

Does enrollment impact the Soldier's career?

Enrollment in EFMP does not adversely affect selection for promotions, schools, or assignments. Information concerning enrollment in EFMP and data used in the program are not available to selection boards.

Are special education needs always considered in the military personnel assignment process?

Special education needs only impact assignments outside the United States. Assignments within the 50 States and Trust Territories are not based on children's educational needs. Every local school system must obey public laws regarding the provision of special education.

What EFMP community support services are available through ACS?

Army Community Services includes information and referral, advocacy, support groups, respite care and relocation assistance.



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What is the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)?

The EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, medical, educational and personnel services to Families with special needs.

What is an Exceptional Family Member?

An Exceptional Family Member (EFM) is a Family member (child or adult) with any physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual disorder that requires special treatment, therapy, education, training, or counseling.

Who must enroll in the program?

The following Soldiers with EFMs must enroll in the program:

- Active Army.
- US Army Reserve (USAR) Soldiers serving in the USAR Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Program. Mobilized and deployed Soldiers are not eligible for enrollment in EFMP.
- Army National Guard AGR personnel serving under authority of Title 10, United States Code and Title 32 United States Code.

Department of the Army civilian employees do not enroll in the program, however, they must identify dependent children with special education and medically related

service needs each time they process for an assignment to a location outside the United States where dependent travel is authorized at Government expense.

How does a Soldier enroll in the program?

The Soldier contacts the nearest Army medical treatment facility EFMP point of contact to initiate the assessment process and obtain the enrollment forms. Once the forms are completed, they are forwarded to the appropriate regional medical center for coding. The regional medical command enrolls eligible Active Army Soldiers in EFMP. They also notify Army National Guard and Reserve personnel agencies of eligible AGR Soldiers.

Soldiers are responsible for keeping the medical and/or educational needs documentation current as EFM conditions change or at least every three years, whichever comes first.

What are the benefits of program enrollment?

Enrollment allows assignment managers at Army personnel agencies to consider the documented medical and special educational needs of the EFMs in the assignment process. When possible, the Soldier is assigned to an area where the medical and education needs of their EFM can be met. This will depend on a valid personnel requirement for the Soldier's grade, specialty and eligibility for the tour. All Soldiers are eligible for worldwide assignments.