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Bridging the Gap Between Installations – Communities – Families

Dept. of the Air Force School Liaison Program

EDUCATE * CONNECT * ELEVATE

PACK UP, POWER ON! NAVIGATING PCS SEASON WITH CONFIDENCE

For families with school-age children, PCS involves more than moving; it requires navigating educational transitions. From relocating preschoolers to transferring high school students, proactive planning is vital. School Liaisons (SLs) play a key role in ensuring continuity of education, minimizing enrollment disruptions, and educating stakeholders to facilitate smoother transitions for mission readiness.



SEYMOUR JOHNSON, CRISTY BARNES-WILLIAMS, SLPM

North Carolina Defense Summit, Jamie Livengood (Wayne Co Public Schools), Howard Lattimore (NC Dept of Public Instruction Military Liaison), Cristy Barnes-Williams (SJAFB SLPM), Heather Winstead (Wayne Co Public Schools District Military Liaison), Julie Fulton (Marine Corps SLO)

By serving on **local, regional and state panels**, SLs ensure that the unique challenges faced by military families are not only heard but addressed at the policy and planning level. This representation is more than symbolic, it is strategic. SLs bring first hand knowledge in educating others, building partnerships and creating **long-term impact**.

FACILITATING A SMOOTH TRANSITION Before We Pack, Let's CHAT!

Early Engagement:

- Access to the inbound and outbound rosters (DAFI 34-144)
- Coordination to ensure continuity

Records Readiness:

- Assist with the registration process and ensuring timely placement
- Empower parents to make informed decisions

Collaboration and Communication:

- Streamline enrollment process
- Navigate connections between families and community resources to include Youth Sponsorship

DEPT. OF THE AIR FORCE (DAF) SLP PCSING WITH MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS CHECKLIST

The DAF PCSing checklist is designed to assist families in remaining organized, informed, and assured throughout their PreK-12 transition.



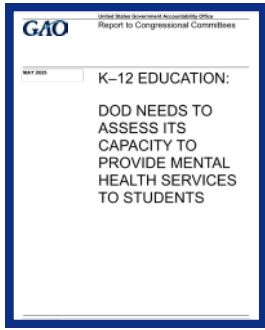
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON MILITARY
INSTALLATIONS & DODEA**

PREK-12 EDUCATION

MILITARY & FAMILY LIFE COUNSELING PROGRAM



GAO Highlights Need for DoD Assessment of Student Mental Health Services



A new GAO report (GAO-25-107247) found rising mental health concerns in DoDEA schools, with 1 in 50 students assessed for suicide risk in recent years. School staff face heavy administrative burdens, limiting mental health support. DoDEA currently offers multiple programs (MFLC, ASACS, and School Behavioral Health) to support students. The study also recommends DoD assess mental health workforce capacity, evaluate existing programs (MFLC, ASACS, SBH), and improve service coordination to better meet student needs. These findings highlight the importance of School Liaisons in identifying student needs, coordinating with MFLCs, and advocating for integrated support services that promote resilience and readiness within military families.

<https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-25-107247>

Don't Get Lost, Get Focused!
Tracking Executive Orders (EOs)

EO 14280: Reinstating Commonsense School Discipline Policies

Restores traditional discipline policies by eliminating equity-based approaches and emphasizing behavior-based standards.

Strategic Questions for Leadership & SLPM Discussion:

- How can SLPs support military families in understanding and navigating changes in school discipline policies under EO 14280?
- What measures can we implement to ensure that discipline practices affecting military-connected students remain consistent?
- How can we collaborate with local education agencies to monitor and address potential impacts of the EO on student well-being and school climate?



EO 14277: Advancing Artificial Intelligence Education for American Youth

Promotes AI literacy by integrating AI education into K-12 curricula and enhancing teacher training.

Strategic Questions for Leadership & SLPM Discussion:

- How can SLPs support military-connected families in accessing new AI-focused educational resources and programs?
- What strategies can we implement to ensure access to AI education for students in our community?
- How can we collaborate with local education agencies to support the integration of AI literacy?



Penn State Study Highlights Correlation Between Educational Support and Military Readiness



In April, a readiness brief from the Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at Penn State was released and highlighted a direct link between military family well-being and mission readiness. Education plays a critical role—military-connected students who receive consistent support during school transitions allow their parents to stay mission-focused, enhancing lethality and unit effectiveness. Commanders should ensure School Liaisons and education partners are fully integrated into family readiness efforts, as educational stability is not just a family issue—it's a strategic readiness priority.



https://militaryfamilies.psu.edu/wp-content/uploads/clearinghouse_publication_readiness-brief_20250424.pdf



PREVENTING *The Summer Slide*

As SLs, we know learning doesn't stop when the school year ends - and neither does our support for our Core Four.

Helping Families Stay Engaged Over the Summer

- Share local and virtual summer learning resources
 - Public and installation libraries
 - School resources and STEM/STEAM programs
 - Installation programs, service specific specialty camps, and state specialty camps
- Promote simple at-home learning strategies
 - Encourage reading and journaling
 - Everyday activities (cooking, shopping) to reinforce math skills
- Consistent routines and exploration opportunities
 - Local field trips and vacation
 - Educational games
- Food Programs and Resources
 - District food services
 - Installation and State support programs



MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMPS

Registration is open for Military Teen Adventure Camps, hosted by Land Grant Universities across the country. Military teens (13-18 years old of Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Retired personnel) will have an opportunity to participate in adventure camps at little to no cost. These high energy, high adventure, and high experience camps are in: Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

Military Teen Adventure camps are the result of a partnership funded by the Department of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy, Office of Military Family Readiness Policy, Children, Youth, and Families, and the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, through a grant/cooperative agreement with Purdue University.

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Topics Include:

- College Readiness
- Job and Career Support
- Student Success
- K-12 Education
- Test Prep
- Higher Education

Register Now!

- Job and Career Support | Early Career Management
Preparing for Employment Uncertainty
July 15: 4 P.M. ET | 1 P.M. PT
- College Readiness
Choosing the Best School for You
August 19: 4 P.M. ET | 1 P.M. PT

Student Focused... Partnership Driven

INSIGHTS AND IMPACT

WHERE THEY ARE...WE ARE

Patrick SFB | Susan Clark, SLPM

This year marks a historic milestone for Brevard Public Schools, with the highest number of students enlisting in military service to date. To commemorate this significant occasion, a formal joint service enlistment ceremony was held to honor the commitment and dedication of 200 future service members. Community leaders, military officials, family, friends and a WWII veteran witnessed these brave individuals embark on their journey to serve our Nation. Col. Christopher Bulson, Deputy Commander at Patrick SFB, administered the oath. This oath is not simply a ceremonial gesture; it serves as the cornerstone of military ethos. With nearly 1,000 JROTC cadets from over a dozen school cadres supporting the largest group of enlistees in Brevard's history, this event was truly remarkable. The ceremony featured a helicopter flyover, cannon salutes, inspiring speeches from generals, senators, representatives, and local leaders, and culminated with a fireworks display.



Osan AB | April Kersey, SLPM

Curious 4th and 5th graders from Osan ES participated in a recent Career Day, connecting with aviation professionals in firefighting, aviation maintenance, air traffic control, and SERE. Students enjoyed hands-on experiences, such as trying on firefighter gear, learning about air traffic control, and discussing flight equipment safety with specialists.



Eglin AFB | Elaine Lajeunesse, SLPM

Elaine LaJeunesse, SLPM at Eglin AFB enhanced the program "Innovating Academic Excellence through Partnership" by collaborating with 8 squadrons and STEM professionals. This initiative positively impacted over 6 schools from 2 districts, fostering interest in STEM and mentoring 7 students for future careers in science and engineering.

AFN Aviano hosted Joy-Nicole Smith, SLPM, to provide insights into the DAF School Liaison Program and to emphasize initiatives tailored specifically for the Aviano community.



Aviano AB | Joy-Nicole Smith, SLPM

Purple Star Schools

Purple Star School recognition highlights a school's commitment to supporting military-connected students, but maintaining that status requires ongoing effort. Schools often need updated documentation, continued stakeholder engagement, and relevant professional development to remain eligible. If your school is due for renewal or looking to strengthen support programs, now is the time to act! Look to your local or HQ Regional School Liaison for guidance, resources, and access to training that ensures your school remains a trusted partner in military family readiness.



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SPECIAL EDUCATION CONNECTION

Farewell and Thank you to Mrs. Erin Chae, DAF EFMP Central Cell Special Education Specialist



SLPMs,
I am sad to announce I will be stepping down from the AFPC/DPFX Special Education Specialist position. It has been a privilege to work along such dedicated and caring individuals. Now with the vacancies in HQ - Special Education Attorney and Specialist - more than ever, the special education students need your advocacy in elevating concerns to your leadership, local Legal Office and AFPC. Please do not hesitate to send issues and concerns to our org box for awareness or to ask for support from the EFMP Central Cell and the Legal Branch. Afpc.dpfx.workflow@us.af.mil and AF.EFMP.LegalAsstPolicy@us.af.mil. Thank you for your friendship all these years as part of the School Liaison Program and the EFMP. Hope our paths will cross again soon.

Very Respectfully,
Erin



“ **Every child deserves a champion - an adult who will never give up on them.** ”
-Rita Pierson



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

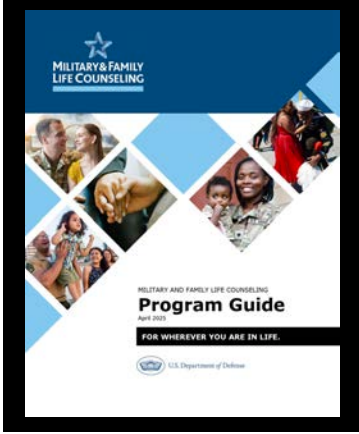
HOLLOMAN AFB

Col Alfred Rosales, Deputy Commander, 49th Wing, presented a certificate of appreciation to Tawana Rose in recognition of her 20-year teaching career at Holloman ES on Holloman AFB. Prior to her teaching career, Ms. Rose dedicated nearly 20 years of service as an active-duty Airman. Throughout her career, she had the opportunity to transfer to various schools; however, she expressed her desire to remain at Holloman ES to support military children, reflecting on the support her own children received during their upbringing. Additionally, LaurieAnn Goodier, the Region West DAF School Liaison Specialist, presented Ms. Rose with a coin on behalf of the DAF School Liaison Division.



Congrats

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUNSELORS (MFLCS)



The updated MFLC Guide (April 2025) has been officially released on Military OneSource.

Reminder: For ALL CYB-MFLCs questions and concerns please reach out to AFSVC School Liaison Division.

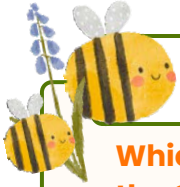
HOME EDUCATION

COLORADO - JOINT SERVICE



School Liaison Program Managers from Fort Carson, the United States Air Force Academy, Peterson SFB, and Schriever SFB collaborated with the Christian Home Educators of Colorado (CHEC) to host a successful event for the military homeschooling community. 38 attendees engaged in crafts and yard games, and they received a variety of resources to support their families. Stakeholders are already in the process of planning another joint event for the fall.

Are you interested in what is available in your local community for homeschool families? Connect with your installation School Liaison!



MIC3

Did you KNOW?

Which students are covered under the Compact?

- Active-duty members of the uniformed services, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active-duty orders (Title 10)
- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year
- Members who die on active duty, for a period of one year after death.
- Uniformed members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and United States Public Health Services (USPHS)

What-A-Website

- [DoD MWR Libraries](#) - Access ebooks, tutoring, test prep, Summer Reading Program and more
- [Khan Academy](#) - Covering subjects from kindergarten through early college, including math, science, reading, computing, history, art history, economics, financial literacy, SAT, MCAT, and more
- [DoD STEM](#) - Explore programs, internships, scholarships, and more in the field of STEM
- [Smithsonian Learning Lab](#) - The Smithsonian Office of Educational Technology (OET) created the Smithsonian Learning Lab to inspire the discovery and creative use of its rich digital materials—millions of images, recordings, and texts

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Monthly opportunities to gain strategic, technical and tactical support

THIS MONTH



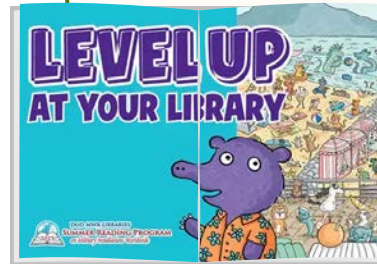
Commander's Immersion



Library Resource

2025 Summer Reading Program

Level Up at your local library!



June 7 – July 31
Open to All Ages

Signups begin
2 June

[Beanstack](#)



MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

It is that time of year! Click the link and verify that the installation School Liaison Program information is updated on the [Military OneSource](#) Military Installations Webpage.

Inspection Trends



* B.2.a.14

Required documents for inspection were not uploaded into CYP IMS

* A.1.h.4

Evidence of a strategic communication plan was not available

* A.5.b.3

Documentation was not available the school liaison provided installation commander with results of Status of Education review

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School Liaison Program Managers are the primary OPR for all PreK-12 engagements, challenges, concerns, education programming components to include Special Education, state-level/host-nation representation, and education community partnerships; responsible for Public Schools on Military Installations coordination to include DoDEA Schools and CYB Military & Family Life Counseling Program.

Additional Duties Based on Community

MIC3 State Lead, DoD STARBASE POC, DAF STEM POC, School Based Transition Program Oversight, Non-DoD Schools and International AD Student Programs.

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