

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 & Me
- EFMP Systems Navigation/Non-Clinical Case Management Services
- Special Education School Support (IEP/504 Plan)
- Compassionate Action Administrative Support
- EFMP 101
- 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

FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (FEP)

- 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
- 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"

AOBILIZATION & DEPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM (MOB DEP)

- 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
- Verified and the second second
- 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)

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS)

- Benefits Counseling
- Families of the Fallen Social Activities
- Financial Counseling
- 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





NO COST!

FAMILY NURTURING

Parenting classes and

Baby Nurturing

Infant Massage

Nurturing Classes

Rockin' Grannies

*New Home to Family

(719) 526-0461/ 960-6435

Open during class times only

Nurturing Program

WWW.CARSON.ARMY.MIL/ACS • (719) 526-4590

Play Group

Toddler Time

meet-ups, includina:

ALL PROGRAMS

OFFERED AT

SURVIVOR OUTREACH

Services for Families of the

Benefits Counseling

Bereavement Referral and

Education / Employment

Financial Counselina

Information & Referral

Post Access Support

Peer-to-Peer Support

Community Groups

meeting at FHFC:

Gold Star Moms

Gold Star Wives

6990 Mekona St

Building 6215

(719) 526-2069

Mon, Tue: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Federal Holidays: Closed

Wed: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thur: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fri: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Suicide Bereavement

Kid and Teen Support Groups

SERVICES

Fallen, includina:

Support

Assistance

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE • COURSE CATALOG

ACS ANNEX

Exceptional Family

Member Program (EFMP)

Family Advocacy Program

New Parent Support Program

Victim Advocacy Program

1481 Titus Blvd

Buildina 7492

(719) 526-0461

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Federal Holidays: Closed

Wed: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



SOLDIER & FAMILY

IDES, including:

ASSISTANCE CENTER

Services for Soldiers and their

Families assigned to the SRU or

Benefits Counseling

Financial Counselina

Information & Referral

Partner Agencies located

Employment (CDLE)

Operation Worfighter

Initiative (E2I)

TAP

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1517 Ellis St.

Building 1201

(719) 526-4590

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Federal Holidays: Closed

Wed: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Colorado Department of Labor &

Education and Employment

Veteran Administration Health

Wounded Warrior Project

Military Personnel

Services (HR)

inside:

Assistance

Education / Employment

ACS CENTER

Army Volunteer Corps (AVC)
Army Emergency Relief (AER)

Community Information &

Employment Readiness

Family Enrichment Program

Financial Readiness Program

Mobilization & Deployment

Soldier & Family Readiness

Donations Management

Fort Carson and surrounding

community information

Multicultural Support

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Readiness Program

Relocation Readiness

Program (SFRP)

Computer Lab

Proaram

Referral (I&R)

Program



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

and much more

Level K provides the basic information and skills Level G focuses on personal arowth through

needed by all military Family members. These communication, exploring personality traits, include military terms acronyms customs and creative problem solving and many aspects of self expectations, impact of the mission on family life, imnrovement

Level L will enhance an individual's professional This 3-class series improves public speaking, growth and leadership skills. This training is for briefing, facilitating, and instruction skills. ACS those who are or wish to be leaders, whether it is volunteer instructors are chosen from the Instructor

AVC leads many annual events that honor

ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS (AVC

NEW VOLUNTEER, VMIS & OPOC TRAINING

in the unit, the SFRG, or the community.

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 ANNIIAL AVC EVENTS

Training Course

(Volunteer Management Information System) to enter hours and earned awards

volunteers and support the community. These Last Wednesday of the month include: Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, National Volunteer Week, National Night Out, and Make A Difference Day.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP

Join us for EFMP 101, where program myths are Join a virtual chat where we will have relevant

busted and accurate information is explained in conversations concerning our EFMP families, detail. We'll help you understand the ins and outs current policies, new changes, and community of the program, how it affects you, and the services resources, all while enjoying your morning coffee or teal Discussion topics will be determined by participants' interests.

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 apply

that are offered.

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.

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

by appointment, call (719) 526-4590

EFMP & Me gives families personalized assistance

EFMP Systems Navigation is a Family support

component of the EFMP that connects Families

who have special needs with the systems of

based on their specific circumstances.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM (ERP)

workshops, volunteer opportunities and job board

maintenance) and resources ERP offers to include

details on MÝCAA, the Spouse Preference Program,

CPAC, licensure transfer, home based businesses

and USAJOBS. (Orientation is strongly encouraged

write and tailor your resume to a federal job

prior to utilizing ERP services)

announcement.

Learn firsthand what services (resume reviews

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 opportunities

3rd Wednesdav

Searching and applying for federal jobs is a vastly Does your resume tell the whole story? This course different process than the civilian job search will detail how to tailor your resume to fit a specific process. ERP will give you the tools to make iob posting and examine current resume trends. the most of your federal job search and how to 2nd Wednesday

4th Tuesday ERP invites Mountain Post teens and their parents to join us for workshops guaranteed to launch

1st & 3rd Tuesday

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 Every Summer and Fall, please visit website for specific dates FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

MARRIAGE WORKSH

RECITIENCE CLASS

requirement for divorcing couples

communication, intimacy and much more.

Call (719) 526-0461 for more information

S LOVE LANCHACES PARENTING WORKSHOP

This class will discuss your "Love Language" and how to use it to strengthen your communication style. Call (719) 526-0461 for more information	Learn to relate with your children by taking hold of your own emotional responses in this 4 week class. Helps parents to focus on their own behaviors. Call (719) 526-0461 for more information
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COOPERATIVE PARENTING & DIVORCE	PREP PREVENTION AND RELATIONSHIP
Understand your new roles in this important	ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

relationship and how to best support your kids The Prevention and Relationship Enhancement during this transition. Meets the State of Colorado Program will help you achieve your goals as a couple by building on your current strengths and 2nd Tuesday of the month learning new skills. All couples welcome.

Call (719) 526-0461 for more information In this 3 week class you'll relate with your partner SOLE PARENTING GROUI in a calm, cool and connected way. Work on An opportunity for Soldiers to meet fellow sinale

parents, attain resources and ask questions in a supportive environment. Call (719) 524-0461for more information

Learn self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, I ALINCHING HOP mental agility, strength of character, and Launching Hope is a 3 week class that lays out a connection. Each class covers a different subject

Care Its Own."

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future. Topics vary each session.

INANCIAL STRENGTH RUDGETING

plan for themselves and their Family.

clear path for how parents can lead their teenagers matter. Attendance of all classes encouraged. into a more productive future and create a better Call (719) 526-0461 for more information relationship with them along the way. Single parents and couples are welcome to participate. Call (719) 526-0461 for more information

AER is a private non-profit organization whose mission

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

NDATIONAL READINESS CLASSES FOR YOUR

to improve their financial status and plan for the

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

This class will serve as an introduction to the

Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG), Students

Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG) Key

Contact training covers the responsibilities and

expectations of being a Key Contact. Learn how

Gain a better understanding of the Rear

Detachment Leaders role and the many resources

available for crisis intervention.

will review the SFRG mission and determine how

leaders can advocate mission readiness

communication

by appointment

Friday

2nd & 4th Wednesday

FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM (FRP) ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF (AER)

Today's banking tools make managing money easier than ever before. Secure your success by is to provide financial assistance to Soldiers and understanding the basics of ATMs, Apps, online bankina and much more. 1st Tuesday of the month

This is a new diaital tool to auide military families

Meet with one of our Financial Counselors and aet a with special needs to the specific information and handle on your specific financial situation. This is oneresources they need. Using the tool, you can learn to-one counseling for budgets, debt management, or about support services, preparing for a move or retirement plans. deployment, responding to changes in education or by appointment Designed for Soldiers and Family Members wanting medical needs, and adjusting to new life situations.

IST 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 by appointment manage their money to create a sound financial

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN CLASS Learn about your retirement plan and the importance of planning for your retirement. Registration is required.

1 st & 3rd Thursdays 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 soldiers and Family members. prepares volunteers to help during this time of traaedy or loss.

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 leadershin

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.

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM OOT CAMP FOR NEW MOMS

An education and discussion group for moms to

share motherhood fears and challenges, practical

activities, supporting dad and becoming a great

An interactive and engaging class that focuses on

what it means to become a father, how to care for

baby, and how to care for mom. Offered for dads

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

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 habies can actually understand

spoken language before they are physically able to

Class designed for gaes 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

and time to pick up supplies at the ACS Annex.

4th Tuesday Every other month

speak? You and your child can learn together.

For ages 18 months old and up.

IRT AND MOVEMENT

VEANT MASSAGE & BABY NURTURING

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Tuesdays

Fridays

Thursdays

4th Monday

Offered Quarterly

mom. Offered for moms only.

OOT CAMP FOR NEW DADS

between parent and baby.

only

The NPSP will provide parents who have recently delivered, information on safety and the services offered for new parents. 2nd Tuesday of the month

NIIRTIIRING EAM This 10-week class teaches parents how to use child play therapy skills to reduce behavioral problems

and enhance parent-child relationships. Call (719) 960-6435 for times and dates

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 by NPSP staff.

call (719) 526-0461 for more information

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 Fun filled, interactive meet-up for parents and self-esteem, behavior management techniques and children. Your child will improve their social, much more. Classes are divided by child age: Infant coanitive and motor skills. For infants to 5 years of to 5 years of age and 5 to 12 years of age. age. School age kids welcome in the summer. Call (719) 960-6435 for times and dates

PARENTS AS TEACHE

"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 registration. 1st Monday

NOURISH AND NURTURE

Class designed to assist parents in feeding their infants and children up to age 3 years. Monthly topic will cover a variety of subjects: nursina infants, bottle feeding, first foods, picky eaters, ages and stages of development in feeding, and homemade baby foods.

CENTER ON FATHERING

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. A group to help assist parents and caregivers with Tuesdays navigating difficult conversations.

2nd Monday

NEED TO TALK? MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUNSELORS ARE AVAILABLE.

CALL TO SCHEDULE (719) 526-4590

RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM (RELO)

Required training for all Fort Carson sponsors.

Soldiers learn about sponsorship and resources

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

know your new home and become more familiar

Program for foreign born Spouses and Soldiers.

by appointment/portable class,

portable class, call (719) 526-0457

process and much more

SPONSORSHIP TRAININ

available on Fort Carson

WINDSHIFTD TOUR

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

with all Fort Carson has to offer

through conversation and activities

4th Wednesday

call (719) 526-0466

1st & 3rd Tuesday

UNTAIN POST LIVING WELCOME FOR Topics include: choosing a real estate agent, selecting the right house, obtaining the right Meet other new spouses, get "insider tips" from mortgage, VA Loans, understanding the closing

snouses familiar with the area and have an opportunity to ask questions about your new home. 3rd Friday

RSVP (719) 526-0457

CITITURAL WEFT-TIPS Get acauainted with ACS offerings and find new friends in a community at Fort Carson that includes people with similar backarounds and experiences. Children welcome. Cultural aroup leaders needed.

German Meet-Up: 1st & 3rd Wednesday Latino Meet-Up: 1st & 3rd Thursday

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 Participants develop basic English skills to cover all your questions

by appointment/portable class, call (719) 526-1053

S1 IMMIGRATION TRAINING

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. process.

Learn about planning and executing a successful

OCONUS PCS. Soldiers and Family Members can go

online for this information or schedule a one-on-

one appointment to cover all your questions.

by appointment/portable class call (719) 526-1127 DESTINATION OVERSEA

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. 3rd Friday

by appointment only, call (719) 526-1127

Meet-Up is on 3rd Wednesday

IMMIGRATION / NATURALIZATION ASSISTANCE

AITING FAMILIES PROGRAM

at Fort Carson and local communities.

by appointment/portable class, Open to any geographically separated Families, to include TDY's, unaccompanied assignments, and call (719) 526-1053 deployment. Stay up-to-date with what is going on

PCS ONLINE LEVY BRIEFING

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

OLDIER & FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER (SFAC) MEDICAL SEPARATION ORIENTATION BRIEF

Family Members.

TRANSITION AND MEDICAL RETIREMENT BRIEF This briefing is for SRU and IDES Soldiers who have received their Army Disability Rating and are tour and information on what services are provided 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.

NF-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

Get orientated to the SFAC Program. Includes a facility

through the SFAC. Open to all SRU, Integrated

Disability Evaluation System (IDES) Soldiers and their

Call 719-526-5807 for times and dates.



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

Virtually, 2nd & 4th Tuesday

For more information call (719) 524-1899

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.cars<u>on.army.mil/acs</u>

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS)

offering comfort, encouragement and direction to those left to mourn

WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMPOWERMENT SUPPORT GROU

VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM

empower women affected by domestic violence.

I FADERSHIP RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

the dynamics of domestic abuse.

Call or Text (719) 243-7907

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Heartbeat Peer to Peer Support for Survivors of Military Suicide Loss. The Fort Carson Heartbeat

violence.