amount the community-based childcare provider charges over the provider rate cap. If the difference between the Army monthly fee and the provider's rate is determined to be less than \$20 a month, then a monthly amount of childcare fee assistance will not be authorized.

** Please be advised that the Army Fee Assistance Program is not an entitlement program and is subject to the availability of funds.



For more information visit:

Child Care Aware of America Army
www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistance-esp/fee-assistance-esp/military-families/army/

