

FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS

Appendix H

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The Family Resource Specialist, Ms. Mary Mansfield, provides information and referral services for choosing quality childcare, providing childcare, accessing enrollment in the Coast Guard Special Needs Program, applying for adoption reimbursement, providing eldercare information, and scholarship information for eligible family members.

Contact Ms. Mansfield for **Childcare** referrals to Military Family Childcare and Child Development Centers, plus local civilian childcare resources. For teenage super sitters, certified by the ASYMCA, call 833-1185.

Coast Guard / GSA Childcare Resources –To locate and access state-licensed, center-based or home-based childcare facilities at discounted rates, the Coast Guard and GSA have partnered to provide information about affordable childcare for Active Duty members and Reservists on active duty for 180 days or longer. For GSA assistance in locating a childcare provider, send an e-mail to USCoastGuardChildcare@GSA.GOV. This e-mail must include the member's name, address, and county of residence. GSA will reply, via e-mail, with a list of childcare resources. To help members with financial assistance for childcare in licensed commercial facilities, center or home-based, i.e. private preschools, or family home care, a subsidy is available for qualifying personnel. To access this resource, use the website listed above or call toll free at 1-866-508-0371.

Eldercare - Information about local and national resources are available. *The Senior Information and Assistance Handbook*, a local resource, is FREE and ready for pick-up from the Family Resource Specialist.

Special Needs Enrollment - The definition of a Special Need is a family member who has *a diagnosed and professionally documented long-term medical, physical, psychological, mental, or educational condition*. Information and enrollment forms for the CG Special Needs Program are available, as well as access to civilian and military resources.

The *Annual Directory of National Organizations*, which lists national organizations for specific disabilities, is available as reference material. In the area of education, contact the Family Resource Specialist if a parent desires an advocate to attend Special Education meetings at school.

A Special Needs Enrollment has no impact on a member's career. The focus is to ensure members are assigned to locations with the appropriate resources to meet the family member's special needs. Enrollment in the program is mandatory when there is an identified special need.

Adoption - The CG Adoption Reimbursement Program offers up to \$2,000 / adoption to offset adoption expenses. Applications must be submitted within 365 days of the date the adoption becomes final. The adoption of step-children, or others who are considered dependents for the purpose of receiving military

benefits, does not qualify for reimbursement under this program.

Discuss adoption expense reimbursement options with the Family Resource Specialist. She also has an adoption resource lending library.

Scholarships - The major source of scholarships for dependent children of CG Enlisted Personnel on active duty, retired, or deceased, and Coast Guard Reservists on extended active duty is the RADM Arnold Sobel Endowment Fund. Information on this scholarship, the Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship Fund, and others can be obtained from Mary.

Begin your financial aid search early during your child's junior year of high school. Copies of *Need a Lift, the American Legion College Financial Aid Handbook*, is available FREE through the Work-Life Office.

The **CG Ombudsman Program** is a vital, information network for families. The Family Resources Specialist acts as program coordinator, trainer, and local training facilitator for Command Ombudsmen. The Family Resources Program also assists Ombudsmen in planning Predeployment Seminars—dedicated to informing families about a ship's activities while underway—and to apprise families of pertinent resources.

Drop by the Work-Life Center or call the Family Resource Specialist, Ms. Mary Mansfield, at (808) 842-2089 for assistance regarding these family member issues.



FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Area Code for Hawai`i is (808)

CHILD CARE SERVICES

Armed Services YMCA (Playmornings)833-1185

Parent Line (Parenting information)526-1222

Baby Huis: Infants and Toddlers (Support group)

Oahu735-2484

Maui, Kauai, and Big Island..... 888-895-2484

PATCH (Childcare referral)

Oahu839-1988

Maui242-9232

Kauai246-0622

Hawai`i (Kona).....325-3864

(Hilo)961-3169

Navy Kids Line (Childcare Referral)471-5437

SPIN (Special Needs Support)586-8126

Parents Without Partners (Support Group)..262-6442

Point of Contact (Phyllis)262-7441

Aloha Nannies Service.....394-5434

AlohaNannies.Com

ELDER CARE SERVICES

Eldercare Locator (National Info)..... 800-677-1116

Elderly Affairs Division

Honolulu Office.....523-4545

Hawai`i County Office on Aging

Hawai`i961-8600

Dial "0" for Receptionist

Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs

Senior Services241-4470

Maui County Office on Aging.....270-7774

Senior Information and Referral (Hotline) .523-4545

ADOPTION SERVICES

Adoption Circle of Hawai`i, Inc..... 591-3834
(Triad Support Group)

Child & Family Service (Adoption Pgm) 543-8447

House of Ruth (Private) Adoption

Services / Calvary Chapel 524-0844

Department of Human Services..... 832-5445
(Oahu Permanency)

LDS Family Services..... 945-3690

Catholic Charities Family Services 536-1794

Hawai`i Behavioral Health 585-1424

Casey Family Program (HAPA)..... .521-9531

or800-945-7949

Queen Liliokalani Children's Center

Administrative Office 847-1302

Maui Unit1-808-242-8888

Kona, Hawai`i1-808-329-7336

Hilo, Hawai`i1-808-935-9381

Kauai1-808-245-1873

SPECIAL NEEDS

Coast Guard Special Needs Program 842-2089

or800-872-4957, x314, and ask for *Mary*

Learning Disabilities

Association of Hawai`i 536-9684

Tripler Army Medical Center..... 433-2778