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CYS Services Upcoming Events



Family Fun Fair: **Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:00-2:00.** What better way to spend your Saturday afternoon, then with your family and professionals who care about your needs? Please come and join as CYS Services hosts their annual Family Fun Fair at McGill Training Center! The Fun Fair is free of charge and is open to the entire community. Enjoy all of the free rides, activities and events with your family. Food will be provided at a nominal fee.

CYS Services Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting: **Wednesday, May 23, 2012 12:00-1:00.** You can earn 10% off your full-day/part-day child care fees by earning parent participation points. For more information on future dates, times, and location, please contact any CYS Services Program or call; 301-677-1149/1156/1104. Please visit our website at <http://www.ftmeademwr.com/cyss/central.php> for previous PAC meeting minutes.

CLOSINGS: CYS Services will be closed on the following days:

May 28, 2012 – Memorial Day

Month of the Military Child

“We Serve Too!”



Please join our programs in the month of April to participate in activities and events with your child/youth.



Parent Central Services

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 7:30 am-6:00 pm

Walk-In Hours: 7:30 am-5:00 pm

Appointments: 1:30 pm-6:00 pm (last appointment at 5:30 pm)

- Visit our website: <http://www.ftmeademwr.com/cyss/central.php>
- To register for sports, SKIES, or EDGE! Programs, or to pay your bill online, please visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/meadecyms.html>
- E-mail us at: meadeoutreach@conus.army.mil



Youth Sports & Fitness

Spring Sports Registration

A current Sports Physical (which must be updated annually and must be valid for the duration of the season) is required for all sports programs. No child will be given equipment or be permitted to participate in any practices until there is a physical that goes through the season.

Spring Sports

Clinic Soccer	3-4 years as of 1 April 2012	\$20.00
Soccer	5-6 years as of 31 July 2011	\$55.00
Soccer	7-12 years as of 31 July 2011	\$55.00
Clinic Baseball	3 - 4 years as of 01 May 2012	\$20.00
T-ball	5 – 6 years as of 01 May 2012	\$60.00
Baseball	7 – 14 years as of 01 May 2012	\$60.00
Girl's Softball	8 -12 years as of 01 May 2012	\$60.00
Girl's Softball Clinic	8 -12 years as of 01 May 2012	Free
Track	7 -18 years as of 31 Dec 2012	\$55.00
Swim Team	7-18 years as of 31 December 2012	\$80.00
Indoor Football	7 – 8 years as of 01 September 2011	\$80.00



Spring Sports Registration

Registration: January-March

Season: March-June

For more information on the Sports Programs or if you are interested in coaching, please contact the Sports Office at (301) 677-1179



Youth Center Activities

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

April 2012

SPRING BREAK SERVICES OPTIONS: 2- 9 APRIL 2012

OPTIONS for 6-8th graders with valid CYSS registered with appropriate and required registration and medical forms on file.

OPTION ONE: SPRING CAMP: 2 – 9 APRIL 2012

COST: Use summer Camp fee weekly rate based on fee Categories 1 – 9. Payment due at registration

TIME: 6:00AM – 6:00PM with extended hours until 8pm.

DESCRIPTION: Sign up at Parent Central Services. Register early to insure that you have all the proper Paperwork completed and on file to attend this school's out week. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and PM snack. 15 spaces available

OPTION TWO: DAILY RATE: if you only need 1-3 days

COST: \$16.00 per youth per day. Register in advance at YS front desk with payment.

TIME: 6:00AM – 6:00PM with extended hours until 8pm.

DESCRIPTION: Complete an Hourly Care / Daily Rate sheet in advance to reserve a space. Includes breakfast, lunch and PM snack.

OPTION THREE: FREE after school hour session beginning at 1300 daily

COST: FREE – 3pm Snack provided

TIME: 1:00 – 6:00PM with extended hours until 8pm.

DESCRIPTION: Youth arrive at 1300 and must be checked in to insure adequate staffing.

APRIL 2012 - SUPER SATURDAYS

\$2.00 for non CYSS card holder's guests

PARENT'S - IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM: Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the center's closing time to insure proper facility procedures are followed with youth signing out and scanning out of the CYMS system.

DATES: 7, 14, 21 & 29 April 2012

COST: FREE for valid CYSS registered members and \$2.00 for members guests

**TIME: 1300-1700 - 1st – 5th grades
1800-2200 - 6th – 12th grades**

**SATURDAY APRIL 7TH – 1400 ; ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT LOCATION:
Youth Center (BRING YOU BASKET FOR EGG HUNTING)**

TIME: 2:00PM Activities in the building first with hunt following those!

DESCRIPTION: Bring you own basket to hunt eggs.

**~EGGS GALORE ~ COLORING CONTEST ~ DOOR PRIZES ~ EGG HUNTS
BY AGE GROUP**

Bring your children ~ Bring your camera ~ Free for the military community



CHILD, YOUTH AND SCHOOL SERVICES

YOUTH CENTER 909

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



APRIL 2012

6 April 2012 – Cinemark Egyptian 24 & Arundel Mills Food Court

GRADES: 6th-8th

TIME: 1:30-6:00pm

COST: \$9.00 Minimum of 15 “PAID” participants needed. Reserve spaces early, this is a popular spring break activity!! The Youth Center will remain open during this trip.

DESCRIPTION: Friday Afternoon Trip! Join us at Cinemark for an afternoon Matinee; we will also be stopping by the Arundel Mills Food Court before the movie. The cost for the trip is \$9.00, which includes transportation via the CYSS busses and your movie ticket. Youth may bring additional money to purchase food at the Food Court or Movie Concession Stand. Participating youth will vote on the PG or lower rated movie if more than one choice is available. All registered will attend ONE movie together.

13 April 2012 – Celebrity Look-A-like Dance

GRADES: 6th-8th

PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED OF ALL, SUCH AS:

- **CYSS CARD – KEY FOB**
- **MILITARY ID, School ID**

TIME: 7:00-9:30pm

COST: \$5.00 ALL PARTICIPANTS

VALID CYSS MEMBER: \$3.00 (non-expired passes)

DESCRIPTION: Dress up like someone famous and receive \$1.00 off admission!

. Current music from the top 40 hits played and old favorites. Snack bar will offer a variety of light refreshments (soda, chips and candy) for purchase. Parent chaperones are welcome to assist with the popular community youth event. Parents should contact CYSS @ 301-677-1437.

20 April 2012 – Laurel Golf Center

GRADES: 6th-8th

TIME: 6:30-10:00pm

COST: Youth will pay for their activities on location!

DESCRIPTION: Youth are responsible for paying for their activities. A full list of activities is available at http://www.laurelgolfcenter.com/batting_cages.php. A few of the activities include mini golf (\$4-6), batting cages (20 pitches \$1.50), buckets of golf balls for driving range (\$6-18, club rental not included). The Youth Center will close at 6:00pm.

A Minimum of 15 Participants is needed for this trip. If this number is not met the Youth Center will offer open recreation until 10:00pm for all youth in grades 6 – 8.

27 April 2012 – GRILLING & CHILLING

GRADES: 6th-8th

TIME: 6:30-9:30pm

COST: \$5.00

DESCRIPTION: We will be serving barbeque chicken, chicken pagogi, rice and drinks. Youth will choose activities after dinner has been served. Music provided by CYSS for an enjoyable night of food, and FUN.

PARENT'S - IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM: Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the center's closing time to insure proper facility procedures are followed with youth signing out and scanning out of the CYMS system.

will offer a variety of light refreshments (soda, chips and candy) for purchase. Parent chaperones are welcome to assist with the popular community youth event. Parents should contact CYS @ 301-677-1437.

***PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED OF ALL, SUCH AS: CYSS CARD – KEY FOB or MILITARY ID, School ID

For more information on these activities and more, please contact Youth Services at (301) 677-1437.



Teen Center Activities

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 1200-2000

Friday 1200-2200

April 6, 2012 – Movie Field Trip

TIME: 1800-2200

DESCRIPTION: Teen Center youth in collaboration with the youth center will go to see the movie “The Hunger Games”. Youth can purchase popcorn, snacks, and drinks and are looking forward to seeing the much anticipated film!

April 13, 2012 – Poetry Jam

TIME: 1800-2100

DESCRIPTION: The Teen Center will be hosting a Poetry Jam. Youth and guests are encouraged to attend and present their original poems, songs, or raps to the group. Admission for members is free, and guests will be charged \$2.00 to attend.

May 11, 2012 – Poetry Jam

TIME: 1800-2100

DESCRIPTION: The Teen Center will be hosting a Poetry Jam. Youth and guests are encouraged to attend and present their original poems, songs, or raps to the group. Admission for members is free, and guests will be charged \$2.00 to attend.

May 25, 2012 – “Glow” Party

TIME: 2130- 0000 (Midnight)

DESCRIPTION: This will be a “Glow” themed and all youth are encouraged to attend wearing brightly colored neon shirts and pants. Youth will be able to purchase glow sticks, glow bracelets, glow necklaces, and glow sunglasses. Youth will be able to purchase drinks, snacks and candy during the dance.

June 8, 2012 – End of School Cookout

TIME: 1500-2000

DESCRIPTION: The Teen Center will be hosting a cookout celebrating the youth completing the 2011-2012 school year. The Teen Center will serve hamburgers, hotdogs, and other barbeque foods.

Daily Clubs

Stop in to the Teen Center and check out our daily clubs!

Tutoring and Chess: Youth can participate in chess games throughout the day as well as receive tutoring in any subject from our Homework Staff.

The Language Highway: A club designed to explore a variety of languages.

Tech Club: Youth will learn the basics of web-design, computer animation, internet safety, and the inner-workings of computers.

SPARQ Club: Youth will participate in weightlifting and personal strength activities to improve their overall well-being.

Socratic Club: Youth discuss current events as well as historical issues from the past.

Passport to Manhood: The Boys and Girls Club affiliated male-only club that focuses on providing young men with the tools to become a successful man in the future, as well as addressing issues faced in adolescence.

SMART Girls: The Boys and Girls Club affiliated female-only club that focuses on providing young ladies with the tools to become a successful woman in the future, as well as addressing issues faced in adolescence.

Keystone Club: The Boys and Girls Club affiliated community-service based club designed to teach youth the importance of helping others.

Guitar Club: Youth will learn everything about guitar playing, from the basics to advanced techniques and song playing.



For more information on these activities and more, please contact the Teen Center at (301) 677-6054.



HIRED! Apprenticeship Program

A workforce preparation and apprenticeship program designed to meet the employment and career exploration needs of CYS Services teens 15-18 years of age.

Hired! Apprentices commit to working (15) fifteen hours per week with employers on the installation while concurrently participating in workforce preparation/career exploration workshops over a (12) twelve week term. Terms occur during Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Youth must complete the necessary application process and meet all prerequisites to be eligible for the program.

For additional information, contact James Dey, Hired! Program Coordinator, at (301) 677-1749.



Venturing beyond CYS Services doors to expand services to children and youth on-site in MWR and Family Programs. The EDGE! (Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel) Out-of-school opportunities for 6-18 year-old children and youth to experience, develop, grow and excel by participation in “cutting-edge” art, fitness, life skills and adventure activities, known as Art EDGE!, Fit EDGE!, Life EDGE!, and Adventure EDGE!.

This new program through CYSS is during the times of 3:00-6:00pm between Monday - Friday. There is a new schedule each month but some daily activities include, arts & crafts, go karting, laser tag, zumba, sailing, cooking, digital music making, bowling and physical fitness!

FREE for grades 6-12 and only \$5 per hour for grades 1-5! You would pay \$120+ for these activities off post so you cannot beat this! All you need to do is enroll with CYSS at Parent Central located at 1900 Reece Road, call: 301-677-1149/1156/1104 or go online: www.ftmeademwr.com.

A one-time permission slip is needed to participate and ride on CYSS buses.

Check out our website: <http://www.ftmeademwr.com/cyss/edge.php>



Art EDGE!

Art options might include ceramics, computer graphic design, digital film making, digital music making, digital photography, drawing, fashion design, Hip Hop, painting, scrapbooking, theater arts, woodworking, etc. MWR partners are: Arts & Crafts Center • Entertainment Centers • Library • Marketing Office • Outdoor Recreation Centers.

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Fit EDGE!

Fit options might include adventure sports, aerobics, body sculpting, bowling, customized fitness programs, golf, nutrition programs, strength training, stress management, team and pick-up sports, weight management, weight training, yoga, etc. MWR partners are: Aquatic Facility • Bowling Center • Golf Course • Horse Stables • Library • Marina • Outdoor Recreation Centers • Sports & Fitness Facility • Skating Rink



Life EDGE!

Life options might be age-specific basic cooking, baking and culinary art activities, auto maintenance and repair skills, book clubs, computer skills, consumer skills, dog obedience, health and food safety, ecology and living green, marketing and advertising, money management, pet care, research skills, study skills, time-management, etc. MWR partners are: Army Community Service (ACS) • Auto Skills Center • Bowling Center Snack Bar • Club Meade • Community Clubs • Library • Golf Course Snack Bar • Rod & Gun Club • Marketing Office • Pet Care Center • Recreation Centers



Adventure EDGE!

Adventure options might include bowling, ecology, fishing, golf, hiking, kayaking, orienteering, rock or wall climbing, skiing, swimming, etc. MWR partners are: Golf Course • Rod & Gun Club • Horse Stables • Sports & Fitness Center • Library • Marina • Outdoor Recreation Centers.

For additional information such as activities dates and time, contact Scott Marko, MWR Partnership Specialist, at (301) 677-2146 or scott.marko@us.army.mil.

SKIES *Unlimited*

Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills

Drivers Education Class

May 7-18, 2012

June 18-29, 2012

July 16-27, 2012

Class time: 2:00-5:00 pm

Ft. Meade Teen Center (3102 MacArthur Road)

Ages 15 -18 years old; Cost \$325.00

Babysitter's Certification Course

May 22-24, 2012

Time: 1545-1945

Location: Teen Center (3102 MacArthur Road)

Ages: 12-18 years old

Cost: FREE

Tae Kwon Do Classes (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

3-6 year olds 1730-1800 \$35 per month

4-6 year olds 1800-1830 \$35 per month

7-18 year olds 1830-1930 \$75 per month

Classes are held in the School Age Services Building

(1900 Reece Rd)

Tennis Lessons (Mondays and Wednesdays)

Session 1: April 23- May 16

Session 2: May 21-June 18

Ages: 5-7 years old 1600-1645

Ages: 8-10 years old 1700-1800

Ages: 11-17 years old 1800-1900

Cost: \$75 per session

Classes held on York Avenue tennis courts

Private Piano Lessons (Tuesdays or Thursdays)

Age: 7 -17 years old

Times: 1730-1930 (30 min classes)

Cost: \$100.00 per month

Location: Ft. Meade Youth Services Building
909 Ernie Pyle Street



Summer Dance Classes

Session 1: June 5- June 26 (Tuesdays)
Session 2: July 10-July 31 (Tuesdays)
Session 3: August 7-August 28 (Tuesdays)

3-4 yrs old: 1700-1730 \$30 (per session)
5-7 yrs old: 1730-1830 \$55 (per session)
8 and up: 1830-1950 \$65 (per session)

Location: Youth Center (909 Ernie Pyle Street)



Summer Cheernastics Sessions

Session 1: June 7- June 28 (Thursdays)
Session 2: July 12-July August 2 (Thursdays)
Session 3: August 9-August 30 (Thursdays)

Cheer 1 (Ages 5-8 yrs old): 1715-1815 \$55 (per session)
Cheer 2 (Ages 9 and up): 1815-1945 \$65 (per session)

Location: Youth Center (909 Ernie Pyle Street)

***** Registration for cheernastics and dance begins on April 16, 2012 *****

SKIES SUMMER CAMPS

(Registration begins on April 9, 2012)

PROPS Drama Camp Week Long Performance Art Experience with Missoula Children's Theater

July 23-28, 2012 (0830-1730)

Live Performance: Saturday July 28th 3:00 & 5:30 pm

McGill Training Center

Ages: 1st grade- 12th grade

\$40 (Fee includes breakfast, snack and camp T-shirt)

SKIES "FasTrac Kids" Academic Camps (Ages: 3-6 years old)

Dinosaur Camp (June 18-22)

Students will be actively engaged in hands-on paleontology experiences as they study the dinosaurs of the Mesozoic Era. All students will conduct an archeological dig and construct their own dinosaur to be displayed in the FasTracKids Dinosaur Museum.

Time: 0900-1200

Tuition: \$175/week

Location: Teen Center

Space Camp (June 25-29)

Students will take a virtual trip to the moon as they learn about the planets, stars and the life of an astronaut. Students will build their own spaceship, launch rockets

And make an astronaut helmet.

Time: 0900-1200

Tuition: \$175/week

Location: Teen Center

SKIES Sports Camps (Ages: 6-17 years old)

Soccer Camp (June 18-June 25)

0900-1200, Cost: \$ 85

Location: Youth Sports Fields

[Football Camp \(June 25-June 26\)](#)

0900-1200, Cost: \$ 85

Location: Youth Sports Fields

[Basketball Camp \(July 9-13\)](#)

0900-1200, Cost: \$85

Location: Murphy Field House

[SKIES Art Camps \(Ages: 3 ½ -6 years old\)](#)

Beach Party

July 30- August 2, 0930-1200

Teen Center

\$139 (includes all materials)

Children are immersed in artists, art history, vocabulary and styles presented in a fun and creative way. Children are transported to a virtual tropical paradise with painting, sculpting and drawing while enjoying beach music, seaside games and more.

Storybook Art

August 6-August 9, 0930-1200

Teen Center

\$139 (includes all materials)

Children visit with their favorite stories and characters. Create noodle assemblages, collages, faraway planets and more as we explore the wonderful world of picture books and illustrators.

Yummy Art

August 13-August 16, 0930-1200

Teen Center

\$139 (includes all materials)

Get your spoon, paintbrush and chocolate syrup ready- we're going to create Art! From cupcake design, spaghetti sculptures to mosaics with food to chocolate syrup painting- it's all about the wonderful and wacky world of food art!

For more information: www.abrakadoodle.com/md04



Spring Swim Lessons

May Session

Wednesday/Friday lessons:

6:15-6:45 Levels One, Two, Three

7:00-7:30 Level One, Two, Four/Five

Swim Lesson Dates: May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25

Registration: 16 April – 30 April

Cost: \$60.00 for eight lessons

Saturday lessons:

10:15- 10:45 Parent and Tot

11:00-11:30 Levels One, Two, Three

11:45-12:15 Levels One, Two, Four/Five

Swim Lesson Dates: May 5, 12, 19 and 26

Registration: 18 April – 2 May

Cost: \$30.00 for four lessons

June Session 1:

Monday-Thursday evenings:

6:15-6:45 Levels One, Two, Three

7:00-7:30 Level One, Two, Four/Five

Swim Lesson Dates: June 4-14

Registration: 14 May-31 May

Cost: \$65.00 for eight lessons

Parent & Tot:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
1730-1800

Swim Lesson Dates: June 5, 7, 12, 14

Registration: 14 May -31 May

Cost: \$32.00 for four lessons

June Session 2:

Monday-Thursday evenings:

6:15-6:45 Levels One, Two, Three
7:00-7:30 Level One, Two, Four/Five
Swim Lesson Dates: June 18-28
Registration: 4 June- 14 June
Cost: \$65.00 for eight lessons

Parent & Tot:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
1730-1800
Swim Lesson Dates: June 19, 21, 26, 28
Registration: 4 June- 14 June
Cost: \$32.00 for four lessons

July Session 1:

Monday-Thursday evenings:

6:15-6:45 Levels One, Two, Three
7:00-7:30 Level One, Two, Four/Five
Swim Lesson Dates: July 9-19
Registration: 18 June- 5 July
Cost: \$65.00 for eight lessons

Parent & Tot:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
1730-1800
Swim Lesson Dates: July 10, 12, 17, 19
Registration: 18 June- 5 July
Cost: \$32.00 for four lessons

July Session 2:

Monday-Thursday evenings:

6:15-6:45 Levels One, Two, Three
7:00-7:30 Level One, Two, Four/Five
Swim Lesson Dates: July 23-August 2
Registration: 9 July- 19 July
Cost: \$65.00 for eight lessons

Parent & Tot:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
1730-1800
Swim Lesson Dates: July 24, 26, 31, Aug 2
Registration: 9 July- 19 July
Cost: \$32.00 for four lessons



School Liaison

The School Liaison Office works in conjunction with the Child and Youth Services Division and the local school community to address educational issues involving military children. Through partnering with the local and military community, the School Liaison Officer uses a variety of resources to provide assistance with issues concerning student transition and educational needs. The School Liaison Officer acts as a communication link between the installation and the surrounding school districts. The SLO advocates for military families in a variety of areas within the school system to include home school and special needs children.

School Liaison Officer Programs:

- **School Transition Support:** Integration of military children into the local school systems.
- **Installation/School Communication:** Representative for issues involving public schools and the military.
- **Education Summit Issues:** Youth education initiatives, legislation impacting youth education, etc.
- **Partners in Education (P.I.E):** Coordinate partnerships between the community and installation.
- **Post Secondary Opportunities:** Assist in preparing youth for the transition from high school to work/college.

For additional information, contact Sarah Bonise, Director, School Support Services/School Liaison, at (301) 677-1177.



Family Child Care

FCC Homes serve children 4 weeks to 12 years of age in a homelike environment that allows siblings to be in care together. Ft. Meade Child Care (FCC) program offers a variety of flexible care options that meet regular and mission-related child care needs to include full day, hourly, before/after school, extended care (overnight and weekend), special needs and on and off-post childcare. Off-post care is offered in Anne Arundel Communities outlining Fort Meade. Homes off-post must comply with AR608-10, to include ratios and training requirements. Only the best qualified applicants are selected to become certified providers.

FCC applicants must complete a screening process before certification. They attend 40 hours orientation training, including child abuse, CPR and First Aid, medications/communicable disease, business practices, nutrition and developmentally appropriate practices. Background clearances are performed on applicants, spouse, and children 12 years of age and older. An in-home family interview is conducted by the FCC Director. The homes are inspected by fire, safety, and health officials to ensure all operational requirements are met. After certification, providers receive on-going training, technical support, and unannounced inspections by the FCC Director, Training and Curriculum Specialist, and other proponents. Training and educational opportunities can lead to a Child Development Associate (CDA) or Home Accreditation by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC).

Are you interested in becoming a provider? If so, you are welcome to attend any of the upcoming Orientation Briefings to find out about becoming a provider.

Wed. April 4, 2012 0900 - 1100 CYSS Conference Room

Wed. May 2, 2012 0900 - 1100 CYSS Conference Room

Wed. June 6, 2012 0900 - 1100 CYSS Conference Room

Anyone interested must call 301-677-1160 to sign up for the briefing.

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ **April 24, 2012**, the FCC Staff will have their annual Spring Festival for FCC providers and their children. This is from 0900 - 11:00 at the playground at the corner of 29th Div and 2nd Cav. We plan activities and take them to the playground area. This is our celebration for the Month of the Military Child and to welcome Spring. Parents are welcome to attend. Rain date if April 26, same time.
- ✓ **June 14, 2012**, FCC staff will have an Army Birthday Celebration at the playground at the corner of 29th Div and 2nd Cav. We will plan activities to celebrate the birthday and the coming of Summer. Time is from 0900 - 11:00.



Child Development Centers

Army Child, Youth and School Services programs exist to support military readiness by reducing the conflict between a soldier’s mission requirements and his or her parental responsibilities.

To support this mission we offer full day, part day, hourly care, and a Pre K program which provides children a rich, stimulating environment where children can develop motor, cognitive, social and emotional skills through a balance of exploration and planned curriculum. Learning activities are designed to support the natural development of children and include individual, small group and large group exercises.

The best way to describe Army Curriculum is a combination of Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Creative Curriculum. Developmentally Appropriate Practices is a child centered, Child-initiated and teacher supported program. The Creative Curriculum program allows for meaningful and long lasting learning involving active thinking and experimenting to finding out how things work. This is best accomplished through purposeful play facilitated by highly intentional teaching practices. Both practices require each child to have a primary caregiver, who observes and document the child's interests, strengths and abilities and builds the curriculum around that. Observations allow us to offer and individualized program that will support school readiness for children by expanding their play into learning experiences.

Each center offers Army’s Strong Beginnings. The Army’s Strong Beginnings Pre-K is a program designed to prepare children to be successful to enter school. Curriculum focuses on the social, emotional, and physical development of children; equips them with the basic academic and “Kindergarten Classroom Etiquette” skills to enhance “school readiness.”



Child Development Center Programs:

Full Day (CDC I, II, III)

Hourly Care (CDC I)

Part-Day Pre-School (CDC III)

Strong Beginnings (CDC I, II, III)



Special Information:

Please join your child in the activities and events that are planned for the month of April, “Month of the Military Child.” Also, come and enjoy the special luncheon each program has! Please see your child’s program for more information.

Child Development Center I
4725 Ruffner Road
(301) 677-3407/5201

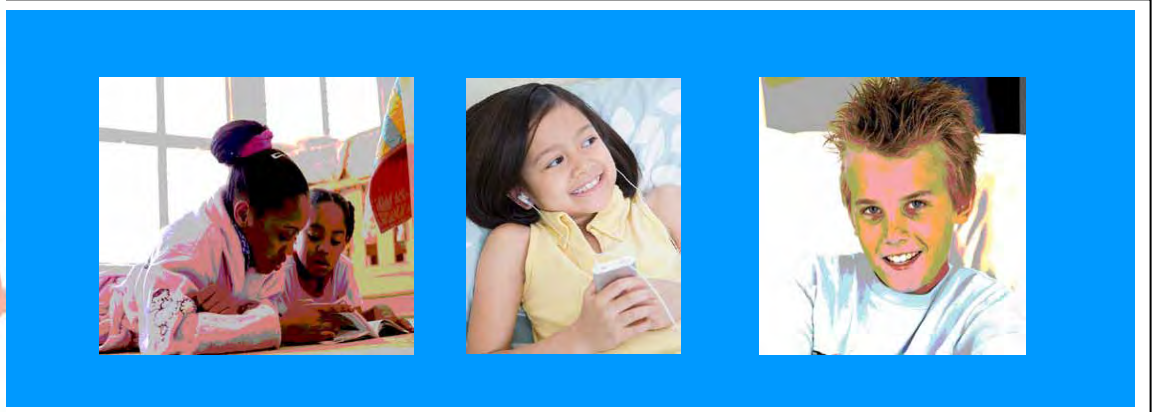
Child Development Center II
3100 MacArthur Rd.
(301) 677-6002

Child Development Center III
910 Ernie Pyle St.
(301) 677-1530

Child, Youth and School Services

Presents

imAlone Program



Throughout the *imAlone* Program, youth will learn:

- How to apply the Six Pillars of Character as youth stay “home alone”
- Techniques for being safe and ways to respond to situations and emergencies when youth are alone
 - Ways to organize and use their time wisely
 - How to safely prepare nutritious snacks
 - The importance of rules
 - How to make good decisions
 - Ways to solve conflicts peacefully
- **April 21, 2012 & May 5, 2012 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (May 5, parents must attend a Parent Workshop from 1:00-2:00 pm)**
 - **Workshops will be held at the Youth Center, Bldg. 909, Reece Road**
 - **FREE PROGRAM!!!**
 - **Ages 8-17**

Youth must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services

Eligibility: Active Duty, Reservist on active duty status, DoD Personnel, Retirees and Fort Meade DoD Contractors.

Please contact Parent Central Services for more information at (301) 677-1149/1156/1104





Join Outreach Services in your local neighborhood center and build special bonds with your youth.

Activities In Your Neighborhood

Themed activities are planned for children ages two years old and older with parent participation. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Activities are sponsored by Child, Youth & School Services and Outreach Services.

Themed Activities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Apr 04	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
Apr 11	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
Apr 18	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
Apr 25	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
May 2	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
May 9	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
May 16	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
May 23	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
May 30	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
June 6	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
June 13	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
June 20	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center
June 27	10:00-12:00	Potomac Place Neighborhood Center

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CYS Services Shuttle Bus Service



Available for registered CYS Services members in grades 6-12.

Shuttle bus will pick youth up from Picerne Neighborhoods (Community Center is the meeting place) and take grades 6-8 to the Youth Center and grades 9-12 to the Teen Center.

Service is FREE!!!

Registered **CYS Services** members may sign up at the Youth Center.

All others must register at Parent Central Services, 1900 Reece Road.

Please call (301) 677-1149/1104/1156 for more information.

Pick Up:

Midway Common 1515

Meuse Forest 1525

Patriot Ridge 1535

Potomac Place 1545

Heritage Park 1610

Drop Off:

Midway Common 1925

Meuse Forest 1925

Patriot Ridge 1935

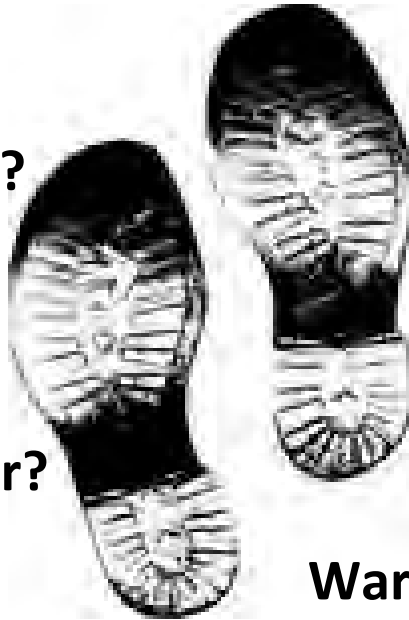
Potomac Place 1945

Heritage Park 2000

***** Times are subject to change due to traffic conditions*****

ARMY FAMILY COVENANT

Deployed Spouse?



**Rear Detachment
Cadre?**

Wounded Warrior?

Warrior in Transition?

The Army Family Covenant provides support for Army families through various discounts in CY5 Services programs and services. Families experiencing deployments, unaccompanied PCS, and extended TDYs: soldiers who are currently designated as Warriors in Transition and Wounded Warriors; and families of Fallen Warriors may qualify for special discounts.






For more information, please contact

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The Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system is a web-based tool that collects feedback on services provided by various organizations throughout the Department of Defense (DoD). The ICE system allows customers to submit online comment cards to rate the service providers they have encountered at military installations and related facilities around the world. It is designed to improve customer service by allowing managers to monitor the satisfaction levels of services provided through reports and customer comments.

ICE provided the following benefits:

-  Allows DoD customers to quickly and easily provide feedback to service provider managers.
-  Gives leadership timely data on service quality.
-  Allows managers to benchmark the performance of their service providers against the DoD organizations.
-  Encourages communication across organizations by comparing best practices to increase performance results.
-  Saves money

Visit the link below and let CYS Services know how well our programs are serving your family.

http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&site_id=349&service_provider_id=87927

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CYS SERVICES PROGRAMS



CYS Services programs are open to current DoD Personnel, active duty, reservist on active duty status, retirees (Sports & SKIES only), and Fort Meade DoD Contractors. Ft. Meade CYS Services fees are based on a sliding scale based on total family income. Multiple child discounts and 2 week vacation credit per year are also given. Note: Retirees are only eligible for Sports, SKIES Unlimited programs and/or programs without waiting list.

Please contact Parent Central Services at (301) 677-1149/1156/1104 for more information.

We're on the Web!!!

<https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/meadecvms.html>

Web-Trac!!!

All CYS Services payments can be made online.

By logging into the new Web-Trac site, you can view your current billing and make payments on your account. If you have not received your User Name and Password, please email

meade.cysoutreach@conus.army.mil to request one. Your User Name and Password will be e-mailed to you if you are registered with CYS Services.

Volunteers Needed!

Child, Youth and School Services is looking for volunteers to help educate our children by reading to them and encouraging interests in various activities such as cooking, sewing, woodworking, photography, painting, etc. If you have an interest or hobby that you would like to share with our children or youth, please call Parent Central Services at (301) 677-1149/1156/1104.

Forms needed for registration:

Registration is required to participate in CYS Services activities.

Registration fee is FREE!



- All forms completed
- Identification (Proof of Eligibility)
- Child's birth certificate
- Child's current immunization record for children age 0-5th grade.
- LES/pay stubs for you and your spouse
- Two (2) Local Emergency contacts other than you or your spouse

All forms can be downloaded from ftmeademwr.com website under Parent Central Services.