

Army Community Service

Pass It On



Keep up to date with local events and deals with the



PASS IT ON COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER

MAKE ACS YOUR 1ST CHOICE

Regardless of what stage of life you and or your family are in, Army Community Service helps to make Army life 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 about the local area and meet our professional staff. ACS offers classes on parenting, finances, relationships, volunteerism, exceptional family members, and much more. Our programs and services are designed to improve your quality of life. [Calendar of Events](#)
[ACS Course Catalog](#)



Community Bulletin



Stack IWR closes for renovations Dec. 8

The Stack Ivy Warrior Restaurant (IWR) will close Dec. 8 for renovations as it is upgraded to a campus-style dining facility. The renovation is expected to be complete in late spring.

Bus transportation will be available from Stack IWR to the other dining facilities — Wolf and Warfighter IWRs and the La Rochelle Warrior Restaurant — during meal hours throughout the renovation, except for holiday block leave from Dec. 20 to Jan. 4.

The following facilities will be open, as noted, during holiday block leave:

- Wolf IWR, building 1444 (only fully operational facility)
 - Dec. 20-21 and Dec. 25-28 — brunch, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; supper 5-6:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 22-24 and Dec. 29-31 — breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Ivy Kiosk and Café, building 2061
 - Dec. 20-Dec. 31 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., hot bar and Kiosk items available
- Warfighter Kiosk, building 9439
 - Dec. 20-31 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Complete IWR and Kiosk schedules are available at <https://home.army.mil/carson/allservices/ivy-warrior-restaurants>.

Recycle raffle contest

The Directorate of Public Works is hosting a recycle raffle contest Dec. 1-15 at the recycle collection center located at the southeast corner of the Exchange off Sheridan Avenue. The contest format is a drawing for a gift card for customers who use the location to recycle items. Entry forms will be provided by the recycle staff and collected Dec. 1-15. The winner will be drawn the week of Dec. 15.

Fort Carson community members (Soldiers, Family members, contractors, civilian employees, and retirees - ID card holders) can bring recyclables from home to compete in the drawing. Recyclables accepted include cardboard, mixed paper (white paper, newspaper, magazines, shredded paper, junk mail, etc.), aluminum, tin, plastic, and glass.



The Exchange recycle location is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Customers can leave their contest entry form with the attendant working on site. For more information, email susan.c.galentine.civ@army.mil.

New Visitor Control Center hours


The Visitor Control Center, located near Gate#1, is open daily 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Apply for an online pass 24/7 at <https://pass.aie.army.mil>.

After 1 p.m. visitor passes can be processed at Gate# 3 in the far-right lane, however, delays should be expected.





ACS FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM
MONEY SMART, MISSION READY – ALL YEAR LONG



HOLIDAY SPENDING BOOTCAMP

- > Spend with purpose – not regret
- > Create a zero-stress holiday budget
- > Gift giving on ANY income
- > How to avoid “December Debt”
- > Smart shopping strategies
- > Holiday savings hacks for the military community



SHUTDOWN FINANCE PREP WORKSHOP

- > Prepare now. Stay ready
- > Cash flow plan for a furlough
- > Priority bill triage
- > TSP: loan vs. hardship
- > Building a 30-day emergency buffer
- > How to prep for a potential Jan 30, 2026 shutdown

HOLIDAY SPENDING Class Dates: DEC 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

SHUTDOWN PREP Class Dates: DEC 4, 9, 16 & 23, 2025 & JAN 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2026

Shutdown Finance Prep Workshop

- Prepare now. Stay Ready!
- Cash flow plan in case of furlough
- Priority bill triage
- TSP: loan vs. hardship
- Building a 30-day emergency buffer

Holiday Spending Class Dates

December 17
December 24

11am - 12 pm

Shutdown PREP Class

Dec 16
Dec 23
Jan 6 2026
Jan 13
Jan 20
Jan 27

[Click HERE](#)
[to register](#)



Join us for Toddler Time!

Interact on topics such as gross motor enhancement through songs and dance, sensory enrichment through arts and crafts, and nurturing the child as well as the parent.

This is open to parents with toddlers 18 months or above
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December 11

December 18

9:30 am - 11 am

No registration is required

Location

ACS Annex

1481 Titus Blvd

Bldg 7492

Fort Carson CO 80913



719-526-0461

SFRG Key Contact Training



**Dec 11
10 am - 11:30**

**Registration
Information**

**[CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER!](#)**

This course trains Key Contacts on their role and responsibilities as well as how to handle crisis phone calls. Suggested training for all SFRG Leaders and Key Contacts/POC's. Open to anyone wanting to learn more about the SFRG Communication structure. The course includes tips and techniques for executing the role as well as practical exercises and scenarios.

This class is being provided as a blended learning opportunity. At registration, attendees will have the choice to identify whether they will be participating either “in-person” or “virtually”.

In case of inclement weather: If the installation is on a delay, class will start as scheduled, at 0930. In case of post closure you will receive notification of make-up date.

A fun-filled interactive get together for parents and children. Activities help children improve their social, cognitive and motor skills.

For more information on our New Parent Support Program and Play Groups please call us at 719-526-0461

December 12
December 19
09:30 - 11:30 am

Free Event
No registration required
Walk Ins are welcomed

Location
ACS Annex
1481 Titus Blvd
Bldg 7492
Fort Carson CO 80913





Grant Library

Every Thursday includes stories, crafts, songs and learning time.

Open to ages 24 months-5 years old.

All information is subject to change.

December 11
December 18
Jan 8 - 2026
Jan 15
Jan 22
Jan 29

10:30 am - 11:30 am



RTAP

Resiliency Through Art

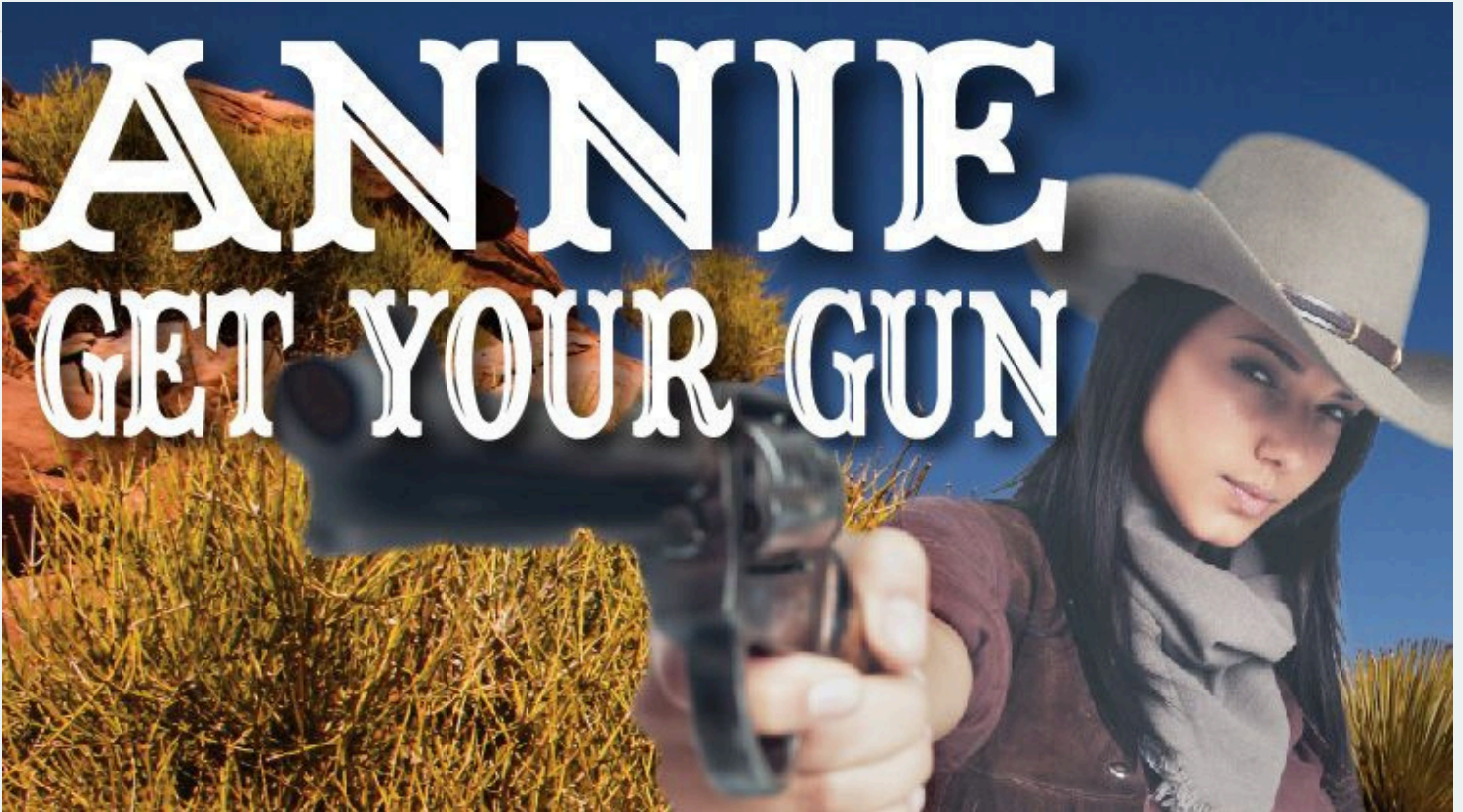
**December 12
December 19**

1:30 pm – 3 pm

Grant Library

Come and create through the process of personal expression! Art is a wonderful outlet for expression and can provide great relief for anyone dealing with separation, sadness, anxiety, stress or anger. No prior art experience is needed. Open only to Active Duty Soldiers & Spouses.

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**DECEMBER 13
9 AM – 4 PM**

**CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN SHOOTING COMPLEX
LADIES (AGES 6 AND UP) SHOOT FREE ALL DAY ON THE SECOND
SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (719) 896-6196.
ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

"Empowering Families with Food, Nutrition, Education, and More"

December 15
December 22
December 29
1 pm - 3:30 pm

Registration Information:

Walk-in basis; first come first serve. Check in on the lobby iPad, ACS Center, Bldg. 1526.

If you would like to request a WIC appointment, click [here](#).





Are you expecting mom that has questions about parenting infants and local resources?

This FREE class is an opportunity to interact with other expecting moms and develop confidence as a parent. We will discuss parent-infant relationships, common questions about parenting, postpartum issues, and much more.

December 16
January 13 2026
9 am - 12 pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

[or call our office at 719-526-0461](#)

Pregnant moms and parents with babies are encouraged to attend. Systematic infant massage strokes alleviate colic, create strong bonds, increase the communication between baby and parent and provide a foundation of unconditional love and attachment. Topics pertaining to infant development and health are discussed.

Dec 16
December 23

Infant Massage 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Baby Nurturing 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Located at ACS Annex
1481 Titus Blvd Bldg 7492
To register, please call
719-526-0461



Lapsit Storytime

Grant Library



Dec 16
Dec 23
10:30 am - 11am

Stories, music, play; maybe make a friend today! Babies 0-24 months and their caregivers can enjoy stories, rhymes, and movement every Tuesday.

All information is subject to change.

December 16
December 30
1pm - 4 pm

Registration Information
Walk-in basis, first come first
serve. Check in on the lobby iPad,
ACS Center, Bldg. 1526.

Child support services
include:

- Locating parents
- Initiating legal paperwork
- Establishing parentage
- Establishing child support order
- Enforcing child support order
- Modifying a child support order
- Helping parents overcome barriers that prevent order compliance



Free service provided by your ACS Community
Information, Referral and Follow-up Program and El Paso
County Child Support Services.

December 16
6pm - 8pm

Auto Skills
7001 Wetzel Ave
Bldg. 2427
719-526-2147

Vehicle Heating System Inspection



Dec 17

1 pm - 2 pm

**To register, please
call 719-526-4590**

**Join us at the ACS Center, Bldg.
1526.**

**Our orientation offers you an
opportunity to meet other new
arrivals, get "insider tips" to
become familiar with the area and
get any questions you may have
answered. It's also a great way to
learn about resources on and off
Fort Carson.**

**Not sure where to start?
Let Our ACS Specialist Help**



**Saturday, December 13th
10:00 AM**

NOW SHOWING

Zootopia 2

A free movie day for our military family members and children (parent must accompany children) First 50 registrants will get free combo snack pack!

Icon Cinema
1818 Spring Water Pt,
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

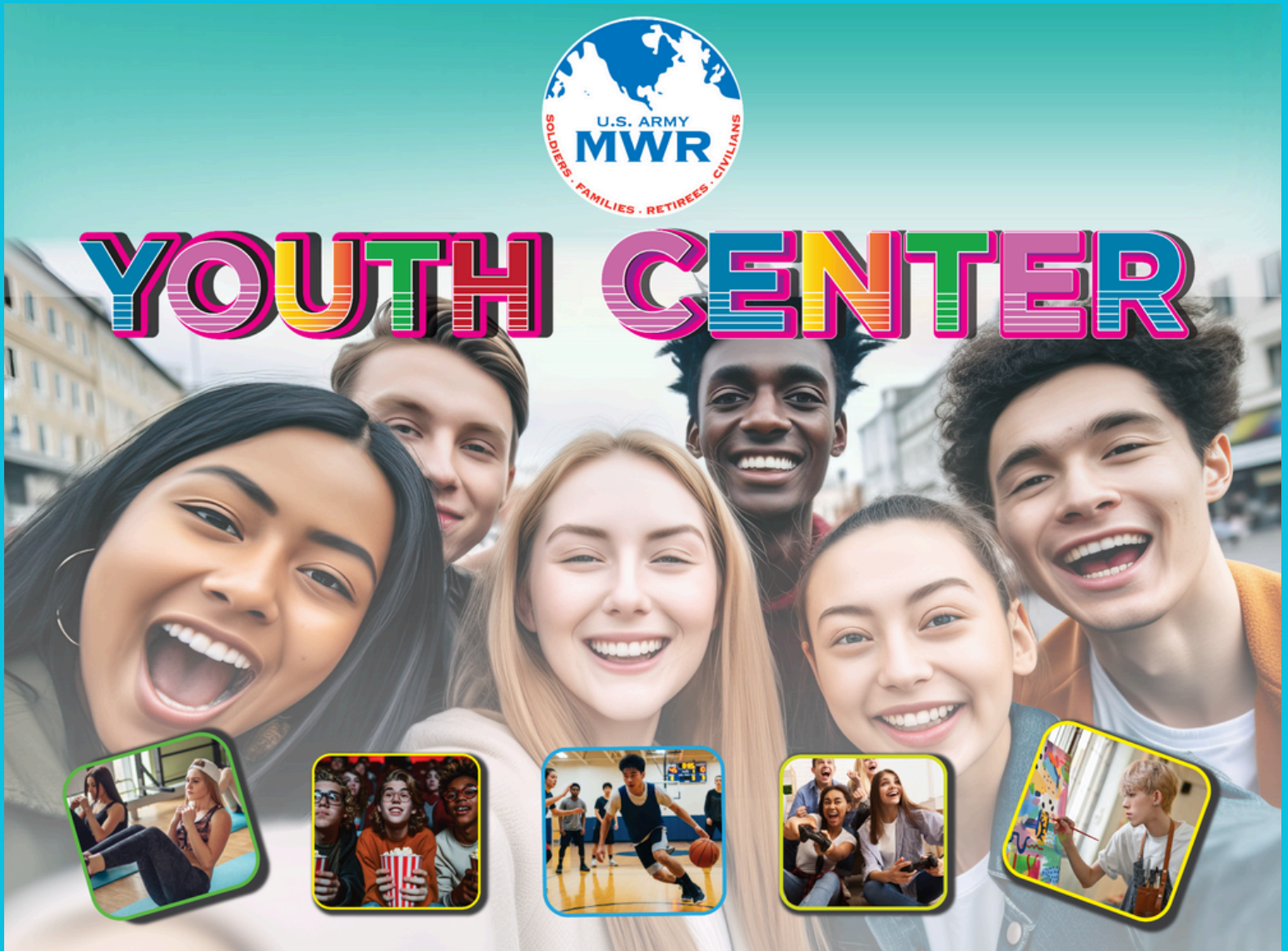


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PRESENTED BY:



The Steven A. Cohen
Military Family Clinic
at Red Rock



**19 Dec - Youth Center Meow Wolf
30 December - Ice Skating**

**Please contact Youth Services
for more information and registration @
719-526-8220**

WARRIORS WAREHOUSE

Toy Giveaway 2025

9 & 10 DECEMBER, 0900– 1400
11 DECEMBER 0900-1300
ELF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



- **ACTIVE DUTY ONLY**
- No applications— First Come First Served. No children allowed for shopping except infants carried, only 1 parent.
- Ages Infant to 17 Years— must live in your household and be enrolled in DEERS
- Choose 2 gifts each, Santa items are 1 per family but still get the second toy for that child. **WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**
- Note: No exchanges
- For children ages 1 to 12, if a family receives gifts from Santa's Workshop, they are ineligible to also receive from Warriors Warehouse, 13-17 can but no Santa item.
- 9 December for E5 and below
- 10 & 11 December – open to all ranks in need
- Bldg. 1045, 5769 Wallace Street, Fort Carson
www.ftcarson.1045@gmail.com
- POC is Donna Swanson 402-659-8755

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.FTCARSON.1045.GMAIL.COM

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKSHOP

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am

A group to educate, support, and encourage others who are current and former survivors affected by Domestic Violence. Facilitators have concrete knowledge and expertise of Domestic Violence and provide available options and services to survivors.

Call (719) 526-0461 for location and details



FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

Carson.ArmyMWR.com/ACS





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**WINNERS WILL BE
ANNOUNCED 1/30/2026!**
*Do You Want To Build
A Snowman or Igloo?*

Send In A photo of your snow person or Igloo to
(719)499-0707 along with your on post address
for a chance to win a prize.

PRIZES TO BE ANNOUNCED



For questions regarding Events and Signups, contact
jhanlon@bbcgrp.com or (719)499-0707.



Fort Carson
FAMILY HOMES



WHERE:
6800
PRUSSMAN BLVD



SANTA MEET & GREET

Free!

Stop by the FCFH Community Center, get a picture with Santa and enjoy Hot Cocoa, Treats and create a bag of Reindeer Feed for Santa's deer on Christmas Eve.

22 DECEMBER, 2025

**STARTING AT 2PM, THE LINE
WILL CLOSE BY 3:30PM.**

No RSVP Required

For Questions, contact the Events Manager at
jhanlon@bbcgrp.com or (719)499-0707.



Mobile Market Distribution



Care and Share Mobile Market

Get food - at no cost - for you and your family

Where: Abrams Elementary, 600 Chiles Ave, Fort Carson

When: 10:00 am - 11:00

October 4

October 18

November 1

November 15

December 6

December 20

Open to all ranks. Soldiers and Families, single Soldiers, Veterans. No command referral needed.

Get food—at no cost—for you and your family



Thunder Alley Bowling Center

Two hours of FREE bowling and shoe rental!
Sign up at the BOSS Lounge, through
Discord, or Google forms.

Open to all single Soldiers.

Care and Share Food Bank

When: 0800 – 1130 on Oct 4, Oct 18, Nov 1, Nov 15, Dec 6, Dec 20

Where: Abrams Elementary
(600 Chiles Ave, Fort Carson, CO 80902)

Volunteer Opportunities: Sort food, prepare boxes/bags, maintain a clean and welcome environment, perform intake activities, assist by answering questions, load groceries in vehicles.

For more information or to volunteer contact Susanne Watt (Susanne.m.watts2.civ@army.mil)
Log hours on VMIS under Fort Carson Operation Good Samaritan (Off Post)

scan for VMIS



volunteer
opportunity



Shopping Week

When: Friday, December 8 – 13; 0830 – 1200 & 1300 – 1700

Where: Mountain Post Santa's Workshop
(5769 Wallace St Bldg 1045, Fort Carson, CO 80913)

Volunteer Opportunities: greeters, personal shoppers (helping parents as they select gifts), stockers and floaters (fill in as needed).

To sign up to volunteer contact:

- Michelle (volunteer coordinator): mpswvolcoordinator@gmail.com
- Brigett Weekley (parliamentarian): mpswparliamentarian@gmail.com

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Primary Categories of AER Assistance

- Rent/Mortgage
- Utilities/Deposits
- Emergency Travel
- Travel Funds for Relocation (PCS)
- Funeral Expenses
- Vehicle Repair
- Replacement Vehicle
- Rental Vehicle
- HVAC Repair
- Natural Disaster
- Cranial Helmets
- Basic Essential Furniture
- Car Seats
- Repair or Replacement of Major Appliances
- Minor Home Repairs
- Dental Care for Dependents
- Food
- Clothing

719-526-4783

Contact your local AER Officer about additional categories and exceptions to policy

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

dental care
special-needs medical equipment
austere location leave
non-medical attendant travel
Wounded Warrior gift cards
cranial helmets

FAMILY SUPPORT

childcare
paternity leave
immigration fees

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

spouse relicensing/recertifications
Career Skills Program support



CARE DURING A CRISIS

disaster assistance
safe travel from domestic violence
emergency travel
funeral expenses

BASIC NEEDS & HOUSING

appliance repair/replacement
PCS moves
clothing
food
minor home repairs
housing
utilities
vehicle repairs

AREAS OF SUPPORT

LEGO CLUB @ Grant Library



Grant Library

You bring the creativity and we'll supply the Legos!

Join us every

Wednesday on a journey of ingenuity, open to all ages.

3:30 pm - 4:30pm



Deploying gifts
this year?
**Remember
these deadlines:**

USPS Ground
Advantage® Service:

Dec. 17

First-Class Mail® Service:

Dec. 17

Priority Mail® Service:

Dec. 18

Priority Mail
Express® Service:

Dec. 20

Fort Carson HEARTBEAT

Peer Support for Survivors of Suicide Loss

6:15pm the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Heartbeat Care and Share, a time for Heartbeat families and friends affected by suicide to connect.

Virtual ZOOM Meeting or In-person

6990 Mekong Bldg. 6215 Fort Carson

Contact for more information:

Angelika McShan

719-338-1796

gsdfriend2@gmail.com

Paul McShan

202-441-8580

paulmcshan@gmail.com



HEARTBEAT Survivors After Suicide, Inc.

www.heartbeatsurvivorsaftersuicide.org is a international non-profit organization affiliated with

Suicide Prevention Partnership / Pikes Peak Region
American Association of Suicidology
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado

www.pikespeaksuicideprevention.org
www.suicidology.org
www.afsp.org
www.suicidepreventioncolorado.org

ACS EFMP Family and Community Support Services
Identification of Exceptional Family Members: Often, Soldiers and their Family members are unsure of what conditions qualify for enrollment in the EFMP. Our team can help you determine if a specific condition qualifies for enrollment into the program, and help get you started with the enrollment process and get you connected with the enrollment office at Evans Army Community Hospital.

Information and Referral: Have a question about how the program works? Need to know how to obtain referrals to specialty medical providers for your Family member? Ever wonder if the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Fair Housing Act applies to your situation? Want to know how to get information on the Respite Care Program? We have the answers! And if we can't immediately answer your question, we will find the answer or an appropriate point of contact for you and ensure we get the information to you in a timely manner.

Systems Navigation: Systems Navigation is a Family and community support component of the EFMP that connects Families with special needs to the systems of care they need, both on and off the installation. The EFMP Systems Navigators are knowledgeable about the systems of care used by Families with special needs. The primary role of a Systems Navigator is to navigate Families through the available systems of care by assessing EFM/Family strengths/needs; developing a plan to reach goals; referring to appropriate agencies/organizations; and providing advocacy while teaching and strengthening self-advocacy skills. EFMP Systems Navigators reach out to Families to offer support services, particularly during transition, and work closely with our EFMP medical counterparts to accept referrals for those Families who have received new and/or complex diagnoses that require multiple support services. Referrals for Systems Navigation services are accepted from a variety of sources and Families can self-refer by contacting the EFMP office.



For more information on the
Fort Carson EFMP please call
719-526-4590

EFMP Resources

Here are some helpful resources for EFMP Families.

- **Military OneSource. Military OneSource's EFMP & Me tool allows Families to explore the details of EFMP benefits and processes.**
- **DirectSTEP. DirectSTEP® eCourses are available for free to Soldiers and Family Members, Army EFMP staff, and Special Education staff associated with teaching military children. DirectSTEP® eCourses teach staff, parents, and educators how to handle critical education issues to obtain positive outcomes.**
- **Respite Care Support. The Army's Respite Care Support services provide a temporary rest period for Family members responsible for regular care of persons with disabilities. Care may be provided in the EFM respite care user's home.**

