

Qualified Providers

The ARNG WDCS Pilot will utilize licensed and registered Child Care Service Providers that meet the quality child care standards as outlined in the DoDi 6060.2. Eligible drilling Soldiers will be able to access care during weekend drill up to a MUTA 6 during the hours of 0600-1800. This pilot program does not provide overnight care.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a cost to Soldiers to utilize WDCS?

- The WDCS Pilot Program is providing quality child care to Soldiers with no cost to the Soldier. Payment of care will be made by CCAoA directly to the care provider.

When will I receive a response from Child Care Aware® of America of my enrollment?

- You will receive a response about the status of your application within 3 business days from the submission of your application.

The Army National Guard WDCS is utilizing Child Care Aware® of America (CCAoA) as the third party administrator to recruit qualified care providers and coordinate care for eligible Soldiers. The WDCS Pilot Program includes six states; Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Virginia, and Washington

For additional information about the Pilot Program, contact your Lead Child and Youth Coordinator at:



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WEEKEND DRILL CHILD CARE PILOT PROGRAM

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (ARNG) WEEKEND DRILL CHILD CARE (WDCC) PILOT PROGRAM

The Chief of the National Guard Bureau and The Adjutants General identified a lack of weekend drill child care as impacting Soldier retention. The WDCC's Pilot Program objective seeks to address the gaps in child care during the weekends to enable unit readiness, support retention, mitigate financial hardship and reduce the conflict between military mission and parental responsibilities.

The program will enable access to quality child care during drill weekends for eligible ARNG Soldiers near their Home of Record or near their weekend drill duty location. Care provided will be at no cost to the Soldier.

Child care is foremost a parent responsibility. Soldier parents should have a documented Family Care Plan and should consider care plans during military duty, including activations/deployments, annual training and school periods, and weekend drill periods.



Steps to Enroll



STEP ONE: DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY

- ARNG Soldier assigned to units within MA, NH, NM, OH, VA, WA and seeking care in these states
- Single Soldier, dual military, or married Soldier whose spouse works or attends school during the drill period
- Soldier is attending drill
- The absence of an adult in the household during drill period
- DEERS dependent child(ren) between the ages of 6 weeks to 12 years old

STEP TWO: ENROLL IN WDCC PILOT PROGRAM

- Download enrollment packet at <https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/military-families/army/arngwdcc/>
- Additional document required for the enrollment packet: copy of the Soldier's Yearly Training Calendar (YTC) and a copy of each child's birth certificate
- Company Commander counsels Soldier on WDCC Pilot program requirements outlined on Parent Enrollment Application Form
- Company Commander electronically signs the Commander Verification Form
- Soldier emails completed enrollment packet to ARNGWDCC@usa.childcareaware.org
- CCAoA will confirm completed packet within 3 days of receipt and send notification to Soldier
- Once enrolled, Soldier is eligible to reserve care

STEP THREE: RESERVE CHILD CARE

- CCAoA will provide instructions on how to reserve quarterly care via email
- Care must be reserved no later than the first of the month before the drill month (for example, no later than 01 May for the June drill)
- Forms needed to reserve quarterly care will include Commander Verification Form and spouse's employment or education schedule
- Soldier emails completed reserve request to ARNGWDCC@usa.childcareaware.org
- Once request is received, CCAoA will identify a provider and send confirmation of WDCC reservation to Soldier, no later than 2 weeks prior to reservation date (drill date)
- Soldier must cancel confirmed reservations NLT 10 days prior to the day of reservation to avoid paying cancellation fees to the child care provider
- CCAoA will make WDCC payments directly to provider