



**DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
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Dear Parents:

I am writing to notify you that considering the ongoing government shutdown and under the authority of the Department of War (DoW), we are implementing an extension to the execution date of the FY26 Patron Fee Policy. The revised implementation date is now 1 January 2026.

Each year, DoW Child Development Fee Policy prescribes uniform fee regulations for military child development programs based on family income (Title 10 U.S.C. 1793).

Pursuant to Department of Defense Instruction 6060.02, Child Development Programs, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, and Reserve Affairs annually reviews and issues a childcare fee policy based on Total Family Income (TFI).

For SY 2025-2026, childcare fees are adjusted to make fees more equitable and more affordable for families with the greatest economic need by reducing the percentages of income that lower income families devote to their childcare needs. These adjustments align with Executive Order 14095, "Increasing Access to high quality care in supporting caregivers", which directs DoW to improve the affordability of childcare on military installations.

The DoW Child Development fees for SY 2025-2026 are intended to provide a balanced approach to reducing childcare fees for families in lower income categories while maintaining the parent fee, income necessary to sustain the Military Services childcare operations.

There are minor changes to the 2025-2026 School Year CDP Fees, for SY 2025-2026, the fee policy adds a 12th category for incomes of \$175,001 and above, with no changes to Categories 1–11. If families stay within the same category as last year, families in Category 12 will see an increase. The community-based fee-assistance cap rises to \$2,000 per child per month.

Please contact the Child Development Center Director at 571-767-0212 if you have any questions or to address any issues or concerns.

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