

# NATIONAL GUARD CHILD CARE PROGRAM

**Advocate**    *noun*  
                  *verb*

a person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea  
push for something

Don't wait until child care costs and military commitment take a toll on your finances, or your spouse's career or education. We can help you determine which supplements are available to help you pay for child care.

Child care supplements have been available to Guard families through the Office of the Secretary of Defense since 2004, but only a small portion of eligible Guard families have received them. Through the National Guard Child Care Program, we are changing that.

Our advocates assist families of service members on orders — activated, deployed, Active Guard and Reserve, etc. to understand the available supplements, and to help them through the application process. We also keep National Guard leadership abreast of the needs that are not met by supplements.

## WHO WE ARE

We are advocates who appreciate the sacrifices that a military family makes, and we recognize the impact the deployment cycle has on families. We are real people helping you to find the best child care solutions for your individual needs, and the available supplements to help you pay for it.

## WHAT WE WILL DO FOR YOU

- ⇒ We will conduct a brief phone interview to determine your family's needs and eligibility. Ten minutes or less!
- ⇒ We will answer your questions and research your options.
- ⇒ We will help you locate eligible care.
- ⇒ We will fill in the applications for you.
- ⇒ We will work with your provider and explain the process so that you won't have to.
- ⇒ We will advocate for your family's unique situation when necessary.

This service is provided through a National Guard Bureau Family Program Division Contract. There is no charge for this service!

Supplement rates are based on several factors including child care costs and family income. All income levels may be eligible to receive a minimum of \$100 per child per month for full time child care while the spouse is working, going to school full time, or looking for work. Guardians may also apply.

### 2008 Examples

E4 with two children is receiving \$200 per month for toddler and school age care.  
E4 with one child is receiving \$210 per month for full time infant care.  
E7 with three children is receiving \$310 per month for full time day care.  
O3 with two children is receiving \$100 while spouse attends school part time.

## CALL TODAY

CPT R "You guys are awesome! I would never have been able to do this without you. Thanks so much."

Elisha B "It was easy! Didn't take much time at all. I'm really pleased with the program!"

Tom S "It is amazing to actually talk to someone right away and not a machine! The process is quick and the information needed is basic stuff with the military."



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