

FORT CARSON • ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE • PROGRAMS

Regardless of what stage of life you and your family are in, Army Community Service has services and programs to make your Army life more successful. If you are new to the Fort Carson, Colorado area, make sure to stop in and pick up a welcome packet, get maps and directions to the local area and meet our professional staff. ACS offers monthly classes on parenting, finances, relationships, volunteerism, Exceptional Family Members, and much, much more.

ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS (AVC)

- · Assistance finding volunteer opportunities on and off Fort Carson
- Special Volunteer events including: Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week
- · Stay for a Day- Short Term Volunteer opportunities
- Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) Support and Training
- Volunteer Recognition: Volunteer of the Quarter and Annual Volunteer Award Recognition

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & REFERRAL PROGRAM (I & R)

· Information, Referral & Follow Up - Local, State, National, Worldwide

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP)

- Individualized Family Support
- · Connection to Services, Resources, Community Information
- EFMP Systems Navigation/Non-Clinical Case Management Services
- Special Education School Support (IEP/504 Plan)
- Compassionate Action Administrative Support
- Morning Brew with Your EFMP Crew!
- EFMP Respite Care

EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM (ERP)

- · Assistance with Resumes, Building a Portfolio and Interviews
- · Career Fair Preparation
- Education Scholarships Information
- Federal Employment and USAJobs Workshops
- Professional Development Workshops & Career Assessments

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

- Parent Classes for parents of children from infants to teens
- · Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP)
- · Relationship Classes
- Resilience Classes

- · Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Program
- Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Training and Readiness Program
- ACS Volunteer Briefer, Facilitator, and Instructor Training
- . Educating our Community about Fort Carson and Military Life

FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM (FRP)

- · Army Emergency Relief (AER)
- Banking Management and Finance Classes
- · Budget, Credit, Debt and Investment Counseling
- · Assistance for Soldiers through Community Partners
- · Consumer Protection and Mediation
- · Thrift Savings Plan
- Food Assistance Program Screening
- · Free Access to CARFAX Reports
- . Free Access to Consumer Reports
- · Providing information on LEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program)
- Understanding your Military Retirement



MARKETING & OUTREACH

- Facilitating Community Partner Resources for Soldiers and Families
- Slick Deals for Soldiers and Families
- · Community Newsletter: "Pass-It-On"

- CARE Team Training
- Emergency Family Assistance Center (EFAC)
- Soldier & Family Readiness Group (SFRG) Support and Training
- · OPSEC Training for Military Families
- Pre and Post Deployment Training / Rear Detachment Training
- · Reintegration / Reunion Training for Soldiers and Families
- Unit Service Coordinator (USC) Program

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Home Visits with New Parent Support Program
- Nurturing Parenting Programs for Infants to Teenagers
- · Play Groups for infants to 5 years of age

RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM (RELO)

- Multicultural Support
- · Citizenship and Immigration Information
- Cultural Meet-Ups
- Installation Packets
- Nursing Suite at ACS Center
- Sponsorship Training
- · Permanent Change of Station Trip Planning
- · Waiting Families Program
- Mountain Post Living Welcome for Spouses and Families

SOLDIER & FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER (SFAC)

 Transition assistance to Soldiers and their Families that are assigned to the Soldier Recovery Unit (SRU) and the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES)

- Benefits Counseling
- Families of the Fallen Social Activities
- Financial Counselina
- Job Search and Education Assistance
- Support and Outreach
- Information & Referral
- Survivor Support Groups
- Post Access Sponsorship
- Bereavement Referral and Support
- Peer-to-Peer Support

VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM

- Supporting Leadership Response to Domestic Violence
- Support Groups for Domestic Violence
- · Victim Advocacy Program and Training



ACS Inclement Weather Policy: If the installation is on a 2 hour or less delay, ACS events will be adjusted to a 9:30 a.m. start time. If the installation is closed (2 or more hours). ACS classes will be canceled and rescheduled. For installation weather notifications, visit www.carson.army.mil or call (719) 526-0096. Last Updated: Jan 25, 2021



EDUCATION • OPPORTUNITY • DISCOVERY

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE - COURSE CATAL



ACS CENTER

- Army Volunteer Corps (AVC)
- Army Emergency Relief (AER)
- Community Information & Referral (1&R)
- Employment Readiness Program
- Family Enrichment Program
- Financial Readiness Program
- Mobilization & Deployment Readiness Program
- Relocation Readiness Program
- Soldier & Family Readiness Program (SFRP)
- Computer Lab
- Donations Management
- Fort Carson and surrounding community information
- Multicultural Support

SOLDIER & FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER

Services for Soldiers and their Families assigned to the SRU or IDES, including:

- Benefits Counseling
- Education / Employment Assistance
- Financial Counselina
- · Information & Referral
- · Military Personnel Services (HR)
- inside:
 - Employment (CDLE) **Education and Employment** Operation Warfighter
 - **Wounded Warrior Project**



ACS ANNEX

- · Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
- Family Advocacy Program
- New Parent Support Program
- Victim Advocacy Program

- Partner Agencies located
 - Colorado Department of Labor &
- Veteran Administration Health

FAMILY NURTURING

- Parenting classes and meet-ups, including:
 - Baby Nurturing
 - Infant Massage Nurturing Classes
 - Play Group

Toddler Time

- Rockin' Grannies
 - Post Access Support

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· Bereavement Referral and

• Education / Employment

Financial Counselina

Information & Referral

SERVICES

Fallen, includina:

Support

Assistance

· Peer-to-Peer Support

ALL PROGRAIMS

OFFERED AT

NO COST

 Community Groups meeting at FHFC:

> Gold Star Moms **Gold Star Wives** Suicide Bereavement Kid and Teen Support Groups

*New Home to Family

(719) 526-0461/960-6435 Open during class times only

6990 Mekona St. Building 6215

(719) 526-2069

Mon, Tue: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wed: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thur: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Fri: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.



1481 Titus Blvd Building 7492 (719) 526-0461

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wed: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Federal Holidays: Closed Federal Holidays: Closed

Nurturing Program

Federal Holidays: Closed





COURSES EVENTS & SERVICES

ACS programs offer a wide variety of classes, events and services. Each program is represented online. Find class times and further details of ACS classes and events at www.carson.army.mil/acs. To speak with a program specialist call (719) 526-4590.

ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING

Level K provides the basic information and skills needed by all military Family members. These include military terms acronyms customs and expectations, impact of the mission on family life, and much more

Level L will enhance an individual's professional growth and leadership skills. This training is for those who are or wish to be leaders, whether it is in the unit, the SFRG, or the community.

ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS (AVC

NEW VOLUNTEER, VMIS & OPOC TRAINING

Provides information on registration of new 4 times a year AVC organizes award ceremonies volunteers, duties of the OPOC (Organizational recognizing Fort Carson Volunteers. Point of Contact) and how to use the VMIS (Volunteer Management Information System) to enter hours and earned awards

Last Wednesday of the month

Training Course

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Level G focuses on personal growth through

communication, exploring personality traits,

creative problem solving and many aspects of self

This 3-class series improves public speaking,

briefing, facilitating, and instruction skills. ACS

volunteer instructors are chosen from the Instructor

AVC leads many annual events that honor volunteers and support the community. These include: Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, National Volunteer Week, National Night Out, and Make A Difference Day.

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP

busted and accurate information is explained in detail. We'll help you understand the ins and outs that are offered.

EFMP Respite Care is a temporary rest period for caregivers, providing them the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate with peace of mind, knowing their loved ones will be well cared for. Eligibility criteria

If you have a child on an IEP or a 504 Plan, this service is for you! Clearly understanding the basics of the special education process, understanding your rights and responsibilities and those of the education system, and collaborating with educational professionals will help you feel like a true member of your child's IEP team. School support services are tailored to meet your child's individual needs.

Join us for EFMP 101, where program myths are - Join a virtual chat where we will have relevant conversations concerning our EFMP families, current policies, new changes, and community of the program, how it affects you, and the services resources, all while enjoying your morning coffee or tea! Discussion topics will be determined by participants' interests.

This is a new digital tool to guide military families with special needs to the specific information and resources they need. Using the tool, you can learn about support services, preparing for a move or denloyment, responding to changes in education or medical needs, and adjusting to new life situations. EFMP & Me gives families personalized assistance based on their specific circumstances.

EFMP Systems Navigation is a Family support component of the EFMP that connects Families who have special needs with the systems of care they need, both on and off the installation. A standardized planning tool is used to help you identify your family's needs and goals, which will be organized and prioritized in a way that is easy to understand

As a Military Spouse you may be eligible for the

Priority Placement Program (PPP), educational

opportunities through MyCAA, and the Relocation

Licensure Reimbursement. Learn the requirements

and documentation needed for these and other

snouse employment and educational apportunities

will detail how to tailor your resume to fit a specific

ERP invites Mountain Post teens and their parents

Every Summer and Fall, please visit website for specific dates

iob posting and examine current resume trends.

3rd Wednesday

2nd Wednesday

by appointment, call (719) 526-4590

EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM (ERP'

Learn firsthand what services (resume reviews workshops, volunteer opportunities and job board maintenance) and resources ERP offers to include details on MYCAA, the Spouse Preference Program, CPAC, licensure transfer, home based businesses and USAJOBS. (Orientation is strongly encouraged prior to utilizing ERP services)

1st & 3rd Tuesday

Does your resume tell the whole story? This course

Searching and applying for federal jobs is a vastly different process than the civilian job search process. ERP will give you the tools to make the most of your federal job search and how to write and tailor your resume to a federal job announcement.

4th Tuesday

to join us for workshops quaranteed to launch This series will include workshops with a different your teen into a productive future. Workshops will focus each month. Topics will include: LinkedIn & cover: Resume Writing & Completing Applications Personal Branding, Career Assessments, Business Volunteering, Interview Preparation, Scholarships, Etiquette and much more! FAFSA and Q&A with colleges.

1st & 3rd Thursday

This class will discuss your "Love Language" and Learn to relate with your children by taking hold of how to use it to strengthen your communication

Call (719) 526-0461 for more information COOPERATIVE PARENTING & DIVORCE

Understand your new roles in this important relationship and how to best support your kids during this transition. Meets the State of Colorado requirement for divorcing couples.

2nd Tuesday of the month

In this 3 week class you'll relate with your partner in a calm, cool and connected way. Work on communication, intimacy and much more.

Call (719) 526-0461 for more information

Learn self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental gaility, strength of character, and connection. Each class covers a different subject matter. Attendance of all classes encouraged.

Call (719) 526-0461 for more information

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

PARENTING WORKSHOP

your own emotional responses in this 4 week class. Helps parents to focus on their own behaviors.

Call (719) 526-0461 for more information

REP PREVENTION AND RELATIONSHIP NHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program will help you achieve your goals as a couple by building on your current strengths and learning new skills. All couples welcome. Call (719) 526-0461 for more information

SOLE PARENTING GROUI

An opportunity for Soldiers to meet fellow single parents, attain resources and ask questions in a

supportive environment. Call (719) 524-0461 for more information

Launching Hope is a 3 week class that lays out a clear path for how parents can lead their teenagers into a more productive future and create a better relationship with them along the way. Single parents and couples are welcome to participate.

Call (719) 526-0461 for more information

FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM (FRP)

Today's banking tools make managing money understanding the basics of ATMs, Apps, online bankina and much more.

1st Tuesday of the month

Meet with one of our Financial Counselors and aet a handle on your specific financial situation. This is oneto-one counseling for budgets, debt management, or retirement plans.

1ST TERMERS TRAINING

As a new Soldier, learn how to save and invest your valuable earnings, establish savings goals, debt elimination strategies, and create a savings plan for emergency situations. This class is open to all new Soldiers, their Family members and DoD ID card holders

Learn about your retirement plan and the importance of planning for your retirement. Registration is required.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF (AER)

AER is a private non-profit organization whose mission easier than ever before. Secure your success by is to provide financial assistance to Soldiers and Family Members, Retirees, Retiree Family Members, and Medically Retired Wounded Warriors needing financial assistance in an unforeseen emergency situation. AER is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care Its Own."

by appointment

NDATIONAL READINESS CLASSES FOR YOUR

by appointment Designed for Soldiers and Family Members wanting to improve their financial status and plan for the future. Topics vary each session.

Learn how to create your budget, meet your financial goals and save for emergencies. Designed to ensure that each Soldier has a plan to better by appointment manage their money to create a sound financial plan for themselves and their Family.

2nd & 4th Wednesday

MOBILIZATION & DEPLOYMENT

The CARE Team offers short-term assistance to www.armvfra.org is a secure website for command support Families in the gap between notification to share unit, SFRG, and deployment information to team and personal support arriving. Training prepares volunteers to help during this time of

Learn about the responsibilities of the Fund Custodian and the Army regulations for managing SFRG Informal Fund accounts and fundraising.

This course trains Soldiers selected to be unit Command Family Readiness Representative (CFRR) to handle crisis phone calls and other forms of on how best to assist unit commanders and SFRG

Protect your Soldier by protecting the information you know. This is known as Operations Security (OPSEC). Class covers OPSEC for social media and personal security guidelines.

soldiers and Family members.

This class will serve as an introduction to the Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG), Students will review the SFRG mission and determine how leaders can advocate mission readiness

Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG) Key Contact training covers the responsibilities and expectations of being a Key Contact. Learn how communication

Gain a better understanding of the Rear Detachment Leaders role and the many resources available for crisis intervention.

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The NPSP will provide parents who have recently delivered, information on safety and the services offered for new parents.

This 10-week class teaches parents how to use child

play therapy skills to reduce behavioral problems

A voluntary home visitation program for Families

expecting a child or with children from infant to 3

years of age. Services are provided free of charge

These two 12-week classes teach parents how to be

nurturing to their children as well as to themselves.

Touches on communication, building your child's

self-esteem, behavior management techniques and

much more. Classes are divided by child age: Infant

"Parents as Teachers" is a Parent-Child interaction

for one hour in creative play. This class is designed

to cover developmental skills for children 12-24

months of age. The monthly topic will be sent upon

Class designed to assist parents in feeding their

infants and children up to age 3 years. Monthly

topic will cover a variety of subjects: nursing

infants, bottle feeding, first foods, picky eaters,

ages and stages of development in feeding, and

This 15- week class will encourage father-child

relationships, cultivate bonding, attachment,

communication and build family resilience. Must

sign up for the full 15 weeks. For more information

please call 719-351-2997 or 719-524-1899.

registration.

NOURISH AND NURTURE

homemade baby foods.

CENTER ON FATHERING

Call (719) 960-6435 for times and dates

1st Monday

to 5 years of age and 5 to 12 years of age.

call (719) 526-0461 for more information

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and enhance parent-child relationships.

2nd Tuesday of the month

3rd Tues, of the month

An education and discussion group for moms to share motherhood fears and challenges, practical activities, supporting dad and becoming a great mom. Offered for moms only.

OOT CAMP FOR NEW MOMS

OOT CAMP FOR NEW DADS

VEANT MASSAGE & BARY NURTURING

between parent and baby.

Increase the bond between you and your baby

through various infant massage techniques. This

class includes strokes to alleviate colic, creating

strong bonds and increasing communication

Fun filled, interactive meet-up for parents and

children. Your child will improve their social.

cognitive and motor skills. For infants to 5 years of

Focuses on gross motor enhancement through song

and dance; sensory enrichment through arts and

crafts; as well as nurturing the child and the parent.

Did you know that babies can actually understand

spoken language before they are physically able to

Class designed for ages 18-36 months to support

fine, motor and cognitive development skills.

Supplies will be provided if needed. Information

will be included in the zoom invitation for the date

A group to help assist parents and caregivers with

UNTAIN POST LIVING WELCOME FOR DUSES AND FAMILIES

Meet other new spouses, get "insider tips" from

snouses familiar with the area and have an

opportunity to ask questions about your new home.

Get acquainted with ACS offerings and find new

friends in a community at Fort Carson that includes

people with similar backgrounds and experiences.

Children welcome. Cultural group leaders needed.

Provides PCSing Soldiers with information on

planning and executing a successful move.

Soldiers and Family Members can an online for this

information or schedule a one-on-one appointment

to cover all your questions

German Meet-Un: 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Latino Meet-Up: 1st & 3rd Thursday

by appointment/portable class,

Tuesdays navigating difficult conversations.

NEED TO TALK?

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUNSELORS ARE AVAILABLE.

CALL TO SCHEDULE

(719) 526-4590

RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM (RELO)

4th Wednesday

call (719) 526-0466

Topics include: choosing a real estate agent,

selecting the right house, obtaining the right

mortgage, VA Loans, understanding the closing

Required training for all Fort Carson sponsors.

Soldiers learn about sponsorship and resources

Join us for a 60 minute guided bus tour. Get to

know your new home and hecome more familiar

Program for foreign born Spouses and Soldiers.

Participants develop basic English skills

by appointment/portable class,

portable class, call (719) 526-0457

process and much more

SPONSORSHIP TRAININ

available on Fort Carson

with all Fort Carson has to offer

through conversation and activities

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

and time to pick up supplies at the ACS Annex.

4th Tuesday Every other month

Offered Quarterly

3rd Friday

RSVP (719) 526-0457

speak? You and your child can learn together.

Thursdays

For ages 18 months old and up.

age. School age kids welcome in the summer.

Learn about planning and executing a successful OCONUS PCS. Soldiers and Family Members can go An interactive and engaging class that focuses on online for this information or schedule a one-onwhat it means to become a father, how to care for one appointment to cover all your questions. baby, and how to care for mom. Offered for dads by appointment/portable class,

1st Tues of the month

call (719) 526-1053

call (719) 526-1127

PCS ONLINE LEVY BRIEFING

DESTINATION OVERSEA

Links to online briefings for Permanent Change of Station (PCS), Expiration of Term of Service (ETS) or Retirement can be found on the ACS website:

ST IMMIGRATION TRAINING

www.carson.army.mil/acs - Search Levy Brief

IMMIGRATION / NATURALIZATION ASSISTANCE

Required for BN and BDE S1's to properly assist their Free service open to all Soldiers, Spouses, and DA Soldiers with the Immigration and Naturalization Civilians; Active Duty and retired. Representative works with the USCIS Denver Office representatives. by appointment only, call (719) 526-1127 by appointment/portable class

ONTHLY NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

Join us in welcoming our new citizens. Participants are Soldiers, spouses, and DA civilians; Active Duty and retired. Ceremony is open to everyone.

Open to any geographically separated Families, to include TDY's, unaccompanied assignments, and deployment. Stay up-to-date with what is going on at Fort Carson and local communities. Meet-Up is on 3rd Wednesday

SOLDIER & FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER (SFAC)

TRANSITION AND MEDICAL RETIREMENT BRIEF

This briefing is for SRU and IDES Soldiers who transitioning out of the military. The brief covers all of the military benefits and services transitioning Soldiers can utilize.

Call 719-526-5807 for times and dates.

Get orientated to the SFAC Program. Includes a facility have received their Army Disability Ratina and are tour and information on what services are provided through the SFAC. Open to all SRU, Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) Soldiers and their Family Members. Call 719-526-5807 for times and dates.

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

Schedule your one-on-one support with the SFAC to support your transitions needs: financial counseling, education benefits, leave calculations, resume assistance, and recreation opportunities.

call (719) 526-5807 for an appointment

ACS supports Commander's readiness aoals with our portable class schedule.

for Units & SFRG's on your time at your place. To schedule go to www.carson.army.mil/acs

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS)

Heartheat Peer to Peer Support for Survivors of Military Suicide Loss. The Fort Carson Heartheat group meets virtually and is open to anyone affected by a Military Suicide Loss. The group is facilitated by Survivors of Military Suicide Loss, and offers time to address suicide bereavement by offering comfort, encouragement and direction to those left to mourn

Virtually, 2nd & 4th Tuesday

VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Non-clinical advocacy services and support to Soldiers and Family Members who are experiencing domestic

WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMPOWERMENT SUPPORT GROUI

An 8 week Women's support group for survivors of domestic violence. A group to support, encourage and empower women affected by domestic violence.

For more information call (719) 524-1899

I FADERSHIP RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This class is designed to help command teams understand their role in domestic violence response and to provide them with resources and information from the ACS Victim Advocacy Program, and information on the dynamics of domestic abuse.

Call 719-524-1899 for more information or to schedule a class.



Call or Text (719) 243-7907