

ECEAP FOCUS ON . . .

Military Families

Military families are a special focus for ECEAP programs with bases in their area.

Children with deployed parents face a significant amount of increased stress, as do the military spouses left behind.

Military families are also more transient, causing more challenges for kids and parents to overcome.

Recognizing this, ECEAP prioritizes kids with deployed and recently deployed parents. Most enlisted families qualify for ECEAP by income as well.



579 ECEAP Children

Are from military families. 146 of these had a parent deployed to a combat zone.



Behavioral & Stress Disorders

Increase by 19% for kids whose parents are deployed.



Depression and Anxiety

Significantly increase for both military spouses and their children during deployment.

2017-19 ECEAP Expansion

When kids start kindergarten behind, they stay behind, and for children experiencing family trauma that data is even more stark. To ensure that ECEAP has the capacity to help all very high risk children, we need three things this year:

ECEAP helps military families through . . .

- √ High quality, supportive classrooms
- √ Training for staff to understand the cycle of deployment and the different stresses and needs of families in each stage
- √ Incorporating military themes into the curriculum and dramatic play area of the classroom
- √ Mental health support to children and families.

- ◆ Funding for **2708 new children** in full & extended day classrooms
- ◆ **16.7% increase in the per-child rate** so programs can retain staff and meet high quality standards
- ◆ **\$26.3 million for a facilities bond fund** to enable programs to expand and reach more children.

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