

Welcome to NAWS China Lake



Mission

“To provide and maintain land, facilities and capabilities by way of a cadre of Shore Enterprise professionals that enable Research, Development, Acquisition, Test and Evaluation of cutting edge technological systems, and training of Navy Expeditionary Combat Command personnel”.

Vision

“Action ideas as time and resources permit that possess opportunity to sustain or improve upon safety, security and services for those military and civilian personnel who live and work on the installation.”



China Lake and Ridgecrest are Smack Dab in the middle of a Hub O' Fun that's 1, 2, 3, and 4 hours away from everything in Central / Southern California! So pack up for the mountains, lakes, cities, islands, or beaches. In short, "surf's up!" Come join us and find your own GOLD.

Los Angeles / Hollywood	152 miles - 2:43 min
Anaheim	156 miles - 2:47 min
Newport Beach	169 miles - 3 hours
Palm Springs	174 miles - 3:07 min
Mammoth Mtn	176 miles - 3:15 min
Santa Barbara	218 miles - 3:49 min
San Diego	227 miles - 3:50 min
Las Vegas	230 miles - 3:44 min
Mexico	237 miles - 4 hours

Hub O' Fun

TREASURE MAP

Theme Parks, Water Parks, Sea World, Zoo

Calico Ghost Town..... 94 miles - 1:42 min

* Six Flags Magic Mountain & Hurricane Harbor..... 129 miles - 2:24 min

* Raging Waters..... 134 miles - 2:25 min

* Universal Studios..... 144 miles - 2:35 min

* Disneyland..... 156 miles - 2:47 min

* Knott's Berry Farm..... 160 miles - 2:49 min

* Legoland (Carlsbad)..... 209 miles - 3:37 min

* Sea World (San Diego)..... 226 miles - 3:50 min

* San Diego Zoo & Safari..... 224 miles - 3:50 min

National Parks

Death Valley..... 134 miles - 3:02 min

Joshua Tree..... 165 miles - 3:06 min

Sequoia..... 190 miles - 3:15 min

Yosemite..... 201 miles - 3:38 min

King's Canyon..... 237 miles - 4:16 min

Channel Islands..... 4:45 min

* Tickets for SoCal attractions @ NAWS MWR
939-8644

Animals of the Mojave Desert

- Mule Deer
- Bighorn Sheep
- Hummingbirds
- Tortoises
- Jackrabbits
- Snow Geese



China Lake hosts the Snow Geese along their migratory pattern every year! Take care when the birds are on the side of the road - Apparently the geese have no fear of vehicles and often take their time walking from one patch of grass to another, even if it means crossing the road busy with people trying to get home. The Snow Geese are a protected animal under the Migratory Bird Act.

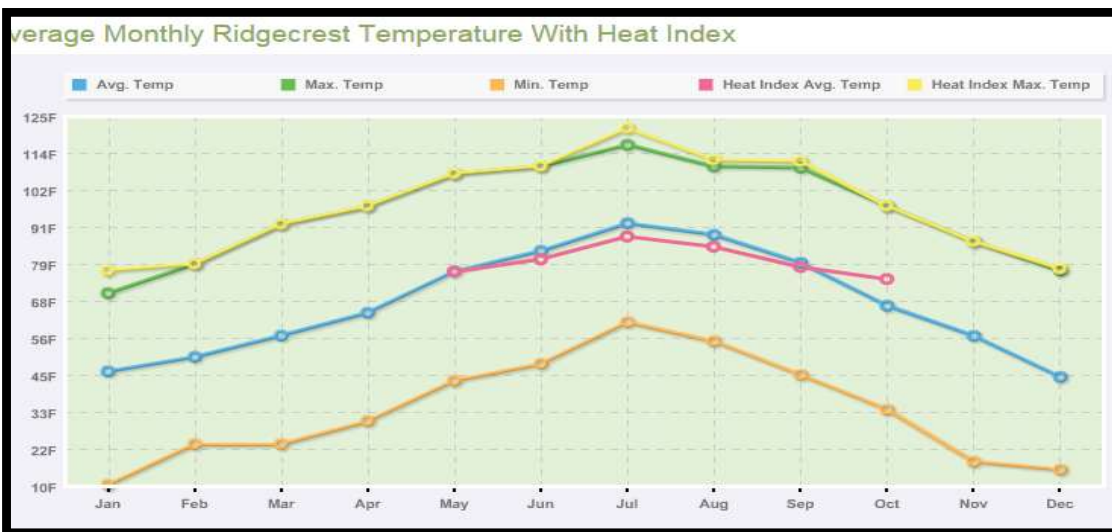
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Animals to watch out for!

- Snakes
 - Mojave Green Rattlesnake
 - Western Diamondback
- Mountain Lion
- Coyotes
- Spiders



High Desert Climate



Ridgecrest Average Temperature

Month	Temp. (min)	Temp. (max)	Temp. (avg)	Precipitation
January	10°F	70°F	46°F	0.4"
February	23°F	79°F	50°F	0.4"
March	23°F	91°F	57°F	0.2"
April	30°F	97°F	64°F	0.1"
May	43°F	107°F	77°F	n/a
June	48°F	109°F	83°F	0.0"
July	61°F	116°F	92°F	0.0"
August	55°F	109°F	88°F	0.1"
September	45°F	109°F	79°F	0.3"
October	34°F	97°F	66°F	0.1"
November	18°F	86°F	57°F	0.3"
December	15°F	77°F	44°F	0.1"

In the event that the weather data was unavailable for this city, estimates based upon nearby cities were used.

The **highest average temperature in Ridgecrest** is July at 91.7 degrees. The **coldest average temperature in Ridgecrest** is December at 43.9 degrees. The **most monthly precipitation in Ridgecrest** occurs in January with 0.4 inches. The **Ridgecrest weather information** is based on the average of the previous 3-7 years of data.



Naval Exchange & Commissary

NEX China Lake

Location Bldg 19, Blandy Ave. next to the Fitness Annex.

Phone (760) 446-6707

Fax (760) 446-6863

Hours of Operation

Tues - Sat 0630-1800

Sunday 0900-1600

Closed Mondays and Holidays



The China Lake Commissary

Location: corner of Richmond Road and Inyokern Road

Phone 760-939-3807

Hours of Operation

Sunday 0900 - 1600

Monday **Closed**

Tuesday - Saturday 0900 – 1800



Fleet & Family Support Center

The Fleet and Family Support Center offers individual and family readiness programs, services, education, and resources which help Navy families build resilience.

Fleet and Family Support Center

Location: Bldg. 02308, Blandy Avenue

Phone: 760-939-4545

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 am- 4:30 pm

Non-Flex Friday: 7:30 am-3:30 pm

Closed: Flex Friday, Weekends & Holidays



Programs Include:

- **Crisis Intervention and Counseling**
- **Personal and Family Wellness**
- **Education and Counseling**
- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Ombudsman Coordination**
- **Relocation Assistance**
- **Transition Assistance**
- **Spouse Employment**
- **Deployment Support**
- **Financial Counseling**
- **Volunteer Opportunities**

One Call Serves All! 24/7, Appointment Scheduling for, clinical counseling, relocation assistance, resume assistance, and financial consultations at any Navy Region Southwest FFSC call 1-866-923-6478.

Fleet Readiness Programs

Many FFSP MWR programs are available to active duty, reservists, retired Navy personnel, DoD employees and their dependents and families!

Keep up with your exercise program at MWR's 24 hour well-equipped fitness centers, swimming pools and exercise classes. Circuit training rooms, free weights, treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary bikes, weight balls, and fitness classes round out options for fitness aboard NAWS China Lake!

The Oasis Pool is located within walking distance of the Bachelor Housing as well as Liberty Housing residents. Don't miss out on the fun of our water slide! Oasis Pool is open to everyone with base access for a fee.

Sports & Fitness Complex

Location: Bldg. 00022, Blandy Avenue

Phone: 760-939-2334



Fleet Readiness Programs

Outdoor Recreation

The Outdoor Recreation program offers outdoor adventure trips and tours to all surrounding Southern/Northern California and Nevada attractions. The goal of the ODR is to equip customers with the skills and equipment needed to help them discover fun and safe outdoor recreation experiences. The ODR is the place for gear rentals as well. Stop by to check out sports and recreational equipment such as volleyballs, softballs, footballs, bats, horseshoes, mountain bikes and safety gear, camping equipment, camping trailers, &more.

Hall Memorial Lanes

Have some time to spare? Strike out for Hall Memorial Lanes Bowling Center, featuring ten synthetic lanes with high-tech scoring and pin-setting equipment. The center features open and league bowling for youths and adults, special education programs, and special events. Don't forget those famous China Lake Nachos only at the King Pin Cafe.

Phone: 760-939-3471

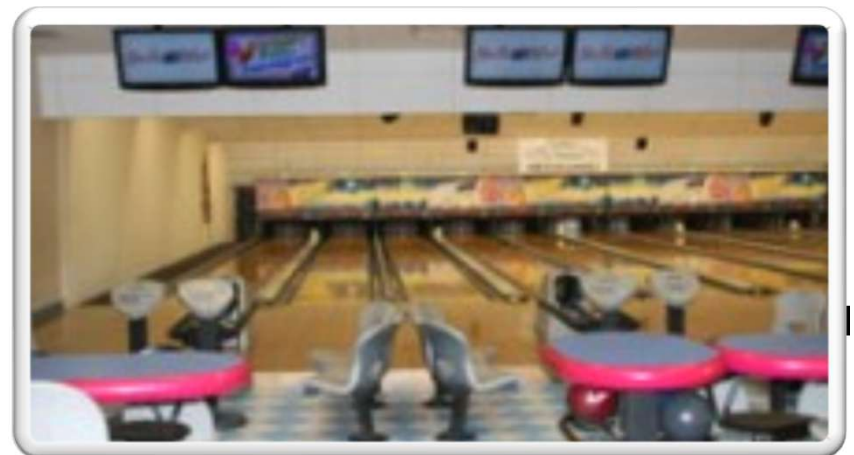
Location: Bldg. 01092, King Street

League Bowling

Call to inquire about getting in a league

For Bowling hours and King Pin Cafe hours:

<https://chinalake.navylifesa.com> >Recreation >Bowling
Mondays





Fleet Readiness Programs

China Lake Golf Course & Mulligans Grill

"Hit a bad shot? Take a mulligan and hit it again." This golfer's term for a "do-over" is the inspiration behind the name of the clubhouse at the China Lake Golf Course. China Lake is in a beautiful valley setting, where year-round golfing is the norm. The challenging 18-hole layout incorporates

many water and sand hazards, and includes a full-practice facility. It is an 18-hole, Par 72 course on 248 acres, with a driving range, chipping and putting greens, electric carts with GPS, a grill, and a pro shop with a full line of merchandise.

Golf Course, Driving Range & Pro Shop

Phone: 760-939-2990 for reservations

Location: Bldg. 02693, Halsey Street

Hours: Open Daily, Sunrise-Sunset

Take Five on the Grille

Phone: 760-939-2002

Location: Bldg. 02693, Halsey St

Hours: Wed. – Sun. 7am – 2pm

Child & Youth Programs

Child Development Center (CDC): Ages served: 6 weeks to 5 years

760-939-3171

Provides quality child development programs

DoD certified and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

NAEYC, a membership organization that advocates on behalf of young children, sets and monitors standards for high-quality early childhood education programs and accredits programs that meet these standards.

School Age Care / Movin' On Up: Ages served: Kindergarten to 6th Grade

760-939-2909

Before and After School Care, Available for Active Duty, DoD and Contractor families

Accredited program by Council on Accreditation

To request care, visit www.militarychildcare.com.

Boys & Girls Club of America affiliate

Weekly Clubs: Homework Club (daily), 4H Science Club, Art Club, Smart Girls/Boys 2 Men Clubs

Cooking Club, Music Makers, Photography Club, Triple Play, and more!

Castle X Youth Center: Ages served: Middle & High School

760-428-5556

Registration is FREE (required) | Boys & Girls Club of America affiliate

Weekly Clubs: Homework Club (daily), 4H Science Club, Keystone Club, Art Club, Torch Club

Open Recreation Activities: Dodgeball, Triple Play or Wild Card, Volleyball, Basketball, Bowling

Schools

Public School Districts

Sierra Sands Unified School District

113 W. Felspar Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 499-1600

<http://www.ssusdschools.org/>

REALMS Charter School

325 S. Downs
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 375-1010

<http://www.rcrealms.org>

Opportunities for Learning

900 N Norma St
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 375-7799

<http://ridgecrest.oflschools.com>

Private Schools

Adventist Christian School

555 W. Las Flores Ave
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 375-8673

<http://www.ridgecrestacs.com/>

Immanuel Christian School

201 Graaf Ave
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 446-6114

<http://www.icsk12.org>

St Ann's Catholic School

446 W. Church Ave
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 375-4713

www.school@parishofsaintann.org/

Higher Education

Navy College Program

As of FY22, the Navy College Program completed the transition to a virtual service delivery model.

- <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/>
- jose.m.balboa.civ@us.navy.mil
- NCVEC at 833-330-6622
Option 3 "Education & Training"
Then option 1 "Navy TA & Counseling"
- By Text: 877-838-1659

MYCAA

The My Career Advancement Account Scholarship is a workforce development program that provides up to \$4,000 tuition assistance to eligible military spouses.

- <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/>
- 800-342-9647
Monday - Friday 7 am - 10 pm ET
Saturday 10 am - 5 pm ET

Community College

Cerro Coso Community College

300 College Heights Blvd.

Ridgecrest, CA 93555

(760) 384-6100

<https://www.cerrocoso.edu/>



Adult Education and ESL

Sierra Sands Unified School District » [Our Schools](#) » Adult School

Adult School

Mesquite High School Campus
140 W. Drummond Ave
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Office Manager: Sandra Curnow Room 13 Tel 760-499-1725
Hours Monday - Friday 1:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Instructor: Robert Campbell Room 17 Tel: 760-499-1724

Student Liaison: Mandy Parks Room 14 Tel: 760-499-1722

CLASSROOM HOURS (subject to change)

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

INSTRUCTOR HOURS (subject to change)

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesday: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ENGLISH
as a
SECOND LANGUAGE



WHERE: SIERRA SANDS ADULT SCHOOL
VIEWEG EDUCATION CENTER
340 ROWE ST. RIDGECREST

WHEN: MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
6:00 – 7:30

COST: FREE

LEVELS: BEGINNER TO ADVANCED

CONTACT: Adult School - 760-499-1725

Saray – 760 – 499-1672

Maria – 760-499-1674

Child Care Provided
Free of Charge

Homework Help
Provided for School-
Aged Children

Things to do Locally



Local Museums

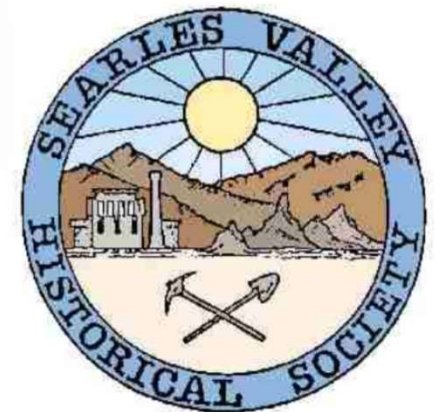
US Naval Museum of Armament & Technology



Historical Society of the Upper Mojave Desert & the Historical USO



Maturango Museum



Searles Valley Historical Society

Local Festivals



What to do for fun Close By!

Ridgecrest is in the heart of California, and is within driving distance of some great opportunities for fun and recreation. Stop by the MWR Information, Tickets and Tours Office for discount tickets to major leisure and entertainment attractions located throughout California and Nevada.

- Kern River Valley 43 mi
- Lake Isabella 46 mi
- Death Valley 97 mi
- Mt. Whitney 60 mi
- Ventura 133 mi
- Bishop 137 mi
- Santa Barbara 144 mi
- Los Angeles 150 mi
- Joshua Tree NP 170 mi
- Yosemite NP 213 mi
- Mammoth Lakes 179 mi
- Lake Tahoe 310 mi
- Las Vegas 231 mi
- San Diego 327 mi
- San Francisco 395 mi

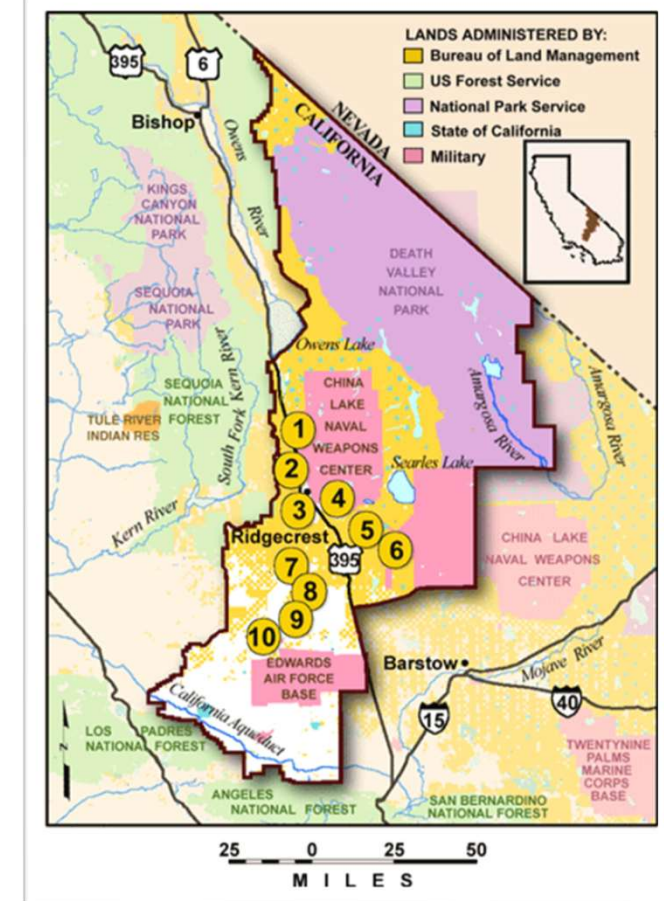


Bureau of Land Management



Local Points of Interest:

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail | Owens Peak Wilderness
Rademacher Hills Trail System | Fossil Falls
Trona Pinnacles National Natural Landmark
Spangler OHV Area | Dove Springs OHV Area | Short Canyon
Jawbone OHV Area and Visitor Center | Desert Tortoise Natural Area



Free Entrance to National Parks for Current Military, Veterans, and Gold Star Families

Yosemite National Park
Death Valley National Park
Manzanar National Historic Site
Mojave National Preserve
Devil's Postpile, Mammoth Lakes National Monument
Pinnacles National Park
Joshua Tree National Park
Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
Channel Islands National Park
Angeles National Forest



Cleveland National Forest
Eldorado National Forest
Inyo National Forest
Klamath National Forest
Lake Tahoe Basin Area
Lassen National Forest
Los Padres National Forest
Mendocino National Forest



Modoc National Forest
San Bernardino National Forest
Sequoia National Forest
Shasta-Trinity National Forest
Sierra National Forest
Six Rivers National Forest
Stanislaus National Forest
Tahoe National Forest

For more information about a FREE Military Pass go to
www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/veterans-and-gold-star-families-free-access.htm



EFMP Overview Brief

EFMP **Family Support** plays a critical role in helping families with special needs with the **Identification & Enrollment** and **Assignment Coordination** processes.



EFMP Family Support

Helps families navigate, advocate and connect through:

- Information, referrals and non-clinical case management at installations
- Virtual self-service support through the EFMP & Me tool, information and resources and specialty consultations



EFMP Identification & Enrollment

Medical services work with families to coordinate:

- Identification and enrollment in EFMP



EFMP Assignment Coordination

Medical and military personnel departments work with service members and families to:

- Coordinate assignments while ensuring that special medical and educational needs of family members are considered



Enrollment Benefits

Benefits for the sponsor/family include:

Tricare ECHO, if they qualify.

*Respite care if they meet eligibility criteria.
(Categories 4/5 or LON)*

*Possible priority placement on Navy housing waitlist.
(Categories 4/5)*

*Lessens unnecessary family separations — flag for
detailer.*

*Family support — connection to resources via an
assigned case liaison. (I&R/non-clinical case
management)*

Continuing of care. (PCS warm handoff)



For the Navy/command:

Command readiness.

Enhanced communication.

*May reduce early returns and
hardship discharges.*

Promotes retention.

Criteria for Enrollment

ENROLLMENT

Common conditions that qualify for enrollment:

Asthma

Autism Spectrum Disorder

ADD/ADHD

Cerebral Palsy

Developmental Delay

Depression

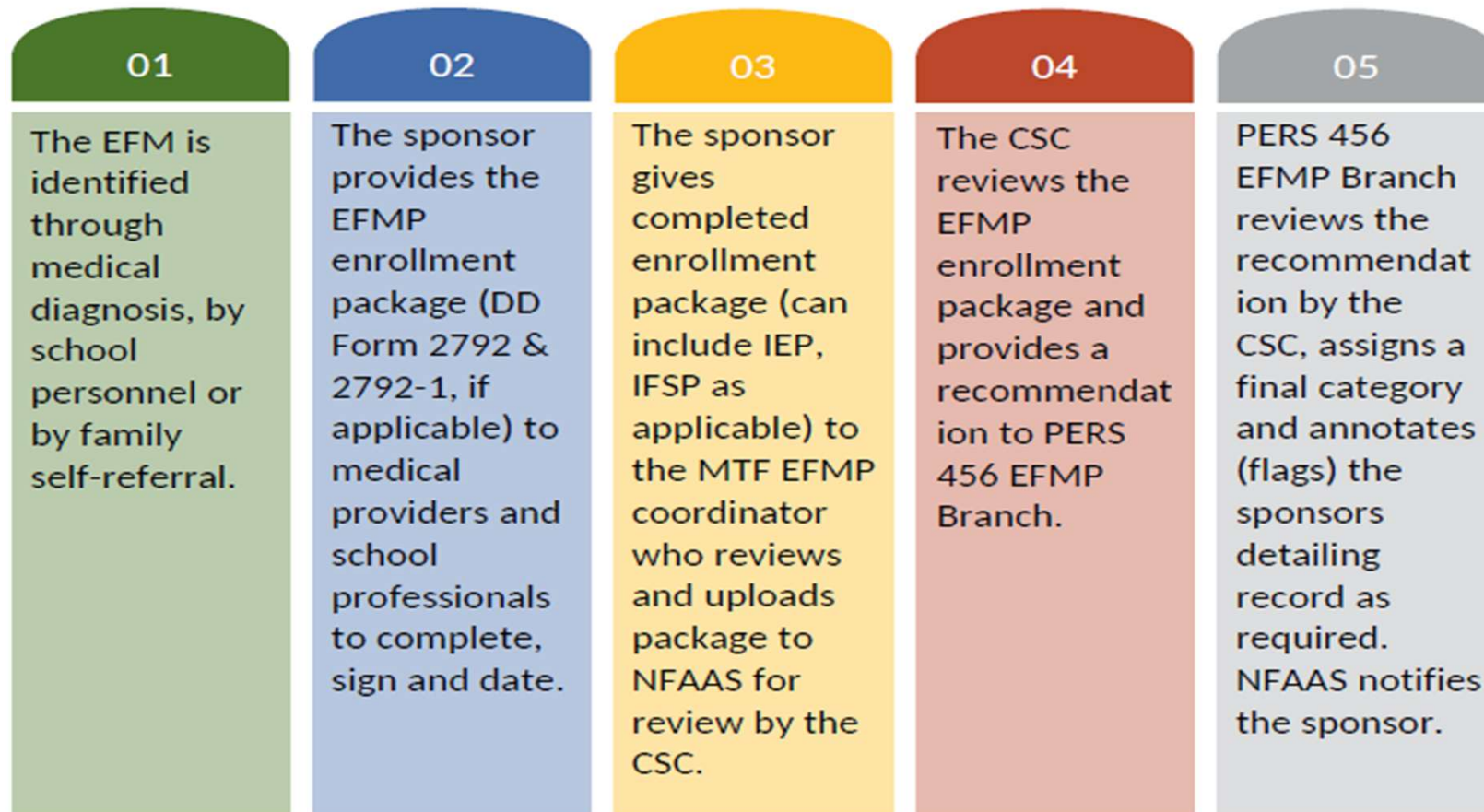
Diabetes

Down Syndrome

Learning Disabilities



Enrollment Process



Enrollment must be updated every three years. Requires submitting updated paper-work via the EFMP MTF coordinator (with exceptions).

Forms: DD 2792 Or DD 2792-1

Can be obtained from:

Your local FFSC

or

www.militaryhoemfront.dod.mil/efm

<http://www.public.navy.mil/BUPERSNPC/SUPPORT/EFM/Pages/EnrollmentForms.aspx>

<http://www.ffsp.navy.mil>

EFMP Case Liaisons



EFMP case liaisons are CNIC employees located at FFSCs and are the Family Support component of the EFMP. They provide:

Quarterly contact with information, referrals and resources.

Non-clinical case management, including family needs assessments and family services plans.

Help with explaining the EFMP enrollment/disenrollment process.

Special education support, such as reviewing IEPs and/or attending IEP meetings with parents.

Referrals to EFMP special education attorneys as needed.

EFMP case liaisons also provide:

EFMP command POC training.

A warm handoff to the gaining EFMP office.

Education and training to families and commands.

Outreach to engage families and promote the EFMP.

NAWS China Lake EFMP Collateral Duty Case Liaison: Deborah Edwards 760-939-4553

EFMP Categories

- 1: Enrollment for monitoring purposes
- 2: Limited overseas/remote assignments
- 3: No overseas assignments (case-by-case)
- 4: Major moves within U.S.
- 5: Homebased program
- 6: Temporary (1 Year)

NO MORE CATEGORIES



WHY DISOLVE THE CATERGORIES?

- More tailored approach to each EFMP situation.
- Unique needs are considered in the assignment process.
- Flexibility for service members.

Effective October 2024, all enlisted Sailors enrolled in EFMP that are within 12-months of there projected rotation date will negotiate for orders via MyNavy Assignment.

Contact your EFMP case liaison to ensure you know the important actions so your placement is smooth.

Military OneSource EFMP Resources

Military OneSource is the central information hub for the military community. It is available worldwide 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Families, military leaders, and service providers can research and access information for deployments, relocation, parenthood, retirement and more.

Military leaders and service providers can access **promotional materials** such as EFMP brochures, fact sheets, handbooks and more.



EFMP families, can download the *Special Needs Parent Tool Kit*, and access other EFMP-specific resources, webinars, videos or online learning.

The **EFMP and Me** gives EFMP Family Support providers and military leaders another tool to guide families to the resources they need such as checklists, resources and referrals and allows users to contact EFMP Family Support.

The **MilProvider App** eases resources sharing for military service providers.

FAMILY EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM



What is the Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP)

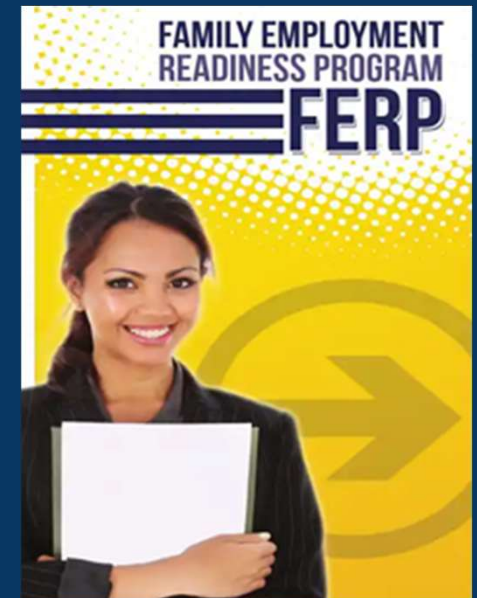
The Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP) provides no cost consultations, programs and services to help families in the job search process.

The goal of FERP is to help you learn how to get a job and maintain a career you enjoy, as a military family member.



Benefits of the FERP Program

- Employment support for Active Duty Spouses & Teens
- Career Development Resource Center
- Information and Job Referrals
- One on One Career Coaching
- Employment Workshops
- Job Fairs and other Special Events
- Spouse Transition



Employment workshops

Resume Writing
Workshop

Federal Resume
Workshop

Entrepreneurship
Workshop

Interviewing Skills
Workshop

Job Search
Workshops

Licensure and
Credentialing Workshops

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**Computers
Job Leads
Internet/Wi-Fi**

**Hours:
7:30 am-4 pm
Monday-Thursday
Every Flex Friday**



Fleet & Family Center located at 610 Blandy Ave, Bldg. 2308
Contact Deborah Edwards for questions ph. 760-939-4553

Life Skills Workshops



Parenting Classes

Toddler Take Over

Balanced Parenting with Teens

Parenting Practices & Styles

What About the Kids, Co-parenting

Life Development Classes

Anger Management

Conflict Management

Communication Skills

Stress Management

All Life Skills workshops can be scheduled at individual commands or at the FFSC.

Workshops times are on the monthly FFSDC calendar.



Questions



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Work and Family Life Specialist

Exceptional Family Member Program Collateral Duty Case Liaison (EFMP)

Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP)

Ombudsman Coordinator

Relocation Assistance