

COLLABORATIVE CONNECTIONS: TERMS TO KNOW



<p>Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)</p>	<p>The EFMP is designed to support the unique needs and challenges military families with a family member with a disability face related to their military service.</p>
<p>EFMP Family Support provider (Generic)</p>	<p>EFMP Family Support providers offer a range of installation-level support services to military families with special needs (medical and/or educational needs). EFMP Family Support services include non-clinical case management and information and referral to military and community support agencies. They are not Special Education Advocates.</p>
<p>EFMP Family Support Coordinators (Air Force)</p>	<p>Air Force policy permits EFMP Family Support Coordinators to provide IEP assistance to families. The AF does not allow EFMP Family Support Coordinators to attend IEP meetings in support of a family. They are not Special Education Advocates.</p>
<p>EFMP System Navigators (Army)</p>	<p>Army System Navigators are trained to provide IEP assistance to families and may, per Army policy, attend IEP meetings if a family requests that support. They are not Special Education Advocates.</p>
<p>EFMP Case Managers (Marine Corps)</p>	<p>The Marine Corps EFMP Case Managers are trained to provide IEP assistance to families and policy permits them to attend IEP meetings if the family requests that support. They are not Special Education Advocates.</p>
<p>EFMP Case Liaisons (Navy)</p>	<p>Navy Case Liaisons are trained to provide IEP assistance to families and, per Navy policy, may attend IEP meetings if the family requests that support. They are not Special Education Advocates.</p>
<p>School Liaisons</p>	<p>The installation subject-matter experts for PreK-12 education of military-connected children.</p>

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TITLE	DEFINED ROLE	EMPLOYED BY	RESPONSIBILITIES	WORKS DIRECTLY WITH
Classroom Teacher	An educator that plans and delivers instruction for students in their classroom focused on academic areas	LEAs & DoDEA	Classroom Teachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and implement lesson plans aligned with student learning standards Assess students' skills Monitors students' progress 	Parents/Caregivers/Families Special education teachers Children/Students School administrators Paraprofessionals Related services personnel
EFMP Family Support Providers	EFMP Family Support providers offer a range of installation-level support services to military families with special needs. Services include non-clinical case management and information and referral to military and community support agencies.	DoD	EFMP Family Support providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information and referral to military families with special needs Special Needs" encompass both educational and/or medical needs for military dependents of any age Conduct Family Needs Assessments to determine a family's current needs, the services they are/may be eligible to receive and the support they require Conduct ongoing outreach with military and community service providers to promote understanding of the needs of military families with special needs Point of contact for military leadership in identifying and addressing community support requirements for military families with special needs 	Parents/Caregivers/Families School liaisons Community support agencies Installation leadership Installation legal office (as needed)

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EFMP Family Support Providers, cont.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with military, federal, State, and local agencies to share and exchange information in developing a comprehensive program • Assist families before, during and after relocation, including coordination of services with the gaining installation's EFMP and School Liaison services • Assist families with children receiving early intervention or special education services with understanding the IDEA, transitioning the IFSP/IEP from one district to another, IFSP/IEP development and understanding their rights under Due Process • Assist with 504 Plan understanding and development 	
Paraprofessionals (e.g., special education classroom assistants, teacher assistants, special education technologist, paraeducators)	An individual who provides classroom level support for students with disabilities.	LEAs	Paraprofessionals may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist teachers in organizing and preparing materials • Review IEPs and 504 plans to check that progress towards a student's goals is being made • Help students one-on-one with work, tests, quizzes, etc. • Work with multiple students in a classroom or one-on-one 	Children/Students Classroom teachers Special education teachers School administrators

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Paraprofessionals , cont.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide physical assistance to a student (e.g., moving from one area to another, eating, writing) • Monitor and support students with behavioral needs 	
Related Services Personnel	Professionals working alongside teachers to support children's educational needs in a specific domain (e.g., social workers, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, etc.)	LEAs & DoDEA	Related Services Personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess children in specific domains (e.g., speech, motor) • Help develop IEPs for students • Plan instruction that addresses specific goals within their discipline • Monitor progress toward goals in their domain 	Parents/Caregivers/Families Children/Students Classroom teachers Special education teachers School administrators

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School Liaison	Installation subject-matter experts for PreK-12 education of military-connected children	DoD	<p>School Liaisons (SLs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster partnerships and facilitate communication between local educational stakeholders, parents, and installation leadership • Provide targeted, professional support to help military-connected students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally, regardless of duty station, deployments, or transition status <p>SL programs, resources, and partnerships provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families with information, referral, and resources regarding various education models and requirements, to include private, parochial, homeschool, charter, virtual school, International and Department of Defense Education Activity options • Parents and caregivers of school age children an understanding of local education landscape • A process to address and resolve education issues • Education for school administrators, counselors, and educators on the unique needs of military-connected children/families 	<p>Parents/Caregivers/Families LEA & SEA teachers LEA & SEA counselors LEA & SEA school administrators & superintendents LEA & SEA paraprofessionals Related services personnel Commanders</p> <p>*Eligibility includes:</p> <p>Active, Guard, Reserve service members DoD civilians Retirees Contractors</p>

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School Liaison, cont.			In doing this SLs, its programs, resources, and partnerships assist commanders, military connected personnel, and families in meeting the competing demands of the military mission and family life.	
Special Education Advocates	Individuals familiar with special education laws and rights that can guide families through the special education process	Private businesses & Non-profit organizations	Special education advocates can provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information regarding special education rights and laws • Support families and children with disabilities navigate the special education process • Help repairing relationships between school teams and families • Representation in a due process or impartial hearing (in some states) 	Parents/Caregivers/Families Children/Students Classroom teachers Special education teachers

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Special Education Teacher (school-based)	An educator that plans and delivers instruction for students who qualify for special education services under a disability category.	LEAs & DoDEA	Special Education Teachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess students' skills • Help develop IEPs for students • Plans and adapts instruction to meet students' needs • Monitors progress toward IEP goals 	Parents/Caregivers/Families Children/Students School administrators Paraprofessionals Related Service personnel

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