



# EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM



## APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



### EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT COORDINATORS

**ANGELA OCAMPO & TA'NASHEA MCLEOD**

LOCATED IN  
MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS CENTER:  
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# APRIL IS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

April aims to celebrate and promote acceptance and recognition for the condition that occurs in one in every 54 children in the United States. This recognition raises awareness about autism acceptance and promotes inclusion and connectedness for people with autism. Social and community support can help people with autism achieve optimal health and reach their full potential. For more information on Autism and to make the pledge to “Act Fearlessly For Change” visit <https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-month>



## Month of the Military Child



**THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES MILITARY CHILDREN DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL. THERE ARE MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION MILITARY CHILDREN WHO FACE MANY CHALLENGES AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCES AS A RESULT OF THEIR PARENTS' SERVICE.**



# EFMP PARTNERS



## EFMP TRIAD

EFMP Medical:  
Identification & Enrollment:  
813-827-9909

(located in Patient Admin of MacDill Clinic)

EFMP Assignments:  
813-828-2005

PCS & Personnel Actions: (located in MPF)

EFMP Family Support:  
813-828-0122

Non-medical Case Management, resource & referral  
(located in Military & Family Readiness office)

## SISTER SERVICE CORNER

### ARMY FAMILY SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Ms. Sandra Patten

[Sandra.Patten.ctr@army.mil](mailto:Sandra.Patten.ctr@army.mil)

Ms. Christine Thompson

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ARMY SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE

PLEASE SEE OUR EFMP ONE STOP at

[HTTPS://MACDILLFSS.COM/EFMP-SISTER-SERVICES](https://MACDILLFSS.COM/EFMP-SISTER-SERVICES)

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# MACDILL AFB SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE



**SCHOOL LIAISON  
PROGRAM**

## SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM

AIMS TO CONNECT SCHOOL, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES  
IN ORDER TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF  
MILITARY CONNECTED CHILDREN (K-12).

### CONTACT INFO:

**DR. VENETIA D. WATERS**  
6FSS.FSY.SLO@US.AF.MIL  
813-828-0146 / BUILDING 18

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE:  
SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM:**

[HTTPS://MACDILLFSS.COM/SCHOOL-LIAISON-PROGRAM/](https://macdillfss.com/school-liaison-program/)

## MACDILL SCHOOL LIAISON

*offering*

## MONTHLY WORKSHOPS

2023

Time: 11:00AM—12:00PM

2024

- Oct 12 Special Education Training for parents
- Nov 16 Home-school success
- Jan 18 MilitaryOneSource
- Feb 15 College preparations
- Mar 21 Florida School Choice Options
- Apr 18 Special Education training for parents
- May 16 Transitioning to Kindergarten

*Meeting Info:*

**Zoom link:** Join ZoomGov Meeting  
<https://usmc-mil.zoomgov.com/j/16012186176>

Meeting ID: 160 1218 6176  
Passcode: SCHOOL



### FOR MORE INFO:

[macdillfss.com/school-liaison-program](https://macdillfss.com/school-liaison-program)  
**Dr. Venetia D. Waters, School Liaison Program Manager**

813-828-0146 VENETIA.WATERS@US.AF.MIL



# TRAININGS, EVENTS, & WORKSHOPS



TO REGISTER EMAIL:  
**6FSS.FSH.EFMP@US.AF.MIL**  
OR CALL  
**813-828-0122**



**Quantum Leap Farm**  
• Equine-Assisted Therapies •

Please join us for our  
**Military Family Fun Day**

**FEB 11, 2024 | APR 7, 2024**

**1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Register at <https://www.quantumleapfarm.org/ffd>

EFMP & Hearts Apart Deployed Families please email:

[6fss.fsh.efmp](mailto:6fss.fsh.efmp) to register

- ★ pony rides
- ★ arts and crafts
- ★ pony painting
- ★ lunch provided



Quantum Leap Farm | 10401 Woodstock Road Odessa, FL 33556 | 813.920.9250



## MACDILL EFMP ORIENTATION

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM



Are you new to MacDill EFMP or have a transition such as retiring, separating or have a child with special needs transitioning to adulthood?

The following agencies will be available online to answer your questions:

EFMP Medical, EFMP Family Support  
School Liaison Program Manager  
MacDill Legal, Tricare representative  
EFMP Assignments/ Secondary  
dependency, FL Agency for Persons with  
Disabilities, Special Needs Alliance



VIRTUAL CLASSES AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND!

**2024**

**TUESDAYS**

**10:30AM -12:30PM**

**MARCH 5  
JUNE 6  
SEPTEMBER 10  
DECEMBER 10**



For more information call  
EFMP Family Support at:

+1-813-828-0122/0136

To register please send email to:  
**6fss.fsh.efmp@us.af.mil**



**FORCE**  
SUPPORT SQUADRON



**EFMP** Family Support

**QLF  
FAMILY FUN DAYS  
APR 7TH  
TO REGISTER VISIT:  
EMAIL: [6FSS.FSH.EFMP@US.AF.MIL](mailto:6FSS.FSH.EFMP@US.AF.MIL)  
&  
[HTTPS://WWW.QUANTUMLEAP  
FARM.ORG/FFD](https://www.quantumleapfarm.org/ffd)**

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## EARTH DAY

Adult Arts & Crafts

ARE YOU AN EFMP CAREGIVER OR DEPENDENT OF A  
DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBER?  
LET'S CONNECT!

MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2024, 1200-1400



- ✓ Relax and paint your own personal flower pot
- ✓ Learn more about planting & growing seeds
- ✓ Connect with others within the community

### Location:

8105 CONDOR ST. BLDG 18 TAMPA, FL 33621  
MACDILL AFB, FL

REGISTER BY  
8 APRIL

EFMP SUPPORT GROUP  
2024

LIMITED  
SEATS AVAILABLE!

TO REGISTER CALL:  
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6FSS.FSH.EFMP@US.AF.MIL



EFMP & DEPLOYED FAMILIES HEARTS APART



## RELAXATION YOGA AT YOGA LOFT TAMPA

FREE CLASS  
INCLUDES ONE  
FREE  
YOGA KIT PER  
FAMILY

Limited spots  
Register Now!



WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2024  
1100-1200

Yoga Loft of Tampa - 2002 E. 5th St Unit 102  
Tampa, FL 33605

TO REGISTER EMAIL: 6FSS.FSH.EFMP@US.AF.MIL  
OR CALL 813-828-0122/0136



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## Afternoon at the Florida Aquarium

**FOR EFMP & HEARTS APART DEPLOYED  
AFFECTED FAMILIES ONLY**  
**LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE**



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PLEASE INCLUDE SPONSOR INFO & NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

**WED, 1 MAY 23, 1130 - 1300**



**EFMP** Family Support



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**EFMP SERVICES AVAILABLE AT  
RUSKIN SITE TUESDAYS. TO  
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT  
CALL**

**813-828-0145.**

**WALK-INS AVAILABLE**

**800-1600.**



# EFMP

**Exceptional  
Family Member  
Program**

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS & RESOURCES



**EFMP & ME**

**IS A 24/7 RESOURCE FOR EFMP FAMILIES**

**[HTTPS://EFMPANDME.MILITARYONESOURCE.MIL](https://efmpandme.militaryonesource.mil)**

## **THE CENTER FOR AUTISM & RELATED DISABILITIES AT USF**

**IS A COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECT THAT PROVIDES  
INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION TO INDIVIDUALS  
DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND  
RELATED DISABILITIES. CARD-USFOFFERS INSTRUCTION  
AND COACHING TO FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS.**

**CENTER FOR AUTISM & RELATED DISABILITIES  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD & FAMILY STUDIES  
COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & COMMUNITY SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

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DOD!**



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