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Dear Parents:

This letter is to inform you of Department of Defense (DoD) changes to priorities for child care and how they may impact you. The intent of the changes are to ensure priority access to child care for military members.

The new priority system becomes effective on 1 September 2020 and applies to all new requests for child care and to children currently enrolled in full-day and regularly scheduled school-age care in military Child Development Centers (CDC), 24/7 CDCs, School Age Care centers, and Family Child Care Homes.

The updated DoD child care priorities are listed at the enclosure. All child care placement offers must be made through militarychildcare.com in accordance with the new priorities. Children will be placed on a wait list, according to priority, when there is not sufficient child care capacity to meet demand.

Children may be supplanted from care by children in higher priority categories whose wait times exceed 45 days beyond the date care is needed. See the enclosure to understand who may be supplanted.

Families of children who are supplanted will receive 45-day notices and may request new placements, according to their priorities, on militarychildcare.com.

Families receiving notification of supplanting may be eligible for Army Fee Assistance to help pay the cost of off-post child care. Contact a Child and Youth Services professional for support. Fee assistance enrollment is in accordance with the DoD priority system when there is a wait list based on funding availability. Families may receive enhanced referrals to help them find off-post child care. Patrons must meet eligibility requirements for Army Fee Assistance. Providers must meet qualification requirements and be approved. More information is available at: <https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/military-families/army/>.

Please contact your local Child and Youth Services program manager for additional information.

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