MilitaryInstallations Booklet for MCAS Beaufort

Fast Facts

**Location:** Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort is located in the southeast corner of South Carolina’s low-country, within Beaufort County. MCAS Beaufort is situated 65 miles south of Charleston and 50 miles north of Savannah, Georgia. The base covers 6,900 acres, of which 5,800 are located east of Highway 21 and include operational facilities. The remaining acres contain the Laurel Bay military family housing area four miles west of the Air Station main gate. Another 5,200 acres at the Townsend Bombing Range in McIntosh County, GA also belong to MCAS Beaufort. To view an overview of this base, visit the MCCS South Carolina Website or contact the Information and Referral Program at 843-228-7351.

**BRAC Status:** MCAS Beaufort is scheduled to gain 12 personnel

**Cost of Living:** The cost of living in Beaufort is less than average for the US, but housing costs may be high for junior enlisted families.

**Base Operator:** 843-228-7100.

**Area Population:** Beaufort 13,445

**Child Care:** The MCAS Beaufort’s Child Development Center (CDC) programs include: hourly care for 6 weeks of age to five years (up to 25 hours per week), part-day preschool for three & four year olds, full day care for six weeks to five years old. The Family Child Care Program (FCC) provides home-based care for children ages six weeks to twelve years of age. Family Child Care number is 843-228-7279. All of MCAS’s programs for Children, Youth, & Teens (CYT) are inclusive; children with special needs are welcome. Call Child Care Resource and Referral, 843-228-7279.

**Schools:** The Laurel Bay Schools are part of the larger consolidated school district SC/Ft. Stewart DoD DDESS. The two schools are attended by dependent children in grades PK-6 who reside on federal property in the vicinities of Beaufort.

Charles Frank Bolden Elementary/Middle School
Elliott Elementary School
Older students and those residing in the community attend schools in the Beaufort County School District. Call School Liaison Office, 843-228-6128.

**Youth Services:** There are 2 Youth Centers available for use by personnel stationed at MCAS Beaufort:

MCRD Parris Island, located aboard Parris Island. Call 843-228-1536.
Laurel Bay, located in the Laurel Bay Housing area. Call 843-228-7640.

**Marine and Family Services:** Marine and Family Services, 843-228-7352/ (DSN) 312-335-7352.

**Housing:** Tri-Command Military Housing, LLC, a private partnership between Actus Lend Lease and the DoN, is responsible for housing at MCAS Beaufort and the Laurel Bay housing area. In the Beaufort area the median house price is $165,200. Median rent in Beaufort County is $829.

**Employment:** The Career Resource Management Center (CRMC), also known as the Transition Assistance Office, 843-228-6670 / 843-228-7701 / (DSN) 312-335-6670 / 312-335-7701, has a computer laboratory with job vacancy listings, federal application software, and word processing programs for writing resumes and cover letters. Family Member Employment Assistance Program 843-228-6463 (DSN) 312-335-6469. Unemployment in South Carolina is 4.3%. Median household income is $44,804.

**Base Services:**

MCCS Facilities
Commissary - 1, located on MCRD Parris Island 843-228-2383 (DSN) 312-335-2383
MCX main stores and Marine Marts located at MCAS Beaufort and MCRD Parris Island. A Marine Mart is also aboard the Laurel Bay housing community.
MCAS Beaufort Federal Credit Union and other commercial banks serve the community.

**Medical Services:** A Branch Medical Clinic (843-228-7051 / (DSN) 312-335-7051) located on MCAS Beaufort is for active duty service members. Co-located is the Branch Dental Clinic (843-228-7512 / (DSN) 312-335-7512) also or active duty personnel. The Beaufort Naval Hospital (843-228-5600 / (DSN) 312-335-5600) provides medical care for all...
active duty and retired members located in southeastern South Carolina and northeastern Georgia.

**Special Installation Messages:**

**Defense Service Network (DSN) Dialing Instructions**

The DSN is the provider of long-distance communications service for the Department of Defense (DoD). Every installation has a special DSN number and the numbers vary by world-wide location. In order to place a call using DSN, the caller must be using a military phone on an installation. Cell phones cannot dial DSN numbers. When dialing a DSN number from a United States installation to another United States installation, it is unnecessary to dial the DSN 312 area code. When dialing a DSN number to/from overseas locations, the DSN area code must be included. The operator can be reached at commercial (719) 567-1110. Please note that long distance charges may be incurred.

**Overview**

**Location**

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**History**

From plantation farm to fighter base, the Air Station's history holds special significance in South Carolina. MCAS Beaufort, nicknamed “FighterTown,” holds a significant place in the history of the South Carolina.

The Air Station site was formerly the location of several prominent plantations, including Clarendon and Edgerly. The Laurel Bay military housing area, located four miles from the Air Station proper, is said to contain portions of the Bull and DeVeaux Plantations. British troops landed at Laurel Bay in 1779, during the Revolutionary War and battled Americans at Grays Hill.

More than a century and a half later in the summer of 1941, the Civil Aeronautics Authority proposed to establish an airport at the present Air Station site. As a result of a selection board on August 5, 1942, approximately 5,800 acres of land were purchased by the government for construction of a Naval Auxiliary Air Station. Construction began during December, 1942, and was completed in August 1943. On June 15, 1943, the airfield was commissioned Naval Air Station Beaufort. During World War II, the Air Station supported advanced training and operations of anti-submarine patrol squadrons over the United States' southeastern seaboard.

Deactivated in 1946, it was reactivated as a Marine Corps Auxiliary Airfield in 1956, and designated a Marine Corps Air Station March 1, 1960. The airfield was named Merritt Field in September, 1975, in honor of retired MGen. Louis G. Merritt, USMC. This dedication was the result of a resolution passed by the South Carolina General Assembly. For more information see MCAS' [homepage](#).

**Mission**

MCAS Beaufort hosts all active duty USMC F/A-18 air operations on the East Coast. The mission of the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort is to provide support as an operational base for MAG-31 and the support units.

The mission of the Marine Aircraft Group (MAG-31) is to conduct anti-air-warfare and offensive air support operations in support of Fleet Marine Forces from advanced bases, expeditionary airfields, or aircraft carriers and conduct such other air operations as may be directed.

Currently, the Fightertown family consists of more than 700 marines and sailors, along with 600 civilian personnel who ensure that approximately 3,400 personnel of Marine Air Group 31 and its component squadrons and tenant units are readily deployable. Fighter Town's Hornet squadrons rotate overseas regularly, either for six-month training deployments to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, as elements of Marine air-ground task forces, or aboard Navy aircraft carriers. At any given time, up to half the squadrons may be found at various points around the globe, and are routinely called into action when the Commander in Chief requires airborne strikes or support for ground forces.
Sponsorship

If you are interested in acquiring a sponsor, please contact your gaining command and request a sponsor. If you need additional assistance, please contact the Relocation Office at 843-228-6401 or DSN 312-335-6401.

Temporary Lodging

The Detreville House is located onboard MCAS Beaufort and offers rooms (including some with a king-size bed) with or without a kitchenette. You must make a reservation early as the rooms are in high demand. Prices range from $105 to $150 per night (with a kitchenette). The Detreville House does not allow pets. Please contact the front desk at 843-522-1663 for information regarding off-base boarding for pets. If kennel services are not available and you must stay off base you can obtain a nonavailability slip so that you can be reimbursed for lodging expenses. The telephone number of the temporary lodging facility is 843-522-1663.

Relocation Assistance

The Welcome Aboard Brief is available to military personnel and spouses when they check in with the Information, Referral and Relocation Assistance Program. **Personnel in the grades of E-1 through E-6, WO-1 and O-1 through O-2 must attend the mandatory Welcome Aboard Brief (Settling in Services) in accordance with MCO 1754.10A** Contact the Information and Referral Office for more information at 843-228-7351.

To borrow household items while waiting for your household goods shipment, MCAS Beaufort has a great Lending Locker. All items are first come, first serve. Available for loan are: air mattresses, kitchen kits, TVs, microwaves, toasters, coffeemakers, pack n’ plays and much more.

Any assistance you need is just a phone call away by calling 843-228-6401/843-228-7351 or DSN 312-335-6401/312-335-7351 during normal working hours.

Critical Information

Beaufort is susceptible to high tides, flooding, and hurricanes, although, they seldom cause severe damage. It is wise to have renter's insurance if renting off-base or living in government housing. A list of insurance companies offering renters insurance is available at the Housing Office.

Cost of community housing (off-base housing) is relatively high in the Beaufort area. This is particularly true for Junior enlisted families requiring two or more bedrooms, who face greater out-of-pocket expense. Beaufort is located in close proximity to valuable resort property, and plays host to three military facilities located in a sparsely populated, rural setting.

It is important to hand carry your medical/dental records, copy of official orders, school records (for you and your children), personnel file (SRB), training records, birth certificates, Social Security cards, pink slips/titles for vehicles, resumes, insurance papers, passports, warranties, road hazard insurance papers, and prescriptions.

Information regarding pets:

Rentals which allow pets are limited. Many area hotels do not allow pets, including the Detreville House. Some hotels charge extra for pets.
Kennels for boarding are expensive and there are no boarding facilities on base.
Contact the Parris Island Veterinary Clinic at 843-228-3317 for questions or information regarding your pet.
South Carolina law requires you to turn on your car headlights whenever there is any restriction to visibility while driving. This includes rain, fog, smoke, as well as at dawn and dusk.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship Training

Visit My Training Hub and log in with your Common Access Card, or CAC, to take the eSponsorship Application & Training. The course will walk you through your sponsorship duties and help you find the resources and information your newcomer is going to need. Families can be an important part of the sponsorship process. If your family members want to learn more about sponsorship or if they want to become a sponsor, they can access the Sponsorship Awareness for Families and complete sponsorship training through My Training Hub with an email address and password. The Sponsorship Awareness for Families course includes the same resources and information as the CAC-enabled version.

Moving is a way of life for service members and their families. Resources like MilitaryINSTALLATIONS, Plan My Move and Military OneSource can help smooth that transition. The Sponsorship Program supports sponsors with training and
Sponsorship Program goals include the following:

- Providing newcomers with a sense of belonging
- Easing the transition for inbound service members or civilians and their family members
- Increasing productivity
- Helping newcomers make informed decisions
- Cultivating new friendships
- Improving morale

A sponsor is assigned by a newcomer’s gaining unit and helps the newcomer before, during and after a move. If you haven’t been assigned a sponsor, you can request a sponsor through your new unit or through MilitaryInstallations. Units try to match sponsors and service members by rank and family status.

Sponsorship duties include the following:

- Contacting the service member and family with an introductory email
- Following up with the member’s preferred method of contact
- Sending information about the new community and duty assignment, responding to questions and providing resource information
- Confirming transportation and lodging arrangements
- Assisting with post office arrangements
- Meeting service members and family members upon arrival
- Accompanying service members to unit check-in point
- Introducing service members to the Military and Family Support Center and loan closet, if available
- Orienting service members and families to the installation and key locations, such as the commissary

Note: Responsibilities may vary based on service-specific policies and guidance.

Youth Sponsorship Program

Many installations give kids the chance to get to meet a new friend and become acquainted with their new installation through the installation’s youth program. Where available, they can exchange emails, talk on the phone or chat online. For more information, visit MilitaryINSTALLATIONS and click on Youth Services and your new installation. The youth program staff at your new installation can offer more information on the Youth Sponsorship Program. Families with children may also want to visit Military Kids Connect, an online community for military children and youth. The site offers games, videos and links to teen-led installation tours.

Directions to Installation

Airports

There are no shuttles or public transportation from Charleston International Airport or Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport to MCAS Beaufort. If you need transportation from either airport upon arrival, please contact The Operations Duty Officer at 843-228-7301/2/3.

From Charleston International Airport To MCAS-Beaufort

Leaving airport get on I-526 (Mark Clark Expressway) heading South. When I-526 ends take a right at the stop light. This will put you on US17 South. When you come to Jacksonboro you will veer to the left (still on US17 South) following signs to Beaufort. You will stay on US17 for approximately 50 miles altogether. At Garden’s Corner, you will take a left on Hwy 21 South towards Beaufort. MCAS is on the left at the second stoplight.

Beaufort from Savannah International Airport or from I-95 Northbound to MCAS

Leaving airport get on I-95 North. Take Exit 8, Beaufort/Hilton Head. Go 5 miles on four(4) lane road. Take left toward Beaufort. Go 3 miles to stop sign. Take a left on hwy 278. Go 1 mile and turn right on Hwy 170. After about 10 miles and 2 bridges you will come to a stop light, intersection of Hwy 170 and 802. Turn left. Go to the next stop light and turn left on Hwy 21 North. MCAS-Beaufort will be 2 miles down on the right (You can turn on the ramp or at the stop light).

Driving Directions

From I-95 Southbound to MCAS Beaufort

On I-95 South, take Exit 33. Hwy 21 combines with US 17 North. Follow signs towards Beaufort. At Garden’s Corner merge right onto Hwy 21. MCAS will be on your left.
Check-in Procedures

Travel Planning

Before you begin your travel keep these things in mind:

Ensure you have all your vehicle insurance information, registration information handy. Have your vehicle checked for road worthiness before you begin your trip. Check all fluids and fill up with gas. Families should ensure they have snacks and small toys to entertain children, as well as a change of clothes for unexpected mishaps. Ensure you have cash, checks or credit cards that you will need when traveling. Leave information on the route that you will be taking with someone in case of problems on the road. If flying, ensure you have your passport, tickets, and currency as needed for the area you are traveling to. Make sure you have temporary lodging reservations. The Detreville House can be reached at 843-522-1663. Rooms are limited, so make your reservations early. The Military Postal Facility hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm. The phone number for the Postal facility is 843-228-6053-7220. Incoming personnel should contact their units for correct mailing addresses prior to arrival.

Reporting Procedures

During normal duty hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) report directly to the S-1 of the unit or command to which you are assigned. If you have orders to MAG-31, check in with the MAG-31 S-1, located in Building 585, Room 243. All military personnel with orders to the station (MWSS-273 and H&HS) check in with the Station S-1, located in Building 601, Room 125B. If checking in after working hours, see the Officer of the Day (OOD) in Building 601, duty desk. This building is located on the right just after you enter the installation.

Directions to individual units/commands will be given to you at the Main Gate.

What to do if you Get Married Enroute

If you get married before you PCS, you must inform your Commanding Officer and follow the procedures exactly as you are given them. The military will not pay for travel and housing of your spouse if you do not follow proper procedures.

Important Documents to Hand Carry for Inprocessing

Individualized Education Program (IEP) Papers
Official Orders
Adoption Papers/Birth Certificates
Marriage License/Divorce Decree
Citizenship/Naturalization Paperwork
Discharge Papers
Medical Records/Immunization Records
Fingerprint Record (of minor children)
Record of Emergency Data
Passports/Record of Passport Numbers
Medical History/Records
Dental Record

Motor Vehicles

Registration and licensing requirements

State laws vary when it comes to motor vehicle insurance requirements, licensing and registration. The term vehicle generally includes automobiles, motorcycles, vans, trailers and boats regularly parked or garaged overnight. Service members and their families will want to understand their state's laws on registration and licensing before moving to a new state. Visit the USA.gov Motor Vehicle Services page for links to state-specific websites.

Motor vehicle laws

State and local laws regulate the operation of motor vehicles, and these laws can vary by location. Many states
regulate the following:

Seatbelt use
Child safety seats
Motorcycle operation
The use of cellphones and other digital devices while driving

Learn more about motor vehicle laws in your state at the Distraction.gov State Laws page.

Installation Specific Information

Registration & Licensing Requirements

South Carolina State law requires you to have sufficient liability insurance and a valid driver’s license in order to operate a vehicle. The term “vehicle” generally includes automobiles, motorcycles, vans, trailers and boats regularly parked or garaged overnight. Further, your vehicle must be properly registered. Even though you are in the Military, you may be required to register your vehicle in-state and obtain an in-state license within a few months of moving. Access complete information on insurance, driver’s licensing, and where and how to register your vehicle by visiting the State Department of Motor Vehicles website.

State Laws

You and your passengers must always wear seatbelts while driving, you will be ticketed and issued heavy fines if seatbelts are not secured. State law requires that all children under 5 years of age be properly restrained in child seats. Some states also require younger, smaller children to sit in the back seat.

Motorcycles and their operators are subject to special laws. If you own and operate a motorcycle, you must comply with those laws. Visit the State Department of Motor Vehicles website for more information.

Many States and local jurisdictions have strict laws about the use of cell phones and other digital devices while driving. Research these laws on the State Department of Motor Vehicles website. Tickets will be issued and fines assessed for violating these laws. Play it safe and always use a “hands free” device if you must use a cell phone or other PDA while driving. Hands-free devices must be used while operating a motor vehicle on ALL military installations worldwide.

Registering Vehicles on Base

In order to register your vehicle on base, you must present a current and valid state registration, a driver’s license and proof of insurance required under South Carolina Law. You must go to the Visitor’s Center, Building 859, to register your vehicle. The Visitor’s Center is the first building on your right as you approach the front gate. Provost Marshall Office (PMO) - 843-228-6710

Base Regulations

Vehicle Checks

Privately owned vehicles traveling aboard MCAS Beaufort are subject to spot checks by military police for current state and base registration and safety inspections.

Motorcycles

In addition to all vehicle registration requirements, motorcycle operators under 25 years of age must pass a motorcycle safety course. For more information on the motorcycle safety course please call the air station’s Ground Safety Department.

Education - General Overview

Introduction

Beaufort County School District serves South Carolina’s most rapidly growing county, with an area of over 580 square miles covering 60 major coastal islands along the Atlantic Ocean. Our diverse student population of over 19,000 students attend 38 schools across the county. For more information regarding Beaufort County School District, please visit their website.

Bus Transportation

First Student Transportation Information -- Safe and effective school bus transportation depends on everyone, including you. Safety, Order, Attitude, and Respect together enable us to soar to success. For further assistance, please contact our office at your convenience.
Beaufort Office -- Serving Battery Creek & Beaufort HS Communities - Located at 2900 Mink Point Blvd, Beaufort and can be reached at 843-322-0770.

Bluffton Office -- Serving Bluffton & Hilton Head HS Communities - Located at 200 Burnt Church Road Bluffton, and can be reached by calling 843-706-8400.

**Meals**

Lunch Sessions provide:

Elementary cafeterias offer a minimum of 2 entrees and a selection of sides and milk. Students must choose an entrée and a side and have the option to choose up to but not exceeding one entrée and up to two sides and/or milk. Sides consist of a variety of foods such as: vegetables, fruits, tossed salad, dessert.

Middle and High cafeterias offer a variety of entrees and sides; such as Pizza, chicken items, Nachos, Subs, Chef Salads and Hot entrée that changes daily. Students must choose an entrée and a side and have the option to choose up to but not exceeding one entrée and up to two sides and/or milk. Sides consist of a variety of foods such as: vegetables, fruits, tossed salad, dessert.

Breakfast Sessions provide:

Elementary, Middle and High cafeterias offer a minimum of 3 items. Items are such foods as: ham and cheese biscuit, cheese grits, cereal, milk, fruit, juice and any other type food approved by USDA guidelines.

Food Services can be reached by calling the director at 843-322-0800. Office Number is 843-322-0800, Fax Number 843-322-0816.

**Before and After School Programs**

Some of the schools in Beaufort County provide their own before and after school programs. Please visit the [Beaufort County website](http://www.beaufortcountyschools.org) for more information.

You may also contact the [Boys and Girls of the Lowcountry](http://www.bgol.org), Beaufort, South Carolina at 843-575-5430. In addition, the Beaufort County Parks and Leisure Services offer some after school programs. You may contact them at 843-470-6200 or visit their [website](http://www.beaufortcountyparks.com).  

**School Sports**


**Alternative Education**

The alternative school in Beaufort County is called Right Choices and is located at 2900 Mink Point Blvd, Beaufort, SC 29902. You may contact them at 843-322-0744.

**DoD Schools**

The Laurel Bay Schools are part of the larger consolidated school district known as the South Carolina/Ft. Stewart Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (SC/Ft. Stewart DoD DDESS). The Fort Jackson Schools in Columbia, SC and the Ft. Stewart Schools in Hinesville, GA are also part of our consolidated district. The schools are attended by dependent children in grades PK-6 who reside on federal property in the vicinities of Beaufort, Columbia, and Hinesville. Our students represent three branches of the Armed Forces: Army, Marine Corps and Navy.

Galer Elementary School accommodates children in grades PK-3, Elliott Elementary serves children in grades 1-3, and Bolden Elementary School houses children in grades 4-6. The student/teacher ratio varies depending largely on the grade level.

For students in grades 1-6, report cards/progress reports are issued four times during the school year. Kindergarten students receive a progress report twice a year. Pre-kindergarten students receive a progress report at the end of the school year. The school year for the Laurel Bay Schools is August - May.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at each school is a vital part of the total school program. This organization provides a vehicle for parents and school officials to work together for student support.

Technology is integrated unto all areas of the curriculum through the use of a wide variety of software and hardware components. Students receive instruction leading to mastery of the DoDEA Technology Standards. All classrooms have computers for student use, and all schools have a computer lab. Every student has access to the Internet and electronic mail systems.
Grading System

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades Grading Codes

Established; frequently observed
Sometimes observed, emerging, requires support
More time needed
Not evaluated at this time

Third Grade (Work habits/Social attitudes)

G = Good progress
S = Satisfactory progress
N = Needs improvement

4th, 5th, and 6th Grades

Academic Achievement

A = Excellent or 93 - 100
B = Above average or 85 - 92
C = Average or 77 - 84
D = Below average or 70-76
E = Below 70

Work Habits & Social Attitudes

S = Satisfactory
N = Needs improvement
U = Unsatisfactory

Enrollment Requirements

Original Birth Certificate
Social Security Card
South Carolina Certificate of Immunization
Sponsor's Military ID Card or Dependent Parent's Military ID Card
Proof of residence in government housing

Exceptional Children Programs

All the public county schools have programs for exceptional children.

Private Schools

Beaufort Academy - Grades PreK-12; 843-524-3393
Riverview Charter School - Kindergarten - 6th grade; 843-379-0123
Beaufort Christian School - PreK - 12th grade; 843-525-0635
Agape Christian Academy - K/5 - 12 grade; 843-846-4835 ext. 2
E. C. Montessori & Grade School - Toddler - 7th grade; 843-535-1141
St. Peter's Catholic School - PreK - 12th; 843-522-9555

Home Schooling

It is the policy of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) to neither encourage or discourage sponsors from home schooling their children. DoDEA recognizes that home schooling is a sponsor's right and can be a legitimate form of education for their dependents. The local home schooling practices must meet the legal requirements set forth for the State of South Carolina.

In South Carolina, parents/guardians may home school their children in one of three ways:

1. Through the local district
2. Through the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools
3. Through a private home school association

The parent must hold at least a high school diploma or its equivalent. The home schooling program must meet certain specified requirements for curriculum, scheduling, lesson planning and record keeping. Parents must ensure that the child has access to library facilities.

Adult Education

Beaufort County Adult Education is located at 2900 Mink Point Blvd., Beaufort, SC 29902. You may contact them at 843-322-0781 and Fax 843-322-0803.
Education - Local Schools

How do I choose a school?

Choosing the right school for children is a priority for many military families. Finding the right educational setting for each child requires a careful examination of the available options, whether you live on and off the installation. "Choosing a School for Your Child," a publication from the U.S. Department of Education, offers checklists and questions to assist parents in making the right choices.

How do I find out about schools near my new duty station?

Several quality online tools are available. Military OneSource is a free service offered by the Department of Defense to service members and their families to help with a broad range of concerns including education, parenting and child care, relocation and the concerns of families with special-needs members. An educational consultation with a specialty consultant is available, free of charge, and can help you address specific educational needs and goals.

How can I help plan for a successful transition?

Parents often want to know about the availability of extracurricular activities and sports, or the availability of advanced classes for their children. While there are other sources that can provide some information on these topics, it is usually best to get this information by contacting the schools directly.

Education - Local Schools/Overseas

Moving from one installation to another in the United States can be challenging enough; but moving with your family overseas can be even more complex. One of the most important challenges can be summed up in one question: "Where will my children go to school?"

Where do I start?

Start with MilitaryINSTALLATIONS to learn more about your new installation. In particular, read the installation's education article. All overseas installations dedicate a portion of the education article to discussing the education options available in the local community, as well as the Department of Defense schools on the installation, if available. Most overseas installations with accompanied family members have one or more Department of Defense school.

What is the difference between a Department of Defense school and an international or national school?

The Department of Defense Education Activity, or DoDEA, operates schools in 11 foreign countries, Guam and Puerto Rico. All DoDEA schools are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies and maintain high academic standards with well-rounded educational programs. Visit the DoDEA website for more detailed information.

The DoDEA's student preregistration system helps streamline the registration process and allows school officials to better predict school enrollment, make more informed decisions regarding teacher and staff requirements, and prepare for special services and supplies. Parents can preregister their children by visiting the DoDEA Online Student Pre-Registration site.

The U.S. Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools works to promote quality educational opportunities for families of American citizens overseas. If a Department of Defense school is not available, visit this site to learn more about the schools in your new area.

In general, international schools are English-language schools at overseas locations. National schools are schools where courses are taught in the native language. The curriculum and grading system of an international school tends to be similar to the traditional American education system. This may be an important consideration if your family will be returning to the U.S. before a child graduates from high school.

Where can I find a list of international schools in the country where my family is moving?

You can find a directory of overseas schools on the U.S. Department of State's Schools Worldwide page. The listing includes schools that receive assistance from the U.S. Department of State, as well as other international, private, religious and public schools.

How do I decide what school is best for my child?

Although you may not have as many choices as you had in the United States, the process for choosing a school for your child is the same. You can begin by making a list of possible schools. Next, you'll want to find out more information about each school. Talk to the relocation personnel at the Military and Family Support Center and with your sponsor,
who may be able to put you in touch with other families with children around the same ages as yours. You may also want to contact the school and ask for references.

Once you have narrowed down your options, you may decide you want to schedule an interview with the school or schools. Here are some considerations you may want to discuss:

Curriculum
Grading system
Tuition
Accreditations
Teachers and other staff
Meals
Extracurricular programs
Transportation
Schedule
Before- and after-school programs

Now that I have chosen a school, how do I successfully transition my child?

Start planning for a successful school transition as soon as you learn about your move. The more your child knows about what to expect, the more confident your child will feel on the first day of school. Allow your child to be a part of the decision-making process, if appropriate, and take your child's opinions into account.

Education - Training (College/Technical)

Installation Education Center
Lifelong Learning provides a wide range of curriculum offerings that meet the needs of the base population.

Programs include:

The Military Academic Skills Program (MASP) improves skills in reading, writing and mathematics for active duty Marines. Active duty family members are invited to attend on a space-available basis. A TABE placement test is required for admission to the program. This is an excellent resource for improving competency at work, ASVAB scores and other testing abilities.

The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) provides professional training in technical occupations. We assist with the initial sign-up and documentation; you provide the on-going documentation to complete the program through on-the-job training. The program's national standards are registered with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

Marine Corps Deployed Education is coordinated by MCAS Cherry Point and MCB Camp Pendleton. Deployed instructors teach basic skills and college courses to deployed Marines. Park University is the local provider for the Beaufort area.

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support Testing Program (DANTES) includes more than 200 examinations. Testing includes High School equivalency (GED), College Level Examinations (CLEP, DSST, Excelsior), certification examinations in many fields, plus SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT, Praxis, and GED Practice for spouses. If you want to take a test, check with us first! Classification testing includes tests provided by HQMC and USN including ASVAB, DLAB, DLPT, ASTB, and EDPT. Test proctoring services are also available for Distance Learning college courses.

Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART) documents recommended college credit for military training in a format widely accepted by colleges and universities. Eliminates the lengthy manual process previously used to determine possible course credit.

College
Marine Corps Community Services South Carolina's Lifelong Learning program provides voluntary education and library programs that can help prepare Marines for success in their professional lives, both while in the Corps, and later in civilian life. An excellent working relationship has been established between several educational institutions and lifelong Learning. This relationship has increased quality services to all personnel.

The Servicemember Opportunity Colleges Marine Corps (SOCMAR) is a contract-for-degree agreement between the home college and student at the Associate and Bachelor degree levels. Reduces transfer complications and has limited residency requirements for Marines. All colleges aboard the Tri-Command area are SOCMAR participating colleges. Agreements are available for military spouses as well.
Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance (TA) is available to all active duty Marines at 100% of the cost of tuition, up to $250 per semester hour, for an annual cap of $4,500 per fiscal year. Navy and other service components have differing limits and requirements. Contact the Lifelong Learning Center for eligibility requirements.

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Library

Marine Corps General Library Program

The Marine Corps General Library Program supports the quality of life and well-being of Marines and their families amidst diverse circumstances. The Headquarters Library Program extends library services to remote Marines, coordinates policy and manages reporting requirements for the installation libraries. Twelve main libraries and 16 branch libraries provide collections, in all formats, in support of professional, educational, informational and recreational pursuits. A joint integrated library system, or ILS, and virtual library website provide online access to additional electronic resources and services.

On installations, libraries play an important role in the professional lives of Marines and their family members. Collections include academic and professional research resources so Marines can readily locate commandant of the Marine Corps professional reading titles, earn college degrees or certifications, update their promotion package, prepare for transition and retirement and expand future career opportunities. Several on-installation colleges offer orientation classes in library research skills at installation libraries. The Voluntary Education Program and libraries work in cooperation to meet the needs of Marines receiving tuition assistance. Materials for Marines preparing for College Level Examination Program, or CLEP, and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, or DANTES, tests are in high demand, and library computers are often used to take practice tests. The ILS extends the use of each library's collection beyond the physical building. The system supports remote access to databases and the libraries' electronic catalogs and provides an online public catalog for locating and delivering interlibrary loan materials that meet a scholar's demands, a historian's needs or a hobbyist's interests.

On-installation libraries extend opportunities for community sharing, learning and entertainment for single Marines, families and families of deployed Marines. A thematic summer reading program has been standardized to support mobile military children. Library events vary by installation and may include an early literacy program, story times, makerspaces, book clubs, game nights, multicultural activities, book displays or access to a private webcam for meetings between deployed personnel and their families.

The Headquarters Library Program procures online databases to provide academic research, professional resources and recreational material available anytime, anywhere for Marines and their families. The virtual library portal provides access to a wide variety of general and subject-specific research databases for all ages, hundreds of self-improvement classes and digital magazines. Online homework tutoring is provided 24/7 through Tutor.com for K-12 students on subjects such as writing, mathematics through calculus, science and history. Librarians support cultural awareness and overseas families by registering library patrons for Transparent Language Online, an online foreign language program. Marine Corps library patrons are also eligible to access additional electronic research databases, audio and eBooks, genealogy resources and newspapers through the Navy Digital Library.

Seven of the Marine Corps general libraries have been awarded Premiere General Library certificates from the Department of Defense. Camp Foster library was selected the 2006 Federal Library/Information Center of the Year (large library category) by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee of the Library of Congress. Every success is the outcome of dedication to sustaining and improving the quality of life for Marines and the Marine Corps community.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Digital Library
Our mobile military members often don't have the resources of a brick and mortar library on hand. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation digital library provides those resources for members in transit, at foreign missions or remote sites, and for deployed personnel. Access to library materials in electronic and downloadable format is available online, 24/7. The library provides recreation, lifelong learning and reference and career resources for all ages and interests. All resources, including audio and ebooks, are available free to service members anywhere there is access to the Internet.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation digital library resources include the following:

- Books, with thousands of fiction and nonfiction titles, including animated children's books
- Databases that support education, research and career growth
- Resources that provide information on repairing a car or a small engine
- Learn more about the Morale, Welfare and Recreation digital library at Military OneSource.

### Housing - Overview

#### Government Housing

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#### Application

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#### Availability

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For questions regarding your housing application status, please contact the MCAS Military Housing Office at 843-228-6000 or the Parris Island Housing Office at 843-228-2583 or 843-228-2853.

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Non-Government Housing

Rental Options

When seeking to rent in the local community the average one bedroom apartment is $710.00 - $840.00; two-bedroom apartment is $845.00 - $885.00; three-bedroom apartment is $965.00; three-bedroom house is $700.00 - $1100.00. Security deposits are often equal to one months rent.

In addition to referral to the on base housing units, the Military Housing office takes care of all off base referrals to include rentals and purchases.

Housing Referral Office (HRO) -- Your contact for any problems you may encounter (discrimination complaints, tenant/landlord disputes, or any questions/problems about off base housing) is the HRO. Staff are available to assist you in a person to person basis to make your move to this installation an easy and pleasant one. They can provide a list of rentals with corresponding locator maps and give you information regarding the area in which rentals are located, 843-228-6000.

Purchase Options

The average cost of a single-family home in Beaufort County is $200,000.

Mobile Homes

MCAS does not have a Mobile Home Park.

Housing - Temporary

Temporary Lodging Facility (TLF)

The Detreville House (bldg 1108) is the temporary lodging facility for MCAS Beaufort. The DeTreville House (TLF) is
located next to the After Burners. This 66 room facility has rooms with and without kitchens and also king-size rooms. In 2003 the building of 24 units was complete. Open 24 hours a day! Due to recruit graduation at MCRD Parris Island, out in town lodging is limited Thurs-Sun, please call for reservations. Service members on accompanied PCS orders must check in with TLF for availability/non-availability statement for TLA reimbursement.

Detreville House (TLE) - depending on room type $55 - $65 per night

**Directions**

Take the first right on base and go until it dead ends, take a left and the Detreville House is the second building on your left.

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**Availability**

For single or unaccompanied service members, the S-1 or Staff Duty Officer will make arrangements for you to check into the barracks.

Bachelor Officer Quarters are available and Geo Bachelor Housing is available for E-7 and below. The cost depends on how many per room and rank. For more information call the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at DSN 312-228-6905.

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**Single Service Member Housing**

For our single service members MCAS Beaufort has two man rooms with a small refrigerator, microwave, wall locker, bed with drawers, free cable, outside grills, picnic tables, heat and air conditioning.

GEO Bachelor housing is available for a monthly fee.

**Household Goods - Overview**

**Arranging Household Goods Shipments**

As soon as you are alerted to your upcoming permanent change of station move, you can start getting your house and family ready. Clean up and get rid of junk. Hold a yard sale or donate serviceable items you no longer need. Gather important family records.

If you are moving overseas, begin to plan what items will go in unaccompanied baggage, in your household goods.
shipment and in permanent storage. Remember, in overseas areas, the electric current may be different and houses are generally much smaller than those in the United States. These are good questions to ask your sponsor.

**Household Goods Shipping Process**

The Defense Personal Property System is the online system you will use to manage your household goods shipment. For how-to guides to assist with your application go to [Move.mil](http://Move.mil).

**Pets**

Moving with your pet includes researching airline requirements and quarantine restriction laws in your new location. Many airlines have requirements for size, weight, breed, number of animals, kennel construction, documentation and seasonal limitations. Small pets may be shipped on military flights, but availability and regulations are always changing. Search [Move.mil](http://Move.mil) for more general information on shipping pets.

Many international locations have strict importation laws, including extended quarantines and restrictions on breeds or types of animals. Carefully research these rules as they could impact your moving schedule. You may also find some locations in the United States that have restrictions on certain animals and breeds. Review your new installation's "Shipping Pets" in [MilitaryINSTALLATIONS](http://MilitaryINSTALLATIONS) for details.

"It's Your Move"

Review the U.S. Transportation Command booklet, "It's Your Move," for detailed information on weight allowances, the household goods shipping process, storage, automobile shipments, claims processes and the customer satisfaction survey.

**Installation Specific Information**

**Household Goods - Shipping Pets**

**Marine Corps Official Pet Policy**

The United States Marine Corps has set official policy on types of dogs allowed in installation housing and other rules surrounding pets on base. You must read this policy before you plan your move, if you plan to live in government housing.

**Vaccinations, Licensing & Registration**

Pets in this area need vaccinations yearly. Dogs should be tested for heartworms and placed on preventative medication year round. Rabies vaccinations (usually good for one to three years depending on the age of the animal) are required to be kept up to date.

South Carolina law requires that all dogs and cats be licensed. They must be 4 months old and be vaccinated against rabies. Licenses can be obtained at veterinary offices and the County Court House.

All pets must be registered within seven days of coming aboard government property. Registration is accomplished by bringing a current rabies vaccination certificate to the Veterinary Clinic, Building 517A.

**Boarding**

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- The Animal Hospital of Beaufort, 2511 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC, 843-524-2244
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**Veterinary Services**

The Veterinary Treatment Facility provides routine check-ups, some medication, and vaccinations. The Veterinary Services is located in Bldg. 517A, and can be reached at 843-228-3317 or DSN 312-335-3317.

**Quarantine**

There is no quarantine necessary for MCAS Beaufort.

**Pet Travel**

There is no entitlement for the transportation of pets at government expense. Some spaces are usually available at additional cost on AMC flights from overseas locations to CONUS.
Special Needs

The Exceptional Family Member Program

When you're moving, your to-do list can seem long enough to fill a packing box. But if your family has special medical or educational needs, help is available before, during and after your move. Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program provides military families with special needs consideration during the assignment process and access to support services to help navigate the medical and educational system.

The Exceptional Family Member Program has three components:

- Identification and enrollment of a family member with special medical or educational needs
- Assignment coordination to determine the availability of services at the projected duty station
- Support to help families identify and access programs and services

Who should enroll in the program?

Family members with special medical or educational needs lasting longer than six months are required to enroll in the EFMP including spouses, children and dependent adults who:

- Require special medical services for a chronic condition such as asthma, attention deficit disorder, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, etc.
- Receive ongoing services from a medical specialist
- Have significant behavioral health concerns
- Receive early intervention or special education services through an individualized education program or individualized family service plan

Why enroll in the program?

Enrollment in the EFMP is mandatory for Active Duty, and ensures that family members' documented medical and educational needs receive consideration during the assignment coordination process. Through the EFMP family support office, families can receive assistance with navigating military and community support systems.

How do families enroll in the program?

Families can enroll by obtaining paperwork from the EFMP medical point of contact at their local military treatment facility, The EFMP Liaison, or in the Marine Corps, from Marine Corps Community Services. The forms for enrollment are:

**Department of Defense Form 2792, “Family Member Medical Summary.”** The service member, spouse or adult family member completes the first page to document medical needs. The family member's physician or other qualified medical professional completes the rest and includes the diagnosis, frequency of care, medication and any special accommodations the family member requires.

**Department of Defense Form 2792-1, “Special Education/Early Intervention Summary.”** The sponsor, parent or legal guardian completes items one through seven of the first page to document educational needs. School or early intervention program personnel complete the remainder of the form, which includes the child's educational diagnosis. A copy of the individualized education program or individual family service plan pairs with the form.

What is assignment coordination?

The military mission is the driving force behind the assignment process, but enrollment in the EFMP ensures that family members' documented needs are considered in the process. Assignment coordination occurs when the personnel command requests that Department of Defense medical or educational professionals review a family member's documented needs to determine availability of services at a projected location. Assignment coordination is important because access to appropriate medical and educational services may be limited in some areas, especially in overseas and remote locations. This process helps to eliminate the need for early returns from sea, HUMS and hardship discharges.

What is family support?

The EFMP family support function is provided by the EFMP case liaison and helps families identify and access programs and services. Family support includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Information and referral for military and community services
- Warm handoffs to the EFMP at the next location
- Nonclinical case management

What is the role of the EFMP Liaison?

The role of the family support provider includes:
Helping families on the path to empowerment by providing information and referral services, non-medical case management, education and other supports
Helping relocating families pinpoint and navigate formal programs and services and informal supports
Bridging gaps in programs, services and support by informing families on what is available, and how to apply for benefits and entitlements

**How do families access their EFMP case liaison?**

Access the EFMP case liaison by visiting or calling the Fleet and Family Support Center at 202-685-0229 and asking for a referral to a special needs consultant.

**How can families help ease the transition to a new school system following a move?**

In addition to the support available from the installation Military and Family Support Centers and Military OneSource consultants, MilitaryINSTALLATIONS provides some suggestions for making the transition easier as your child enters a new school system following a move to a new duty station. The article, "Preparing for Your Move," provides tips for what to do prior to and after your move to help create a smooth transfer between schools.

Additionally, military families can learn about the Education Directory for Children with Special Needs for information on special-needs issues and listings of national and local resources for early intervention (for infants and toddlers) and special education (for school-age children) services.

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**Special Needs - EFMP Enrollment**

Military families often relocate every two or three years. Below are suggestions for making the transition easier as your child enters a new school system following your family's move to a new duty station in the states or a Department of Defense Education Activity school overseas.

**Relocating: things to remember**

At least 30 days prior to your move:
- Notify the school or early intervention agency of your impending move and request a copy of your child's educational records.
- Obtain your child's most recent transcripts, grade reports and all pertinent medical records, including inoculation records, prescriptions and dosages.
- Contact the new school district or early intervention agency for specific information about programs on or near the installation where you will be living. Use the State, School District and Installation Information sections of the Education Directory for Children with Special Needs to identify the districts in your new location and find information about early intervention agencies. The directory provides helpful tools to assist families with infants and toddlers and school-age children transitioning to a new educational program.
- If your child has special needs and is receiving early intervention or special education services, request a copy of the following information:
  - Latest individualized education program or individualized family service plan, including the most recent progress report
  - Your child's most recent eligibility determination report for special education services, including early intervention
  - The names of textbooks or other materials that have been effective for your child
  - Adaptive equipment and assistive technology such as communication devices or modified key boards that your child uses in school
- As you leave your duty station, you should:
  - Hand carry a copy of your child's inoculation records and the information you collected about your child's educational program.
  - Take any special equipment, medication refills and supplies (for example, hearing aid batteries) that your child may need in the next two months.
  - Keep contact information for your child's current teacher or early intervention specialist in case there are questions at your new school or early intervention agency.
  - Provide the staff at your child's current school with the contact information for the special education staff at your child's new school to speed the transfer of your child's information.
- When you arrive at your new duty station, you should:
  - Take the hand-carried educational information, including immunization records, with you to enroll your child in the local school.
  - Notify the new school that your child has special needs. Sign appropriate releases so the new school can request
official copies of your child's records. Request copies of any publications about the school's special education services. It is easier for the receiving school to start the appropriate special education or early intervention services for your child when you hand-carry important information about your child. The current individualized education program will be recognized by the school's special education committee and interim services can be provided within days. Each state has different policies or procedures that guide its special education and early intervention programs. Do not expect to use the same forms and procedures that were used at your previous location. You should expect that every effort will be made to meet your child's needs.

**Special Needs - EFMP Family Support**

**Background**

The *Education Directory for Children with Special Needs* was developed to support military families who have children (birth through 21) with special educational needs. Military families can consult the directory for information on special-needs issues and listings of national and local resources for early intervention (for infants and toddlers) and special education (for school-age children) services.

**Highlights**

The *Education Directory for Children with Special Needs* is a valuable resource for military families. The directory:
- helps families identify the early intervention agencies and public school districts located near the installation prior to moving
- allows users to make more informed decisions and more easily navigate local early intervention and special education systems
- includes information on a range of disabilities affecting school-age children and on early intervention service providers and resources for infants and toddlers
- provides practical suggestions (Tools for a Smooth Transition) for relocating families

**Special Needs - Health Care**

**Military treatment facilities**

The clinics and services available at military treatment facilities vary by location. Before you move, identify the military treatment facility that will serve you, visit its website to learn about the services available and get contact information.

**Moving to a new TRICARE region**

If you anticipate a move to another TRICARE region, work with your local TRICARE service center or case manager before your move to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. On arrival at the new duty location, you or your sponsor should contact the beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator or the TRICARE service center to ensure the transition plans are in place and to obtain authorizations for TRICARE Extended Care Health Option services, if applicable.

**Beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator**

All TRICARE regional offices and most military treatment facilities are staffed with beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators. They provide information, guidance and assistance on benefit options, TRICARE Prime enrollment, special authorizations, status of claims, eligibility and assistance with referrals and appointments. If you or your family member has more severe needs, contact your TRICARE case manager.

**Case management**

Case management involves a team of health care professionals who help you and your family find solutions to complex health problems. It is important to inform your case manager if you are moving as he or she will connect you with the case manager at your new location.

**Extended Care Health Option**

The *Extended Care Health Option* provides financial assistance to beneficiaries of active-duty service members who qualify based on specific mental or physical disabilities. The Extended Care Health Option offers an integrated set of services and supplies beyond the basic TRICARE program. Regional contractors in each of the TRICARE regions and
overseas administer the program.

Transferring medical equipment

Contact your installation’s household goods/transportation office for information on special procedures for the transportation of medical equipment.

Federal and state health care programs

Medicaid provides health coverage for individuals and families with low incomes or have a disability. The department of social services or the department of medical assistance may administer the Medicaid program in your state. Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, is a cash assistance program intended to meet basic needs for disabled adults and children who have limited resources. Families must reapply after moving to a new state.

Many states offer services for children with special health care needs funded by the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, or Title V. State departments of health websites and local health departments can provide information on state health benefits. The Maternal and Child Health Bureau website has more information, including state points of contact.

Other important resources

TRICARE debt collection assistance officers assigned to regional offices and military treatment facilities worldwide can help beneficiaries understand and get assistance with debt collection issues related to TRICARE.

Installation Specific Information

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The EFMP is designed to assist service members in providing for special needs of their EFM before, during, and after relocation required by a change of duty assignment. Enrollment is a mandatory requirement for all family members who possess a physical, educational, or social challenge, no matter how minor.

There is priority housing for Category 4 EFM. Service members must submit an Administrative Action Form to the Housing Director via the EFMP Coordinator as soon as issuance of PCS orders.

Most significant medical challenges are directed to the Medical Centers in Charleston, SC (65 miles) and Savannah GA (45 miles). A Regional Shriner's Hospital is located in Greenville, SC (5 hours from MCAS).

All EFMP’s should contact Program Coordinator prior to acceptance of orders to ensure service availability. EFMP Package forwarded prior to arrival is highly encouraged.

Available Programs

New Parent Support Program -- The New Parent Support Program (NPSP) provides support services to military families by facilitating healthy family functioning, increasing parenting skills and knowledge of infant growth and development, and assisting young families in developing social support within their community. The NPSP helps families cope with stress, isolation, post-deployment reunions and the everyday demands of parenthood.

STOMP -- Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP) is an organization that provides information especially for military families. They can assist with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) and IFSP (Individualized Family Support Plan) issues as well as providing information on laws and regulations just for military families and special education. STOMP is the only National Parent Training and Information Center for military families providing support and advice to military parents without regard of the type of medical condition their child has. You can call collect from anywhere in the United States.

Parents Reaching Out to Parents -- Parents Reaching Out to Parents of South Carolina, Inc., is a private, non-profit organization which provides information and training about education to families of children with all types of disabilities.

PRO-Parents -- PRO-Parents believes parents can be the best advocates for their children. Experienced advisors assist parents to become more aware of their rights and responsibilities through telephone counseling, workshops and written material. With confidence and knowledge, parents can then participate as equal partners with professionals on behalf of their children.

SS and SSI -- The Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability programs are the largest of several Federal programs that provide assistance to people with disabilities. While these two programs are different in many ways, both are administered by the Social Security Administration and only individuals who have a disability and meet medical criteria may qualify for benefits under either program.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to you and certain members of your family if you are "insured" meaning that you worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes.
Supplemental Security Income pays benefits based on financial need. When you apply for either program, SSA will collect medical and other information from you and make a decision about whether or not you meet Social Security's definition of disability.

**Education - Special Education/EIS**

**Early Intervention and Special Education Services**

*Children from birth to 3 years of age*

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA, requires all states and territories to provide early intervention services to children from birth to 3 years of age who have or are at risk for having developmental delays. Local school districts or health departments often provide these early intervention services. The program is called by different names in different areas, but it is often called Part C (because Part C is the section of the law that pertains to early intervention). The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center provides a list of state Part C directors and funded programs on their website. Also, Military OneSource can assist you in identifying early intervention programs in your area.

When moving, you should hand carry copies of your child's individual family service plan and the most current evaluation reports to your new home to ensure they are not lost.

*Children between 3 and 21 years of age*

The IDEA requires all states and territories provide special education services to eligible children between the ages of 3 and 21. Each local school district has a special education director, and each school should have an individualized education program team or school-based committee that attends to students with special education needs.

The IDEA requires that if a child transfers to a different district in the same state, the receiving school must provide comparable services until the new school develops and implements a new individualized education program. If a child transfers to another state, the receiving district must provide comparable services until the receiving district completes an evaluation and creates a new individualized education program.

If you are moving and your child receives special education and related services, you should hand carry all pertinent school and medical documents, including the individualized education program and current evaluation reports. Hand carrying these documents ensures that they are not lost and allows the new school district to begin the process as soon as you move.

**Other resources**

Parent Training and Information Centers serve families and adults with special needs from birth to age 26. They assist families in getting appropriate education and services for their children, work to improve education services for all children, train and inform parents and professionals, resolve problems between families and schools or other agencies, and connect those with disabilities to community resources. Find out more at the Center for Parent Information and Resources website.

**Installation Specific Information**

*School Age (3-21 years) - Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS)*

The Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) at Laurel Bay provide special education. Galer Elementary School, Bolden Elementary School, and Elliott Elementary School provides special education services to all eligible students whose families meet the housing requirements for their children to attend a Department of Defense stateside school.

Services are provided to students with all types and levels of disabilities within a variety of settings. Preschool children with disabilities are educated in a full inclusion preschool program. Due to the small nature of the school system and geographical location, there may be some specialized services for students that are contracted out to the local public school or another agency. There has been some difficulty at times finding specific services, such as a vision specialist, to provide services in this area.

*Four Year Old Preschool Program*

All four year old children are eligible to attend a universal preschool program that operates in two of the elementary schools. This program is for all children who turn four years of age on or before the designated date of the respective
school year. It is open to all eligible children whose families meet the housing eligibility requirements for their
children to attend a Department of Defense stateside school. This is a half-day preschool program provided at no cost
to the parents.

Special Education Records

Parents of children enrolled in special education should hand-carry copies of all pertinent school and medical
documents, to include their children's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and current testing and evaluation
reports, to provide to the new school.

It is helpful if parents call the Ft. Stewart/South Carolina Superintendent's office in advance of their arrival so we can
plan for a smooth transition to our schools.

Contact

Director of Student Services
Camp Lejeune North Carolina
855 Stone Street
Camp Lejeune, NC 28547
910-451-2461
Email

Local Community Information

Most of the special education in Beaufort County is handled through the local schools. This depends on the special
education needed and what the school at that time has to offer. This will vary from school to school, the resources at
the time that the special education is needed and what the treatment plan is.

The Sylvan Learning Center is the leading provider of K-12 tutoring services throughout the US, Canada, and Europe.
At Sylvan, we create confident, independent students by discovering and targeting the causes of academic frustrations.
Using the results of a comprehensive Skills Assessment, we create a personalized curriculum that addresses and
eliminates underlying issues.

Through positive reinforcement and our unique instructional method known as Mastery Learning, we ensure that each
student achieves success. By working in partnership with parents and schools, Sylvan prepares students for
challenges and opportunities ahead.

An early intervention service is located in Beaufort at the Health Link for Children. The Health Link for Children
conducts evaluations, provides referrals as well as some services within their facility.

BabyNet is a program that provides services to infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with developmental
delays or diagnosed disabilities. Children may be eligible for BabyNet if they are learning or developing slowly.
Children who meet eligibility criteria are served regardless of family income or nationality. Early Intervention
services are based upon the child's needs and may include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy or
assistive technology.

BabyNet provides services to eligible children and their families based upon an Individualized Family Service Plan
(IFSP) that is developed with the family, the service coordinator and the professional providing services/therapies.

Health Care - Overview

Moving with TRICARE

When you move, TRICARE moves with you. It's there before, during and when you get to your next duty station. It's
available worldwide. There are steps you need to take to make sure changes to your TRICARE coverage go smoothly.
With your move, you may have to use a different TRICARE option.

Please note:

You and your family members have to show as TRICARE eligible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting
System, or DEERS.
For TRICARE plan information, visit the TRICARE Plan Information Kits page.
Regional and overseas contractor information is available on TRICARE's Contact Us page.
Print out the TRICARE contact wallet card and keep it with you.
Always keep personal contact information current in DEERS, especially your address and email.

Prime options
Prime options in the United States

If you live in a Prime Service Area, then TRICARE Prime is an option for you. A Prime Service Area is usually within a 40-mile area of a military clinic or hospital. With Prime, you have a primary care manager, who may be a military or civilian doctor or a team of doctors, who manages your health care needs.

Some active-duty family members may enroll in the U.S. Family Health Plan, or USFHP. The USFHP offers a TRICARE Prime-like option in six areas of the United States. You'll get all care (including prescription drug coverage) from a network provider. With the USFHP, you can't get care at military hospitals and clinics or from TRICARE network providers (emergency exceptions). You have to work with USFHP when get care overseas. Visit the U.S. Family Health Plan page for more information.

If you don't live in a Prime Service Area, TRICARE Prime Remote is your other option. Eligible family members have to live with their active-duty sponsor (with some exceptions) to enroll in TRICARE Prime Remote. In most cases, your primary care manager is a network provider. If there's no local network provider, you can choose any TRICARE-authorized provider to act as your primary care manager.

Prime options overseas (including U.S. territories)

In overseas locations, you have two options for care:

TRICARE Overseas Program-Prime is for active-duty service members assigned overseas. Units are near military clinics and hospitals. To enroll in the program, family members must be command-sponsored. Your primary care manager is a military provider or team of providers.

TRICARE Overseas Program-Prime Remote is available in certain remote overseas locations. It's for assigned active-duty service members and their command-sponsored family members. Your primary care manager is the overseas contractor who you contact through regional and country specific call centers.

Note: Active-duty service members must enroll in a Prime option.

When you know you're going to move, call your current TRICARE stateside overseas contractor. Find out if your new location is in a new region and talk about your TRICARE options.

Transferring your TRICARE Prime/Prime Remote coverage

When you move, your Prime options may change. You have to transfer your enrollment if you move to a different region. Some family members may have to disenroll and use TRICARE Standard. Options may vary for each family member. Remember, to enroll in a Prime option overseas, family members must be command-sponsored.

If you move within your current region, you still need to find out if your Prime option changes. You may only need to get a new primary care manager. Again, call your current TRICARE regional or USFHP contractor to talk about your move and your TRICARE options. Follow these steps to transfer your enrollment by phone:

Call your current TRICARE regional or USFHP contractor to transfer your enrollment or get a new primary care manager. The contractor will ask about you, your family, where you're moving to and the estimated date you'll get to your new duty station. Your current contractor then shares your information with your new contractor. If you only need a new primary care manager, they will work with you to make that happen. Your new contractor will call you within five business days of your expected arrival date to discuss your Prime enrollment and primary care manager options. Your enrollment transfer will be the day your new contractor calls and you agree to the transfer. It may take up to four business days to record your transfer. You will still have Prime coverage with your old region until the transfer is complete.

Update your address in DEERS as soon as you get to your new location, even if you're in temporary housing.

Log into milConnect to check on your enrollment. You can see who your primary care manager is and print out an enrollment card.

Note: Don't disenroll from Prime before you move.

Other ways to transfer your enrollment include:

Transfer your enrollment online using TRICARE's Beneficiary Web Enrollment Tool. The Beneficiary Web Enrollment Tool will be available in 2016 for those moving stateside from an overseas location. In the Beneficiary Web Enrollment Tool, you can set a date up to 90 days in the future as your enrollment transfer date.

Call your new contractor when you arrive in your new duty location. They can transfer your enrollment over the phone.

Download an enrollment form and mail it to the regional contractor for your new region. Remember to note the date you want the transfer to go into effect. Enrollment information for the USFHP is available on the U.S. Family Health Plan page.

Enroll when you in-process at your new duty location.

To learn more, visit the TRICARE Moving page.
TRICARE Standard and Extra

TRICARE Standard and Extra is an option for active-duty family members. You don't have to enroll—coverage is automatic as long as you show as TRICARE eligible in DEERS. With TRICARE Standard or Extra you can see any TRICARE-authorized provider, non-network or network. You pay a deductible and costs shares.

If you visit a non-network provider, you're using the Standard option. You may have to pay in full up front and file a claim for reimbursement.

If you visit a network provider, you're using the Extra option. You only need to pay your cost share at your appointment.

If you're a family member and don't want to enroll in TRICARE Overseas Program-Prime, or can't enroll because you're not command-sponsored, you have TRICARE Overseas Program-Standard. You can see any civilian provider (except in the Philippines).

If you want or have to use TRICARE Standard when you move, call the new regional contractor to disenroll from Prime when you get to your new location.

If you already using TRICARE Standard and Extra:

Once you get to your new location, update your personal information in DEERS as soon as possible. You can update your personal information through milConnect, through TRICARE's Beneficiary Web Enrollment Tool or calling the Defense Manpower Data Center toll-free at 800-538-9552; TTY/TTD: 866-363-2883.

Find a provider. If you are within the United States, you can find network and non-network providers by region through the TRICARE Find a Doctor page. If you are overseas, you can find a provider through the TRICARE Overseas website or call the overseas regional call center.

If you're in a new region, the claims address changes. Check the TRICARE Filing Claims page for your new mailing address.

TRICARE For Life

TRICARE For Life is for those who have Medicare and TRICARE. You don't have to enroll - coverage is automatic as long as you show in DEERS as TRICARE-eligible and have Medicare Part A and Part B if needed. When you go to a Medicare doctor, show your Medicare and uniformed service identification cards. Your provider files your claims with Medicare. Medicare pays first and sends the claim to the TRICARE For Life claims processor. TRICARE then pays second for TRICARE-covered services.

If you're an active-duty family member, you don't have to have Medicare Part B to keep your TRICARE benefits. You must have Part B to keep TRICARE once your sponsor retires.

When you move, update your personal information in DEERS as soon as possible. To find a new provider:

If you are within the United States or in U.S. territories (Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa or the U.S. Virgin Islands), you can search the Medicare Provider Directory or call 800-633-4227 to find a Medicare-certified provider. Visit the Medicare website or the TRICARE For Life website to learn more.

If you are at an overseas location, TRICARE For Life works a little differently. Medicare doesn't pay for care overseas, TRICARE is your primary payer. You may get care from any civilian provider. You pay up front and then file a claim with the TRICARE overseas contractor. You have to pay TRICARE Standard deductibles and cost shares. You can find a provider through the TRICARE Overseas website or call the overseas regional call center.

Getting care along the way

Before you move, take care of any routine medical needs, including immunizations. Fill your prescriptions so you have enough while traveling. TRICARE defines emergency care as "medical services provided for a sudden or unexpected medical or psychiatric condition or the sudden worsening of a chronic condition that is threatening to life, limb or sight and needs immediate medical treatment or a condition which has painful symptoms that need immediate relief to stop suffering." TRICARE defines urgent care as "medical care for a condition that will not result in disability or death if not treated immediately but should be treated within 24 hours to avoid further complications."

Emergency care when stateside – If you require emergency care while traveling in the United States, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Then call your primary care manager or regional contractor within 24 hours of being seen.

Urgent care when stateside – If you require urgent care while traveling in the United States, are using a Prime option and you’re close to a military hospital or clinic, go there. You have priority access and you don’t need a referral to be seen. Otherwise, if you have Prime, call or contact your primary care manager for a referral and authorization. If you don’t get a referral and authorization before being seen, you’ll pay the higher point-of-service deductible and cost share. If you have Prime Remote and don’t have an assigned primary care manager, call the provider that acts as your primary provider or call your regional contractor.

Emergency care when overseas – For emergency care, go to the nearest emergency care location. If you're using TRICARE Overseas Program-Prime or Prime Remote, call International SOS Medical Assistance within 24 hours or on
The Beaufort Naval Hospital is located on Ribaut Road, approximately halfway between Marine Corps Air Station and Clinic for active duty personnel. Located on MCAS Beaufort is a Branch Medical Clinic for active duty service members. Co-located is the Branch Dental Medical Care Installation Specific Information

TRICARE website
Find more about moving, updating DEERS, the TRICARE regions, pharmacy, dental and much more through the TRICARE website or the TRICARE Moving page.

Filling prescriptions while traveling
If you run out of a prescription drug while traveling, contact your military or civilian provider. If you have refills on a military clinic prescription, check to see if your prescription can be moved to and filled by another military treatment facility. If you have refills on your prescription with a major retail pharmacy chain, check with the chain to see if they can transfer your prescription to a local chain pharmacy. If you have refills on a drug you get through TRICARE home delivery, call the TRICARE pharmacy contractor to see what can be done.

**If you are within the United States or in U.S. territories** and a doctor puts you on a new drug, fill your prescription at a military pharmacy or TRICARE retail network pharmacy. If you are Prime and use a non-network pharmacy, you pay the higher point-of-service deductible and cost share. You may have to pay out of pocket for your drug(s). If so, file a claim with the TRICARE pharmacy contractor. If you are still in an overseas Prime option, you file your claim with the overseas contractor.

**If you are at an overseas location,** and a doctor puts you on a new drug, fill your prescription at a military pharmacy or go to a civilian pharmacy. You will likely have to pay out of pocket. You file your claim with the TRICARE overseas contractor, even if you are enrolled in a stateside Prime option.

Getting dental care while traveling
Getting dental care while traveling depends on your location and whether you are a service member or family member.

**If you are an active-duty service member within the United States or in U.S. territories,** you can receive dental care at a military dental clinic. Contact the Active Duty Dental Care Program before you see a dentist and tell the contractor about your move. You will need to get an authorization before you see a dentist. The Active Duty Dental Care Program will work with you so you can get care from a local network dentist. For dental emergencies, go to a military dental clinic if possible. If not, get care from any civilian network dentist and have the dentist give you paperwork showing what he or she did during the visit. Make sure you get the dentist’s contact information and call the Active Duty Dental Care Program contractor immediately to let them know about your care so they can work with you to make sure they can pay the claim.

**If you are an active-duty service at an overseas location,** you can call the overseas regional call center to get authorization before you see a civilian dentist.

**If you are an active-duty family member within the United States, in U.S. territories or at an overseas location,** you can find out if any nearby military dental treatment facility treats active-duty family members. If you’re enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program, call the TRICARE Dental Program contractor or visit their website to find a provider. You will need to get an authorization before you see the dentist.

Permanent change of station for active-duty service members
With permanent change of station orders, ask for a copy of your medical and dental records from your personnel office, providers/dentists, and medical or dental clinics. Do this at least one month before your permanent change of station date. This way you may be able to carry records to your new duty station.

You may ask providers or the military clinic to transfer your family's medical records to the military hospital or clinic nearest to your new duty station. You may ask to have copies of their records to carry with you or them as well. (You may have to pay to get their records copied.) If you want someone else to be able to get medical or dental information on you or your family while you are moving, you need to complete a DD Form 2870, "Authorization for Disclosure of Medical or Dental Information."

Find more about moving, updating DEERS, the TRICARE regions, pharmacy, dental and much more through the TRICARE website or the TRICARE Moving page.

Installation Specific Information

**Medical Care**
Located on MCAS Beaufort is a Branch Medical Clinic for active duty service members. Co-located is the Branch Dental Clinic for active duty personnel.

The Beaufort Naval Hospital is located on Ribaut Road, approximately halfway between Marine Corps Air Station and
Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island. The small-to-medium hospital provides medical care for all active duty and retired members located in southeastern South Carolina and northeastern Georgia.

Specialties available at the hospital are:
- Anesthesiology
- Dermatology
- Family Orthopedic Surgery
- Pediatrics
- Pharmacy
- Acute Care Clinic
- Psychiatry
- Podiatry
- Radiology
- Social Work Services

All eligible patients with medical problems not covered by the specialties within the hospital are referred to either an appropriate military hospital, or receive treatment elsewhere which is covered by the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (TRICARE).

When referral for civilian care is initiated, family members will be specifically advised concerning the health benefits available and expected costs by the Coordinated Care Department located on the first floor of the hospital. Their phone number is 843-228-5506.

Emergency Services

The Naval Hospital has one physician on duty to treat emergency cases. The Emergency Department personnel use a "triage" system to identify those individuals with serious life-threatening illness/injury requiring immediate attention and those individuals whose condition is not serious and could await physician evaluation.

Child and Youth Programs

The Department of Defense takes great pride in the variety and quality of services provided to children and youth on installations worldwide. While the services provided may vary by location, the standards and quality of services are consistent and meet established regulations.

Child Development Centers

Child development centers, or CDCs, generally offer child care for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Care is available Monday through Friday, with some locations offering options, such as extended hours, weekend care and respite care. Child development centers vary in size and larger installations may operate multiple facilities. Programs are certified by the Department of Defense and accredited by a national accrediting body, such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Family Child Care

Children ages 6 weeks to 12 years may receive care in the private home of a certified family child care provider living in government-owned or leased housing. Family child care is typically available weekdays and with additional care provided during evenings, weekends and flexible hourly care for shift work. Regulations limit the number of children who receive care at any one time to no more than six children under age 8 and no more than two children under age 2. Family child care providers must be certified to operate by the installation. Individual providers may voluntarily seek national accreditation from the National Association of Family Child Care and are provided local support, training and materials to accomplish this goal.

School-Age Care Programs

School-age care programs provide care to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Care is offered before and after school, during non-school days and summer vacations. School-age care programs may be located in Department of Defense youth centers, child development centers or in other suitable facilities. All programs are certified by the Department of Defense and accredited by a national accrediting body, such as the Council on Accreditation.

Requesting Child Care

Military families may request child care by visiting MilitaryChildCare.com. This Department of Defense website serves all military families seeking child care (including Child Development Centers, Family Child Care and school age care programs) and provides access to military-operated child care options world-wide. Families may search for and request care, manage their requests, and update their profile online, simplifying the process for finding child care.
Youth Programs

Dynamic programs for youth ages 5 through 18 years are provided in approximately 300 youth and teen program facilities worldwide. A wide variety of offerings includes activities in physical fitness and sports, the arts, life skills, career and volunteer opportunities. Installation programs may also collaborate with other youth-serving organizations, like the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and USDA/4-H programs.

Child Care

Child Development Center (CDC)

The MCAS Beaufort’s Child Development Center (CDC) is certified by the Department of Defense (DOD) and is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our programs include: hourly care for 6 weeks of age to five years (up to 25 hours per week), part-day preschool for three & four year olds, full day care for thirteen months to five years old. Our Family Child Care Program (FCC) provides home-based care for children ages six weeks to twelve years of age. All of MCAS’s programs for Children, Youth, & Teens (CYT) are inclusive; children with special needs are welcome.

Eligibility/Priority

The dependents of: active duty military, active duty reservists, retired military, DOD civilians & DOD contractors are eligible to attend CYT programs. Priority care is given to single/dual active duty military that are stationed at MCAS Beaufort. There is an excess demand list, projected wait list and preference for care wait list.

MCAS Beaufort has one Child Development Center, and does not have a Youth Center. However, dependents can use any CYT programs at Laurel Bay and Parris Island.

Costs

The fees are based upon total family income (TFI).

Programs Offered

The MCAS Beaufort Child Development Center offers a variety of child care programs. Following is a description of each: Full day developmental programs for pre-toddlers, toddlers and preschool children ages 11 months to 5 years of age. The full day program hours are 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Drop-In Child Care is now open in Bldg 1142 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Reservations may be made up to 2 weeks in advance. Please call 843-228-7114/7290 to reserve space. Maximum usage 20 hours/week. There is a $7 registration fee & cost is $2.50/hour. SC Certificate of Immunization required for all children.

Respite Care

Respite Care is available through the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). The child must be a member of the EFMP. If the child is an EFM the child and his/her sibling can use the Child Development Center (CDC) for respite care. The child is allow 40 hours per month for respite care at the center. To register for respite care you must call 843-228-6903 or 228-3843. To set up an appointment for your child to be dropped off at the CDC you will need to call 843-228-7290.

Preschool

Preschool is available at the Child Development Center (CDC) on Marine Corps Air Station only from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. The classes are for children from ages 3 to 5 years old. For more information please call 843-228-7290.

Family Child Care (FCC)

Family Child Care (FCC) homes offer safe, high quality child care through high standards for quality and well-trained staff in a family/home atmosphere with a small group of children in either government housing or a private home off the installation. Care can include full day, part day, hourly or extended day care for parents that work non-traditional hours. Each professional FCC provider and their family must undergo a series of background screenings. The FCC provider must complete a comprehensive and extensive initial training, as well as on-going training. This program also provides the spouse of military dependents the opportunity to operate their own business while remaining in their home with their own children. The FCC professional provides much needed quality service to children and families from the military. 843-846-2270. FCC Referral List [website](#).
School Age Care (SAC)

The SAC program is offered for children 5 to 12 years of age, or Kindergarten - 6th grade at the Parris Island and Laurel Bay Youth Centers. The Youth Centers provide a safe haven for school age children offering recreation activities, and before and after school programs. The facility boasts a full sized gymnasium, playground, arts and craft room, game room and teen center. Affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club of America. MCCS SC Youth Program mission is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring individuals. Their goal is to provide a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationship with caring, adult professionals, and offer life-enhancing programs that promote character development. Rates are base upon Total Family Income. MCRD Parris Island, 843-228-3302 Ext. 7344; Laurel Bay, 843-228-7640, Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Youth Services

Youth Services

The mission of the Laurel Bay School-Age Care, Youth and Teen program is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring individuals. Our goal is to provide an affordable, safe place to learn and grow, develop ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals and offer life-enhancing programs that promote character development.

Eligibility / Availability

We offer a comprehensive composite of diverse activities contributing to the well-being of school-age care children (ages 6-12 years old), youth (ages 9-12 years old) and teens (ages 13-18 years old).

All dependents of military personnel; DoD civilian personnel, active duty Coast Guard, reservists on active duty or during inactive duty for training and DoD contract personnel who are performing mission related duty on the installations are eligible to use the programs. Retirees may be eligible when a waiting list does not exist and space is available.

Youth Centers on Installation

The Youth Centers provide a safe haven for school age children offering recreation activities and before and after school programs. The facility boasts a full sized gymnasium, playground, arts and craft room, game room and teen center. The center is affiliated with the Boys and Girls Club of America.

There are 2 Youth Centers available for use by personnel stationed at MCAS Beaufort:

MCRD Parris Island, located aboard Parris Island. They can be reached at 843-228-3302, ext. 7344.

Laurel Bay, located in the Laurel Bay Housing area. They can be reached at 843-228-7640.

Hours of Operation -- The centers are open Monday through Friday, 6:00 am until 6:00 pm.

Following is a list of Youth programs offered as well as hours and days available:

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Open Recreation Program

The Latch Keys Open Recreation Program is available at MCRD Parris Island and Laurel Bay Youth Centers, Monday through Thursday, 2:30 until 5:30. The program is available to children 10-12 years old to assist with homework and join fun activities such as pool, foosball and outdoor activities, Boys and Girls club of America programs and computer and Play Station II games. Soda and snack machine are available at the facilities.

Youth Sports Programs

The Youth Center supports Youth Sports programs with dance and gymnastic classes being held at the center on a weekly basis. A full court basketball court is available for the children/youth and teens at the Laurel Bay (LB) Youth Center.

Youth Sponsorship Program
Marine and Family Services' Relocation Assistance Program and the Child, Youth and Teen Program work together to provide a special program for school age youths to assist them in becoming acquainted with the opportunities awaiting them in Beaufort, South Carolina.

The Youth Sponsorship Program helps youths moving to the Beaufort area by matching them up with another age-appropriate youth presently living in the Beaufort area. The youths correspond with one another in order to find out exactly what to expect upon their arrival at Beaufort, South Carolina.

To obtain a Youth Sponsor, Youth Center at Laurel Bay prior to transfer at 843-228-7640.

Youth Employment

MCCS offers many opportunities for the employment of Youths. Youths under the age of fourteen are not permitted to work for MCCS. The requirements vary according to the age of the youth. Every teenager 14 or 15 years of age must have an employment certificate (work permit) to work. Work permits may be obtained at most public high schools and many private schools. Students who are home schooled should visit the nearest high school in order to obtain a work permit. The forms that are required in order to obtain a work permit:

- Intention to Employ - This form is completed by the employer.
- Permission for Employment - This form is completed by the parent
- Evidence of teen's age - i.e. birth certificate, school record, passport, etc.

Youth Religious Programs

Please contact the MCAS Chapel at 843-228-7775 to find out about Youth Religious Programs.

Boys/Girls Scouts

The Boys/Girls Scouts are available through the Beaufort County Schools and the DoDDS School System.

New Parent Support Program

Marine Corps New Parent Support Program

The New Parent Support Program is an early intervention service for families who are expecting or have a child 5 years of age or younger. The primary focus of the New Parent Support Program is intensive home visitation services tailored to meet the unique needs of each family and help them cope with stress, isolation, deployment, post-deployment reunions and the everyday demands of parenthood. In addition to home visits, expectant parents and parents of newborns and young children can participate in a variety of programs, such as support groups and parenting classes designed to help parents learn new parenting skills and provide an optimal learning environment for their children. Confidential services also offer new and expecting parents the opportunity to express concerns and ask questions.

Program highlights

These programs and services are available through the Marine Corps New Parent Support Program:

- **Baby Boot Camp** - These classes provide new and expectant parents with an understanding of an infant's world and the basic skills necessary for loving, safe care. Classes include topics such as breastfeeding, bonding and attachment, and self-care.
- **Parenting classes** - These classes provide hands-on parenting education to support healthy children and positive family relationships. Parenting topics include infant massage, newborn care and discipline.
- **Referrals** - Assistance with information and referrals link families with appropriate military and community services.
- **Play morning** - This interactive playgroup helps teach parents about developmentally appropriate play and helps children improve their social, cognitive and motor skills. Parents must provide signed documentation of their child's immunizations to participate.
- **Home visits** - Parents receive education and support by a caring professional in the privacy of their home. These services are available to families regardless of whether they live on or off the military installation.

Staff qualifications

The New Parent Support Program is a professional team of licensed social workers, marriage and family therapists and registered nurses skilled in child development and sensitive to the challenges facing military families.

Eligibility

Service members and their families stationed at or near a Marine Corps installation who are expecting a child or have a child under 6 years of age are eligible for all services, free of charge, offered by the New Parent Support Program.

Getting started
Enrollment is easy. Just call the New Parent Support Program on your installation during regular business hours. Find the program through MilitaryINSTALLATIONS. Select New Parent Support Program and your installation from the drop-down menus.

**Installation Specific Information**

The MCAS Beaufort New Parent Support Program is located in Bldg. 1617 Suite E and has a professional team of social workers and nurses who provide supportive and caring services to military families. Our trained, supervised home visitors have extensive knowledge of the issues encountered by today's parents. These home visitors are sensitive to the unique challenges facing military families. The NPSP helps families cope with stress, isolation, post-deployment reunions, and the everyday demands of parenthood through a variety of programs including home visits, support groups, and parenting classes. You can reach the NPSP at 843-466-0082.

**Family Center**

**Programs and services**

As a gateway to the resources you need, the Military and Family Support Center provides information, support and services to help you balance the demands of military life. The Military and Family Support Center is one part of the overall Family Readiness System, which is the network of agencies, programs, services, partnerships and individuals that supports your personal and family life readiness, mobilization and deployment readiness, and mobility and economic readiness. It should be one of your first stops once you arrive at a new installation. The programs and services are a key resource for you and your family. They include:

**Deployment support** assists you and your family during all phases of the deployment cycle, providing workshops and services to help meet the challenges of deployment, as well as information and referral to deployment-related resources. Services include education briefings for deploying members and families, support services, morale calls and service-specific programs.

**Relocation assistance** provides an array of services to meet your moving needs. Relocation services include, but are not limited to, relocation workshops that help you prepare for a move, information on installations and communities worldwide and, where offered, a loan closet for basic household items. Relocation assistance also includes assistance with in-transit emergencies. Military and Family Support Centers work with other installation agencies to keep relocation information current, timely and relevant to allow you to make informed decisions and ensure you experience a smooth and successful move.

**Personal financial management** provides information, education and one-on-one financial counseling to assist you and your family in maintaining your financial readiness. Services are designed to address money management issues throughout your active-duty lifecycle and into retirement. Financial readiness educational opportunities range from basic planning to long-term investing.

**Employment assistance** offers comprehensive information, tools and resources to support career exploration, training and licensing, and employment readiness. Military and Family Support Centers may offer career counseling, local labor market information, trend tracking, skills and interests identification, job bank referrals and resources for self-employment.

**Family life education** provides information and education to assist you and your family in developing resilience skills that can help as you navigate your mobile military lives.

**Information and Referral** can assist you in identifying and clarifying needs to determine appropriate forms of assistance and in locating services and programs available both on and off your installation.

**The Transition Assistance Program** prepares separating, retiring and demobilizing service members (and their families) with the information, skills and knowledge necessary for a successful transition from military to civilian life. The first step in your transition process is to complete the congressionally mandated pre-separation counseling session, which furnishes detailed information on the various benefits and services available. Military and Family Support Centers may provide other services, such as counseling and family advocacy. Services vary by location.

**Employment - Overview**

**Employment Options**

The Career Resource Management Center (CRMC), also known as the Transition Assistance Office, Bldg. 807 has a computer laboratory with job vacancy listings, federal application software, and word processing programs for writing resumes and cover letters. The CRMC also has local job listings, a job search resource library, and a fax machine.
available for your use. A Family Member Employment Program counselor is available to assist with resume writing, cover letters and job searches by appointment. Unemployment in SC is 7.4%. Median household income is $44,804.

**Good Prospects**

Many positions exist for teachers, retail salespersons, medical workers and services related to tourism. Beaufort County is a tourist area with many jobs in restaurant service and hotel service, many located on Hilton Head Island (approximately one-hour drive from MCAS).

**Fair Prospects**

Clerical positions are somewhat available.

**Poor Prospects**

Mid/upper level management and most degreed positions are difficult to obtain. Computer and technical positions comprise 1% of available jobs. There is a lot of competition for relatively few openings.

**Local Economic Climate**

The largest employers in the Low Country are: Beaufort County School District, Department of Defense, Wal-Mart, Beaufort County, Beaufort County Memorial Hospital, Publix Super Markets. The most recent industries experiencing growth include: healthcare, fast food service, cashiers, construction, and hotel/motel clerks.

**On Base Employment Opportunities**

For more information regarding on base employment opportunities, please visit the [MCCS website](mailto:). 

**Employment Documentation**

For job hunting purposes, be sure to bring all employment records including resumes, federal applications, SF-50's, copy spouse’s PCS order, transcripts, certificates and licenses.

**Unemployment Compensation**

For military spouses relocating to the Beaufort area, the available unemployment benefits are dependant on the state from which you are relocating. Some states consider relocating military spouses as eligible for unemployment benefits, while others do not. In addition, the way you file for benefits differs depending on the state from which you have relocated. For example, if you are relocating from California, you may register for benefits at the [South Carolina Employment Commission website](http://www.sc.gov). But, if you are relocating from Georgia, you must go into the South Carolina Employment Commission office and fill out a form.

**Transition Assistance Program**

The Career Resource Management Center (CRMC), also known as the Transition Assistance Office (Bldg. 807) 843-228-7701/843-228-6670/DSN 312-335-6670. The offices are equipped with a computer laboratory, job vacancy listings, and books and materials to assist with writing résumés, cover letters and performing job searches. The Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) is co-located with the TAMP offices. To contact the FMEAP office call 843-228-6463. The FMEAP office offers workshops such as Interviewing Skills, Résumé Writing, Job Fair Strategies, Federal Employment, and Career Decision Making.

**Tuition Assistance**

All active duty Navy and Marines, enlisted recalled reservists are eligible for tuition assistance funding. Navy and Marines receive up to $250.00 per credit hour and up to $4500 per fiscal year for accredited programs. Navy personnel are limited to 16 semester hours per fiscal year.

**MyCAA**

For information on MyCAA and Military Spouse Education and Career Opportunities, visit [Military OneSource](http://www.militaryonesource.mil).

**Relocation Assistance**

**Programs and Services**

If a permanent change of station, or PCS, is in your future, you may have questions about moving. As part of the Military and Family Support Center, the Relocation Assistance Program provides services and resources to help make this transition as smooth as possible. Here’s what they offer:

**Individual PCS planning** — Most relocation programs offer one-on-one consultation. In particular, those making their
first military move, those making their first overseas move or those with challenging or complex situations should contact the relocation assistance office.

**MilitaryINSTALLATIONS and Plan My Move** — For managing and planning your move, you may want to take advantage of these DoD-sponsored online relocation tools. You can estimate expenses, locate forms for housing and property shipments, and create a moving calendar.

**Loan closet** — Where available, loan closets offer basic household goods while your personal property is in transit. Typical items include pots and pans, dishes, silverware, irons, ironing boards and infant or toddler car seats. Generally, towels and bed linens are not available, so these should be packed in your express shipment.

**Workshops and briefings** — Workshops vary from installation to installation, but you may find classes on purchasing real estate and renting, budgeting and finance, moving with children or general moving preparation.

**Pre-departure briefings** — These briefings may be called Smooth Move or PCS Briefing, and they provide essential information to prevent you from making uninformed and costly decisions before your move.

**Settling-in services** — Welcome wagon services, local area tours (with child care sometimes provided), or basic household items to use until your goods arrive may be a part of your installation’s settling-in services. Overseas arrival services may include introductory language classes and cultural awareness training.

**Foreign-born spouse support** — Whether your question concerns immigration and naturalization, learning the English language or how to use local transportation, the relocation program provides assistance, classes and referrals.

**Emergency assistance** — From time to time, emergencies occur while moving. The Relocation Assistance Program office has the resources to provide emergency financial assistance and referrals.

**Installation Specific Information**

The Information and Referral Program (I&R) locates resources about services and programs available at MCRD Parris Island, MCAS Beaufort, Naval Hospital Beaufort and at civilian agencies both locally and nationally. I&R also provides assistance to make relocation as smooth and stress-free as possible.

The I&R Program provides a number of relocation assistance briefs and services for inbound and outbound personnel:

**Welcome Aboard Brief**
Learn important information about the base and surrounding area during the Welcome Aboard Brief. The brief is available to military personnel and spouses when they check-in with Information & Referral. Receive a personal Welcome Aboard Brief anytime between 0800-1600, Monday through Friday, without an appointment.

*Personnel in the grades of E-1 through E-6, WO-1 and O-1 through O-2 must attend the mandatory Welcome Aboard Brief (Settling in Services) in accordance with MCO 1754.10A. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

**Smooth Move Seminar**
Smooth Move is a mandatory workshop for personnel making a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move. Subject matter experts from DMO, disbursing, housing and more will provide instructions on the proper procedures to receive full benefits. Personnel should attend the Smooth Move 60-90 days prior to executing PCS orders, or as soon as web orders are received. Registration should be made as soon as web orders are received. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Lending Locker**
Family Service Center
63 E. Laurel Bay Blvd.
Laurel Bay
Bldg. 807, Room 100
Hoffecker Ave.
MCAS Beaufort
Bldg. 923, Room 27
Chosin Reservoir Rd.
MCRD Parris Island
Queen, full and twin mattresses
Irons and vacuums
Coffee makers and toasters
Kitchen utensils
Electronics
Folding tables and chairs
Baby items
And more
The lending locker is for active-duty Marines and families needing household items temporarily. Items available include:
When checking items out of the Lending Locker, please bring the following:

- Military ID
- New command address and phone number
- New residence address and phone number

**Loan Closet**

**Items Available**

Our Lending Locker is well stocked with queen, full, twin and youth size air mattresses, microwaves, TV's with DVD's, vacuum cleaners, dishes, pots and pans, coffee makers, toasters, alarm clocks, irons, ironing boards.

**How to Borrow**

Loans are made on a first come, first serve basis and free of charge. Please call the Relocation Assistance Program at 843-228-6401.

**Family Advocacy**

**General Program Description**

The Family Advocacy Program is the congressionally designated program responsible for the prevention of and response to child abuse and neglect and domestic abuse/intimate partner violence in military families. The Family Advocacy Program works in cooperation with military and civilian medical providers, law enforcement, legal personnel, chaplains, and child and youth programs to provide a coordinated community response. The goal of the Family Advocacy Program is to promote the prevention, early identification, reporting and treatment of child and spouse abuse.

Program services vary by installation and generally include the following:

- Public awareness campaigns, education and support for couples and parents
- Parenting support at every age and stage, including New Parent Support Program home visits for expectant parents, new parents and families with young children
- Safety planning, advocacy and support for domestic abuse victims
- Clinical treatment for offenders and all affected family members as appropriate provided by MEDCOM

**Prevention, Education and Outreach**

Family Advocacy Program prevention, education and outreach services vary by installation and may be offered in coordination with military or civilian partners. Contact your installation Military and Family Support Center or Family Advocacy Program for local listings. Sample services include the following:

- Education and skill-building training on topics including stress or anger management
- Seminars on healthy relationships, couples communication or conflict resolution
- Parenting support, including the New Parent Support Program, playgroups, educational workshops and opportunities for parents and families at every age and stage
- Counseling or referrals to services tailored to meet specific family needs and schedules provided by MEDCOM

**Child Abuse and Neglect and Domestic Abuse Information and Reporting**

**Child abuse and neglect:** If you have concerns about a child's welfare or safety, whether at home or in the care of a Department of Defense child or youth program, find your local Family Advocacy Program under the Installation Contacts tab or contact any of the following:

- **Military OneSource** (800-342-9647)
- Local child protective services, your state's reporting hotline or Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline at 800-4-A CHILD (422-4453)
- For concerns about child abuse or neglect in a DoD child or youth program or school, your installation Family Advocacy Program or the DoD Child Abuse and Safety Violation Hotline at 800-790-1197 in the United States or 571-372-5348 overseas (not a crisis line)

**Call 911 or law enforcement if you witness abuse or neglect or a child is in imminent danger.**

**Domestic abuse:** If you or someone you care about needs help, confidential support is available. Please contact the following for information, support and assistance:
Domestic Abuse Reporting Options

**Restricted report:** In most instances, domestic abuse victims may request a **restricted report**, which allows for confidential medical care, counseling, victim advocacy and support services, such as safety planning and legal assistance, without command notification or a law enforcement investigation. A victim must contact a medical care provider or Family Advocacy Program professional to request the restricted reporting option.

**Unrestricted report:** If a domestic abuse victim requests an **unrestricted report**, the sponsor's commander is promptly notified, law enforcement is involved and administrative action against the offender may be taken. The victim remains eligible for all victim advocacy services, including safety planning, legal assistance and specialized support. Contact military law enforcement or the Family Advocacy Program to make an unrestricted report. In an emergency, call 911.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Family Advocacy Program services are available to service members and family members eligible for care in a military treatment facility. Intimate partners and others may qualify for limited support and referrals as appropriate. Contact your installation Family Advocacy Program for details.

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**Financial Assistance**

**Financial Assistance**

**Financial Preparedness Workshops**

Financial preparedness workshops are offered to the different units at MCAS Beaufort. One on one appointments are offered to Active duty, Reservist, Dependents, Military Retirees and DoD Employee's working at MCAS Beaufort. The basic services offered are Basic Financial Planning, Money Management, Investment Planning and Retirement Planning.

**Cost of Living**

Beaufort is considered a high cost living area and you are encouraged to shop the area before you decide to sign any rental agreements or contracts pertaining to living accommodations. Check with, make sure you place your name on the housing list once you have checked in. The closer you are to base the higher the cost due to the convenience of the location. Remember to make sure that you have a military clause in your rental agreement.

The average utility cost ranges from $200 - $250. The average cost for renting is $750 for a 2 bedroom.

**Car Insurance**

If you have your automobile financed, you are required to have full coverage per South Carolina State Law. If the automobile has a free and clear title (you owe no money on the vehicle) you may be able to choose just liability insurance.

**Health Insurance**

It is advised that you maintain your health insurance coverage from your last duty station area until you check in at Parris Island. This will help you maintain coverage as you travel. If you cancel the insurance prior to leaving your old duty station you are no longer in the system and would not have coverage if an accident occurred. It is advised that you check with your current insurance carrier to make sure you comply with the policy you have as far as coverage is concerned.

**Temporary Lodging Facility (TLF)**

The DeTreville House (bldg 1108) is the temporary lodging facility for MCAS Beaufort. The DeTreville House (TLF) is located next to the Hard Corps Cafe. This 66 room facility has rooms with and without kitchens and also king-size rooms. In 2003 the building of 24 units was complete. Open 24 hours a day! Due to recruit graduation at MCRD Parris Island, out of town lodging is limited Thurs-Sun, please call for reservations. Service members on accompanied PCS orders must check in with TLF for availability/non-availability statement for TLA reimbursement.

**Advance Pay**
Plan your move as far ahead as possible and refrain from taking advanced pay. If you have to take advance pay make sure that you incorporate the repayment amount in your new budget.

Emergency Assistance

American Red Cross

In the event of an emergency in transit, please contact the nearest American Red Cross office or call the American Red Cross After Hours # 1-888-272-7337. The American Red Cross can assist with your emergency.

American Red Cross communication services keep military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of a family member or other important events, such as the birth of a child. The Red Cross quickly sends these communications on behalf of the family to members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving anywhere in the world, including ships at sea, embassies and isolated military units. The information or verification in a message assists the service member's commanding officer with making a decision regarding emergency leave.

How to Contact the Red Cross to Send an Emergency Message:

Active duty service members stationed in the United States and their immediate family members may call the Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Centers for help 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The toll-free telephone number is available through base or installation operators and from local on-base Red Cross offices. Other family members who do not reside in the service members' household, members of the National Guard and Reserves, retirees and civilians may access Red Cross services through their local Red Cross chapter, which is listed in local telephone books.

Overseas personnel stationed on military installations should call base or installation operators or the on-base Red Cross offices. At overseas deployment sites, contact the American Red Cross deployed staff.

When calling the Red Cross to send an emergency message to a family member, it is helpful to have the following information:

Service member's:
Full Name
Rank/Rating
Branch of Service
Social Security Number
Military Address
Information about the deployed unit and the home base unit (for deployed service members only)

The Red Cross works with the military aid societies (Army Emergency Relief, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Air Force Aid Society and the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance). This partnership helps to provide financial assistance for emergency travel that requires the presence of the service member or his or her family, burial of a loved one, or with assistance that cannot wait until the next business day (food, temporary lodging, urgent medical needs, or the minimum amount required to avoid eviction, utility shut off, etc.).

In 2003, the American Red Cross, in partnership with the military aid societies, provided $5,387,846 in emergency financial aid to 6,457 service members, their families, retired military personnel and widows of retired military personnel.

How to access Red Cross services:

Active duty service members stationed in the United States and family members residing in the service member's household (example: service member's spouse) should contact Armed Forces Emergency Service Centers for information and assistance 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The toll-free telephone number may be obtained from military installation operators, from local on-base Red Cross offices and from the local Red Cross chapter.

All family members who do not reside in the service member's household, regardless of where the service member is assigned at a local military installation or another geographical location should contact their local American Red Cross chapter for assistance. Chapters are listed in local telephone directories.

Members of the National Guard and Reserves and their families should contact their local Red Cross chapter, listed in local telephone directories.

Active duty service members on overseas military installations may access Red Cross reporting and communication
assistance by contacting base/installation operators for the listing of the on-base Red Cross office or information on how to access Red Cross assistance if there is not a representative on the local installation. Families living overseas may access assistance through the local on-base Red Cross office or through the base/installation operator for information if there is not a Red Cross representative on the local installation. In overseas deployment areas, service members should contact the American Red Cross office responsible for their jurisdiction/installation.

Note, when applying for financial assistance the same procedures are followed; however, applications are reviewed by the respective military aid societies and are approved by the respective aid society.

Financial Assistance/Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS)

You can also contact the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Headquarters for financial assistance at 703-696-4904 or visit their website.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can provide interest-free loans or grants to help with emergency needs such as:

1. Emergency Transportation
2. Funeral Expenses
3. Medical/dental Bills (patient's share)
4. Food, Rent, and Utilities
5. Disaster Relief Assistance
6. Child Care Expenses
7. Essential Vehicle Repairs
8. Unforeseen Family Emergencies

How to apply

Service member or eligible family members who have an emergency need should contact the nearest NMCRS location and make an appointment to be seen by an NMCRS caseworker. Bring your ID card and latest LES, if available, with you. If that office is closed and the emergency is of such a nature that it cannot wait until the next business day (e.g. death in the immediate family), the answering machine will provide instructions for obtaining "after hours" assistance.

When there is no NMCRS office in the area, an available Army Emergency Relief, Air Force Aid Society, or American Red Cross Chapter Office can process your request on behalf of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Salvation Army

From the beginning, the Salvation Army has been motivated primarily by a love for God and a desire to serve mankind. Now, over 140 years later that motivation has not changed. As a nationally recognized denomination within the Christian Church, Salvation Army congregations gather each Sunday for worship and fellowship in many cities throughout the Carolinas. There are many programs offered at the Salvation Army, such as Women's Ministries, Men's Fellowship and the Youth Group.

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs are unique places created by the Salvation Army that offer programs and services that exemplify and actively practice Christian principles. This is done in a way that causes recipients of our services to learn to admire the values, ethics and skills presented, and incorporate them into their own lives. To reach today's young people nad their families in a non-threatening way, our Clubs create an accepting, positive and challenging environment where young people of every background, circumstance, race, creed and religion feel welcomed. As part of the Salvation Army's family and services, this program is offered to the poorest and most needy among us. It is for this reason that hte Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs are so vital to the Salvation Army's mission and ministry.

The Salvation Army is located at 2505 North Street. You may call 843-524-3727 for more information about the Salvation Army.

Legal Assistance

Legal Services

Marine Corps Legal Assistance programs provide free professional legal help to active duty and retired military members and their dependents. Legal assistance also helps certain survivors of deceased Armed Forces members. A legal assistance officer is a licensed attorney, though not always in the state where stationed. Legal Assistance attorneys give advice and help prepare legal documents and correspondence.

All the information the client discusses with a Legal Assistance Attorney is confidential and protected by the attorney-client privilege. The entire Legal Assistance staff zealously protects client confidentiality.
Before making a Legal Assistance appointment, you should do the following:

First, take logical steps to help yourself. If you find yourself in a legal dispute, try to talk to the other party before consulting an attorney. You can then give the attorney both sides of the story. You may find that the other party is reasonable and willing to resolve the matter. In your approach, be tactful and courteous. Many legal problems arise simply because the parties are discourteous and lose their tempers.

When you see your attorney, bring along all available documents, records, and correspondence about your question or problem. The nature of the information you provide will directly effect the quality of advice you receive.

If you need a document notarized, or a power of attorney, come in anytime during our normal work hours. Most banks will provide notary service for their customers free of charge. Additionally, many stationary stores will provide notary service for a nominal fee.

Remember, the most help you can give yourself is to use sound judgment and seek legal advice before acting on any legal or business matter.

Some things to remember:

Attorney services by appointment only.

Procedures regarding scheduled office appointments: Clients need to make child care arrangements for the date/time of their appointment. Children will not be permitted to attend the appointment with the attorney. Child care is not provided by this office. If the client arrives for their appointment with children, their appointment will be canceled and rescheduled to enable the client to make child care arrangements.

Attorneys will not provide legal advice over the telephone.

Walk-Ins. We have walk-in services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons shall not be seen at this time for family law or estate planning issues. The only issues handled during Walk-ins will consist of Landlord/Tenant issues (lease review, eviction notices, landlord demand letters, etc.); Consumer Law (auto issues, credit card issues, cell phone issues, debt collection); and Emergency Issues, such as being served with court documents.

Separation/Divorce Counseling. The provision of full separation/divorce services will be limited to the following categories: E-6 and below and O-3 and below, including eligible family members. Separation/Divorce services are not available to retirees, O-4’s and above, Warrant Officers, and E-7’s and above, or their eligible family members, at this time.

Appointments are available by calling 843-228-7385/7330.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment.

All scheduled appointments are one-half hour and follow-up appointments will be scheduled accordingly.

If you cannot make your scheduled appointment, please call to cancel as far in advance as possible.

Eligibility

Legal assistance may be provided to active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces (and Reservists scheduled for deployment) and their dependents, retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents, and dependent survivors of active duty and retired members. This statutory authority does not extend to civilian employees. Before our attorneys can talk with you, our staff will have to complete what is called a "conflicts check" to ensure that we do not represent both parties in a dispute. Information of Legal Assistance may be obtained by calling the Law Center at 843-228-7385/7330. The MCAS Beaufort Law Center is located in Bldg. 601.

Deployment Support

Family Deployment Support

Marine Corps Family Team Building currently consists of the following programs: Personal and Family Readiness, Morale Call E-Mail, Key Volunteer Network (KVN), Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills (LINKS), Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP), and the Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO).

The Personal and Family Readiness Program

Provides Marines and the families of Marines with information and assistance so that they can prepare successfully for both the expected and unexpected separations that are part of a military lifestyle. For our area, this would include hurricane preparedness.

The Key Volunteer Network (KVN) no longer exists. KVN has been replaced with the Unit Personal and Family Readiness Program.
The Morale Call E-Mail Program

This program was designed so those family members of deployed Marines would be able to send e-mail to their Marine during separations such as lengthy deployments. This program is also available to single Marines who would like to e-mail their fellow Marines that are deployed and also to family members' back home.

Predeployment Briefs

Predeployment briefs are done by the Readiness and Deployment Support Program. Predeployment briefs are done whenever a unit is getting ready to be deployed. Deployment support groups are also available if needed. If more information is need about Predeployment briefs or any of the programs listed please contact the Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB) at 843-228-6141 or 228-7495.

Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills (LINKS)

LINKS is a program designed by Marine Corps spouses for spouses of Marines. If you were taking a trip to an unfamiliar place, you would wonder about your destination and your route. LINKS is a program mentored by spouses that will show you as a Marine spouse how to make the most out of the unique opportunities a military lifestyle has to offer. Mentor "tour guides" share their own "tote bag" and treasures to help spouses get started on their journey as a Marine family. All spouses are invited to attend no matter what their experience level.

Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP)

PREP is a marriage enrichment workshop that focuses on communication and conflict resolution between couples.

Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO)

This is a weekend retreat program held on St. Simons Island, Georgia. These retreats focus on both personal growth and marriage enrichment. They are at no cost to the service member.

Contact Information

**DSN Dialing Instructions:** When dialing a DSN number from U.S. installation to U.S. installation, it is unnecessary to dial the 312 area code. When dialing a DSN number to/from overseas locations, the DSN area code must be included.

Cunningham Street & Drayton Street
Beaufort, SC 29906
Phone 843-228-7158 Commanding Officer's Office
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7158
Fax 843-228-7032
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7032
Mon - Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Website | Map

**Adult Education Centers**
Voluntary Education Program
596 Geiger Boulevard
Building 596, Room 204, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7484 / 843-228-7421
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7484/7421
Fax 843-228-7486
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7486
Mon - Fri 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

**Automotive Services**
Marine Mart/Gas Station
1283 Geiger Boulevard
MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-6142
Mon - Fri 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sat - Sun 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Website | Map

**Automotive Services**
Automotive Skills Center
1219 Gordon Street
MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7586
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7586
Mon & Tuesday - Closed
Wed 12:00pm – 8:00pm
Thu-Sun 10:00am – 6:00pm
Website | Map

**Barracks/Single Service Member Housing**
Central Billeting Office
1121 Gordon Street
Building 1121 MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904

**Beauty/Barber Shops**
Barber Shop
1283 Geiger Boulevard
Building 1283 MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinators
Career Resource Management Center / TRS
807 Hoffecker Street
Building 807, Room 100
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7701
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7701
Fax 843-228-6361
Fax (DSN) 312-335-6361
Mon - Fri 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Email | Map

Child Development Centers
Child Development Center/MCAS Beaufort
1142 Geiger Boulevard
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7290 / 843-228-7114
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7290
Fax 843-228-6531
Mon - Fri 5:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

Citizenship and Immigration Services
Legal Assistance
400 Wake Blvd
Parris Island, SC 29905
Phone 843-228-2559
Phone (DSN) 312-335-2559
Fax 843-228-7691
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7691
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am-11:30am (Walk-ins)
Mon, Wed, & Fri 8:30am-11:30am/1:30pm-4:30pm (By Appointment Only)
Website | Map

Commissary/Shoppette
Commissary
407 Wake Boulevard
Building 407
MCRD Parris Island
Parris Island, SC 29905
Phone 843-228-2383 / 843-228-3727
Phone (DSN) 312-335-2383/3727
Fax 843-228-2196
Sun 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Mon - closed
Tue -Fri 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Early Bird shopping:
Tue – Sat 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Sun 10:30 am -11:00 am
Email | Website | Map

DoD Schools
Phone 843-228-7701
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7701
Mon-Fri 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Email | Website | Map

Civilian Personnel Office
MCCS Coordinator
564 Geiger Blvd
MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7333
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7333
Fax 843-228-7875
Fax (DSN) 312-228-7875
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

Dental Clinics
MCAS Branch Dental Clinic
598 Geiger Boulevard
Building 598, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7512
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7512
Mon - Fri 7:00 am – 3:45 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Map

DoD Schools
Charles Frank Bolden Elementary School
2 Albacore St.
Beaufort, SC 29906
Phone 843-846-6112
Fax 843-846-9283
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Website | Website | Map

EDFMP - Enrollment
EDFMP / Enrollment
Family Service Center
63 E. Laurel Bay Blvd.
Beaufort, SC 29905-5100
Phone 843-228-3188 / 843-228-7752 / 843-228-7695
Mon – Fri 7:30am – 4:30pm
Sat & Sun Closed
Website | Map

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS)
Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS)
One Pinckney Boulevard
Naval Hospital
P.O. Box 6246-A
Beaufort, SC 29902-6148
Phone 843-228-5276
Phone (DSN) 312-335-5276
Fax 843-228-5165
Fax (DSN) 312-335-5165
Mon-Fri 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Flexible schedule available
Email | Website | Map

Exchange(s)
MCAS Exchange Complex
1283 Geiger Boulevard
Building 1283
MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7769 / 843-228-6142
Mon-Fri 5:00am-10:00pm
Sat-Sun 8:00am-10:00pm
Email | Website | Map

Family Center
Family and Community Services - Personal and Professional Development
P.O. Box 55023
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7353
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7353
Fax 843-228-6105
Fax (DSN) 312-335-6105
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Website | Website | Map

Finance Office
Installation Personnel Administration Center
807 Hoffecker Street
MCAS Beaufort, SC 29904

Elliott Elementary School
345 Elliot Drive
Beaufort, SC 29906
Phone 843-846-6982
Fax 843-846-6720
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Website | Website | Map

EFMP - Family Support
EFMP / Family Support
Bldg 404 Blvd de France
Parris Island, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-3843 / 843-228-3849 / 843-228-7695
Mon – Fri 7:30am – 4:30pm
Sat & Sun Closed
Website | Map

Emergency Relief Services
Navy Marine Corps Relief Society
799 Gordon Street
Building 799, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7357 / 843-228-7043
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7357/7043
Fax 843-228-7050
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7050
Mon - Fri 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

Family Advocacy Program
Marine and Family Services - Family Advocacy
807 Hoffecker Avenue
Building 807, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-6126 / 843-228-6909
Phone (DSN) 312-335-6126/6909
Fax 843-228-6613
Fax (DSN) 312-335-6613
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

Family Child Care/Child Development Homes
Family Child Care
699 Shanghai Street
Parris Island, SC 29905
Phone 843-846-2270 / 843-228-7279 / 843-338-1554
Phone (DSN) 312-335-2270/7279/1554
Mon – Fri 7:00am – 6:00pm
Sat and Sun – Closed
Email | Website | Map

Financial Institutions
CPM Federal Credit Union
3481 Trask Parkway
1345 Ribaut Road
**Gymnasiums/Fitness Centers**

Gymnasium
408 Gordon Street
Building 408, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7192 / 843-228-6412
Phone (DSN) 312-335-6374
Fax 843-228-6276
Mon - Fri 12:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Sat & Sun 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Email | Website | Map

**Hospitals/Medical Treatment Facility(s)**

MCAS Branch Medical Clinic
598 Geiger Boulevard
Building 598, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7424
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7424
Fax 843-228-7434
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7434
Mon - Fri 7:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Website | Map

**Household Goods/Transportation Office (inbound)**

Distribution Management Office
612 Drayton Street
Building 612, MCAS Beaufort
MCAS Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7124 / 843-228-7125
Phone (DSN) 312-335-6000
Fax 843-228-7221
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7221
Mon - Fri 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

**Housing Office/Government Housing**

Housing Office
1140 Geiger Boulevard
Building 1140, MCAS Beaufort
MCAS Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-6000
Phone (DSN) 312-335-6000
Fax 843-228-6422
Fax (DSN) 312-335-6422
Mon, Tues, Fri 7:30am – 4:00pm
Wed 7:30am – 2:00pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

**ID/CAC Card Processing**

ID/CAC Card Processing
807 Hoffecker Avenue
MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7941
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7941
Fax 843-228-7348
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7348
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 3:15 pm
Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map
Information and Referral Services
Information and Referral with Relocation Services
807 Hoffecker Ave.
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7351
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7351
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

Legal Services/JAG
Legal Assistance
400 Wake Blvd
Parris Island, SC 29905
Phone 843-228-2559
Phone (DSN) 312-335-2559
Fax 843-228-7691
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7691
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am-11:30am (Walk-ins)
Mon, Wed, & Fri 8:30am-11:30am/1:30pm-4:30pm (By Appointment Only)
Website | Map

Loan Closet
Information and Referral with Relocation Services
807 Hoffecker Ave.
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7351
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7351
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

Military Clothing Sales
Military Clothing Sales
1283 Geiger Boulevard
Building 1283
MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7769
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7769
Mon - Fri 5:00 am – 10:00 pm
Sat & Sun 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
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Non-appropriated Funds (NAF) Human Resources
Marine Corps Community Services-Human Resources
63 East Laurel Bay Boulevard
Laurel Bay, Beaufort, SC 29906
Phone 843-228-6512
Phone (DSN) 312-335-6512
Fax 843-228-6516
Fax (DSN) 312-335-6516
Email | Website | Map

Personnel Support Office
Distribution Management Office (DMO)
612 Drayton Street
Building 612, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7124
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7124
Fax 843-228-7221
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7221
Mon-Fri 8:00am – 4:00pm
Sat & Sun Closed
Email | Website | Map

Restaurants/Fast Food
Food Court
807 Hoffecker Ave.
MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7351
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7351
Mon-Fri 7:30am – 4:30pm
Sat & Sun Closed
Email | Website | Map

Restaurants/Fast Food
Officers' Club
554 Quilali Rd
Building 554, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7600 / 843-228-7182
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7600
Fax 843-228-7561
Tue – Fri: Lunch 1100-1300
Fri evening Officers calls
Sat-Sun events only
Website | Map

School Age Care
Laurel Bay Youth Center
147 Althea Street
Beaufort, SC 29906
Phone 843-228-7640
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7640
Fax 843-228-6539
Fax (DSN) 312-335-6539
Mon - Fri 5:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sat & Sun - Closed
Email | Website | Map

Spouse Education, Training and Careers
Marine and Family Services - Family Member Employment Assistance Program
807 Hoffecker Avenue
Building 807, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29905
Phone 843-228-6463
Phone (DSN) 312-335-6463
Fax 843-228-6361
Fax (DSN) 312-335-6361
Mon - Fri 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

Transition Assistance Program
Career Resource Management Center/TRS
807 Hoffecker Avenue
Building 807, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7701 / 843-228-6670
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7701
Fax 843-228-6105
Fax (DSN) 312-335-6361
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

VA Facilities
VA Clinic
1 Pinckney Boulevard

1283 Geiger Boulevard
Building 1283, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7895 / 843-228-7482
Mon - Fri 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Website | Map

Retirement Services
Retired Activities Office
807 Hoffecker Avenue
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7701
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7701
Mon - Fri 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

School Liaison Office/Community Schools
Laurel Bay Schools Administration Building - School Liaison
PO Box 5501
Commanding Office, Building 601
Beaufort, SC 29904-5001
Phone 843-228-6128
Fax 843-846-6316
Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Website | Website | Map

Temporary Lodging/Billeting
(TLF) Inns of the Corps
1108 Delalio Avenue
Building 1108 MCAS
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-522-1663
Fax 843-522-1871
Email | Website | Website | Website | Map

Travel Office
Distribution Management Office (DMO)
612 Drayton Street
Building 612, MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-7864 / 843-228-7124 / 843-228-7125
Phone (DSN) 312-335-7864/7124/7125
Fax 843-228-7221
Fax (DSN) 312-335-7221
Mon-Fri 8:00am – 4:00pm
Sat & Sun Closed
Email | Website | Map

Veterinary Services
Veterinarian
517A Alaska Street
Victim Advocate Services
Marine and Family Services - Sexual Assault Victim Advocate
807 Hoffecker Street
Building 807, Room 125
MCAS Beaufort
Beaufort, SC 29904
Phone 843-228-6499 / 843-228-7823
Phone (DSN) 312-335-6499
Fax 843-228-6613
Fax (DSN) 843-228-6613
Mon-Fri 7:30 - 4:00
24/7 Sexual Assault Helpline (843) 321-6009
DOD Safe Helpline 1-877-955-5247 or text MCAS Beaufort, SC" to 55-247
Website | Website | Map

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC & WIC-O)
Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
601 Wilmington St.
Beaufort, SC 29902
Phone 843-525-7625-option 0
Mon - Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat and Sun - closed
Email | Website | Map

Major Units

Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501
Contact Information:
S-1 Office
COM: 843-228-9759
DSN: 312-335-9789

FRO
COM: 843-228-9785
DSN: 312-335-9785

Marine Aircraft Group-31
Contact Information:
S-1 Office
COM: (843) 228-6228/7156
DSN: 312-335-6228/7156
COM FAX: 843-228-6338
DSN FAX: 312-228-6338

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31
Contact Information:
S-1 Office
COM: (843) 228-6087/6011
DSN: 312-335-6087/6011

**Marine Air Control Squadron 2, Det-A**  
Contact Information:  
S-1 Office, MAG 31  
COM: 843-228-7840  
DSN: 312-335-7840  
COM FAX: 843-228-6264  
DSN FAX: 312-228-6264

**Combat Logistics Company 23**  
Contact Information:  
S-1 Office  
COM: 843-228-8510  
DSN: 312-335-8510

**Marine Wing Support Detachment 31**  
Contact Information:  
Admin Chief  
COM: 843-228-8311  
DSN: 312-335-8311

Clerk  
COM: 843-228-8310/8312  
DSN: 312-335-8310/8312  
Fax: 843-228-8316  
DSN Fax: 312-335-8316

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115**  
Contact Information:  
S-1 Office  
COM: (843) 228-7642  
DSN: 312-335-7642

**Marine Fighter All Weather Fighter Attack Sqdn 224**  
Contact Information:  
S-1 Office  
COM: 843-228-7285  
DSN: 312-335-7285  
COM FAX: 843-228-9428  
DSN FAX: 312-228-9428

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251**  
Contact Information:  
S-1 Office  
COM: 843-228-7414  
DSN: 312-335-7414

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312**  
Contact Information:  
S-1 Office  
COM: 843-228-7409/7761  
DSN: 312-335-7409/7761  
COM FAX: 843-228-7707  
DSN FAX: 312-228-7707

**Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533**  
Contact Information:  
S-1 Office  
COM: (843) 228-6443  
DSN: 312-335-6443  
COM FAX: 843-228-6487  
DSN FAX: 312-228-6487

**Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron (H&HS)**
Contact Information:
Squadron Gunnery Sergeant
COM: 843-228-7813
DSN: 312-335-7813
COM FAX: 843-228-7032
DSN FAX: 312-228-7032