

# SPECIAL EDUCATION AND EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE

Once your sponsor receives orders to Edwards AFB, you have a choice of either contacting the SLO at your current base or contacting the Edwards SLO via phone, email or webpage. Once the SLO receives your children's ages and info, we will be able to provide you with local school information both on/off base. This process should help make your transition as stress free as possible.

When transitioning from one base to another, you can also contact the ***Airman and Family Readiness Center, Relocation Program, and Housing Office*** for information on Edwards AFB and the surrounding communities. They will provide you with a **WELCOME PACKET** and information on our **NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION**.

If you have any questions about the State of California's Special Education and Exceptional Student Services, you can contact the local school district or visit the California Department of Education website [www.cde.gov](http://www.cde.gov)

In addition to California's Special Education Services, the military has the **Military OneSource** resource for eligible families for special needs assistance. **Military OneSource** also has free Tip Sheets, Booklets, CDs and Cassettes that families can order online at <https://www.militaryonesource.com>



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# RESOURCE INFORMATION

## YOUR MILITARY SUPPORT SERVICES:

Each branch of service sponsors information and support programs for service members and their families. You can call or visit any installation Airman and Family Readiness Center regardless of your branch affiliation.

If you aren't near an installation, National Guard Family Assistance centers are available in every state. The Local Community Resource Finder on the National Guard Family Program site at [www.guardfamily.org](http://www.guardfamily.org) will identify your closest center.

**Military OneSource:** Is a free 24-hour service available to all active duty, Guard, and Reserve members (regardless of activation status) and their families. Consultants provide information and make referrals on a wide range of issues, including issues related to parenting, deployment, and reintegration. Free face-to-face counseling sessions (and their equivalent by phone or online) are available. Call 1-800-342-9647 or go to [www.MilitaryOneSource.com](http://www.MilitaryOneSource.com) to learn more.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

**TRICARE Extended Health Options (ECHO):** [www.tricare.mil/echo](http://www.tricare.mil/echo)

**TRICARE West Region:** [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com); 1-888-874-9378 (ask to speak to the ECHO case manager)

**Exceptional Family Member Program Information:** [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm)

**Military HOMEFRONT EFMP page:** [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm); this is a link to your services' Exceptional Family Member Program and find resources for children with special needs. The forums let you communicate with other parents.

**Parent to Parent:** [www.p2pusa.org](http://www.p2pusa.org); this organization connects parents of special needs children with emotional and informational support in their state and local communities. The site also provides links to other state organizations.

**Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP):** [www.stompproject.org](http://www.stompproject.org); Training and information center for military parents of children with special needs. The program provides information and helps military families' access available resources.

**Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities:** <http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com>