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What resources are available in the National Clearinghouse?

The resources are rich and diverse and will continue to expand. The Military Child Care Program is provided through three systems: center-based including full-day, part time, and hourly care; home-based Family Child Care (FCC); and School-Age Care.

- Comprehensive developmentally appropriate materials are provided for each age group and for all three systems of care.
- Guidance on forms, policies, and accreditation through NAEYC are among the many resources
- The Bibliography of DoD Child Development Program Materials concisely summarizes each item available, includes a Key Word Index for easy subject scanning, and a glossary of terms
- Materials will be sent to consumers electronically and by mail. Professional staff are available by calling the National Clearinghouse hotline, 1-888-CDP-3040. They will be happy to answer any questions and to help provide applicable materials to meet your needs.

Request for National Clearinghouse Information

Complete the following request form and designate which items you want:

_____ The Directory of Department of Defense Child Development Programs

_____ The Bibliography for the National Clearinghouse for the Military Child Development Program

_____ Catalog Number or Title of Resource if known

_____ Other (please specify by subject area)

Your Name: _____

Your Organization: _____

Your Address and Telephone Number: _____

National Clearinghouse for the Military Child Development Program



"We all have a stake in ensuring that every child is given the opportunity to fulfill his or her God-given potential."

President Clinton



The Child Care Initiative

President and Mrs. Clinton hosted a national conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning on April 17, 1997. Experts in early childhood development, scientists, researchers, and pediatricians convened to provide information which was broadcast via satellite nationwide. The conference highlighted new findings in brain development research.

"We now know that children's earliest experiences, including those in child care, have significant effects on learning and development. I believe we all have a role to play in making sure that all of our children have a strong and healthy start in life."

President William J. Clinton

High quality early childhood education and accreditation of early childhood programs were targeted as key goals and strategies. The Military Child Care System was recognized as a success by having over 75% of all its child care programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The President urged the Secretary of Defense to share the military's expertise to improve child care across the nation. From this directive, a **National Clearinghouse for the Military Child Care Program** was developed.

Features of the National Clearinghouse

The National Clearinghouse for Military Child Care gathers resources and expertise from all branches of the service and includes:

- A comprehensive Directory of DoD Child Development Programs including locations and points of contact
- An extensive Bibliography of available DoD Child Development Program Materials
- An easy access telephone number, 1-888-CDP-3040 (Child Development Program) to obtain resources, information, and support
- A wide array of resources: Child Development Associate (CDA) models for caregiver training, facility design criteria and specifications, resource guides for management, accreditation and evaluation guidelines, financing, and specialized program instruction
- A Web Site will be created offering state of the art Internet access

Who Can Benefit from the National Clearinghouse?

The Clearinghouse information is readily available to local, state, and national child care programs and agencies and for any interested individual. The nation's goal of improving the quality of child care can start with sharing model programs, creating partnerships between military and civilian child care centers, and building on success by learning from the military.

How to Access the National Clearinghouse

There are multiple ways to access the National Clearinghouse:

- The Child Development Program (CDP) hotline, 1-888-CDP-3040, provides professional staff ready to assist consumers in obtaining any Clearinghouse materials
- A Request for Clearinghouse Information form can be mailed to the Office of Family Policy, Attention: National Clearinghouse, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 917, Arlington, VA 22203
- The Request form can be faxed to **(703) 356-7183**
<http://dticaw.dtic.mil/childcare/>
- Access through the Internet is in the developmental stages

Please detach and mail the post card below to request specific information

Return Address

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Development Program
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Arlington, VA 22203-5190

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