NAVY EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM

The Navy's Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is designed to assist sailors by addressing the special needs of their exceptional family members (EFM) during the assignment process. Special needs include any special medical, dental, mental health, developmental or educational requirement, wheelchair accessibility, adaptive equipment or assistive technology devices and services.

In the Navy EFM Program, the primary function is the PERSONNEL FUNCTION. Navy EFMP Coordinators are located at the medical treatment facility, not at Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC) however all FFSCs have an EFMP liaison. Navy EFMP Coordinators serve both Personnel and Family Support functions, but with an emphasis on the personnel function.

Personnel Function

The goal of the EFMP is to ensure the special needs of the EFM can be met at a new assignment location. EFMP enrollment information enables Navy detailers to proactively consider a family member's special need requirements during the assignment process and to pinpoint the assignment to a location with appropriate resources that address the special needs. Successful implementation requires up-to-date enrollment information and extensive coordination among the personnel, medical and educational communities.

EFMP enrollment is mandatory and required immediately upon identification of a special need. Enrollment is computer based using the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) website. DD Form 2792, Exceptional Family Member Medical and Educational Summary and DD Form 2792-1, Exceptional Family Member Special Education/Early Intervention Summary are used for enrollment.

Command points of contact and Navy medical treatment facility (MTF) EFMP coordinators can assist service and family members with the enrollment process.

Sailors may be reluctant to enroll because of misconceptions that EFMP enrollment may limit assignments and career advancement, or preclude family members from accompanying sponsors on overseas tours. These negative perceptions are not supported by fact. Sailors enrolled in the EFMP have always received equal consideration for accompanied assignments and for promotions.

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