

The Kokua Bulletin



JANUARY 2024

ALOHA EFMP 'OHANA!

Happy New Year! The MFSC EFMP Team welcomes you to 2024, and wish you and your families a new year of health, happiness and opportunity. The MFSC is looking forward to seeing you at our **EFMP Resource Fair on Saturday, 1/27!**

JBPHH offers continuous support with a range of services and classes that assist with employment readiness, relationships, parenting, family support and more. For a full menu of options and to register, check out our website at greatlifehawaii.com!

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EFMP Overview

New to the Program? Do you have more Questions? Learn more about how the EFMP can assist your family. The EFMP is an assignment tool that provides support to military families with special needs, such as:

- Collaboration between military & civilian agencies for personnel support
- Coordination of medical, educational & community support
- Information & Referral services

The one-hour long class provides a brief overview of the EFMP program, specific to JBPHH. Come learn about what to expect after the initial enrollment process and the next steps to obtain the services and resources in support of your family. Open to **ALL** branches.

When: First Wednesday of Every Month

Where: Virtually & MFSC CLASSROOM 262

Register:

<https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center/exceptional-family-member-program-efmp>



Scan to Register!



Coffee Talk

EFMP Coffee Talk meets on the **second Thursday** of every month, from 9am - 10am. Come learn, share and connect with other EFMP families and Resource Providers.

Join us virtually or in-person as we welcome community partners and local programs to share information about their services and support for families. Q&A will be held at the end of the session. Our next session will be held on **January 11th 9 a.m.** Sign up today!

Register:

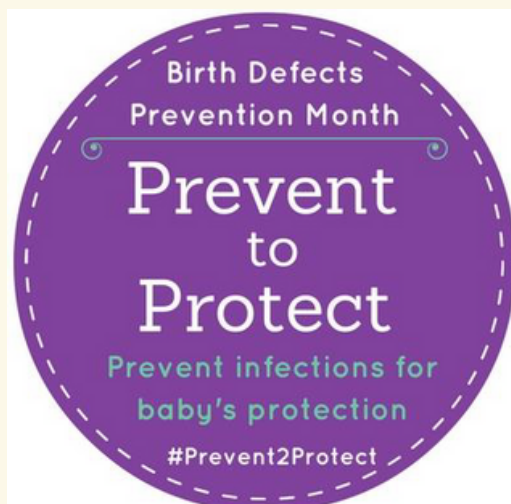
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January is National Birth Defects Awareness Month

The National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) was founded in 1997 as a membership organization of public health officials, epidemiologists, academics, parents, and others sharing a commitment to understanding factors that may lead to birth defects, identifying strategies for reducing birth defects, working to prevent potential secondary disabilities through early intervention, and serving the needs of children and families affected by birth defects.

Learn more: <https://www.nbdpn.org/>



January Disability Observances

National Birth Defects Month

United States

<https://www.nbdpn.org/>

World Braille Day

4-Jan Global

<https://brailleworks.com/what-is-world-braille-day/>

International Day of Acceptance

20 -Jan Global

<https://www.3elove.com/pages/international-day-of-acceptance>

Moebius Syndrome Awareness Day

24-Jan United States

<https://moebiussyndrome.org/moebius-syndrome-awareness-day/>

EFMP & Me Tool

EFMP & ME

NAVIGATE SERVICES

- FROM NAVIGATING HEALTH COVERAGE TO PLANNING FOR A MOVE, FROM CHILD CARE TO ELDER CARE, YOU'LL HAVE THE INFORMATION YOU NEED AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

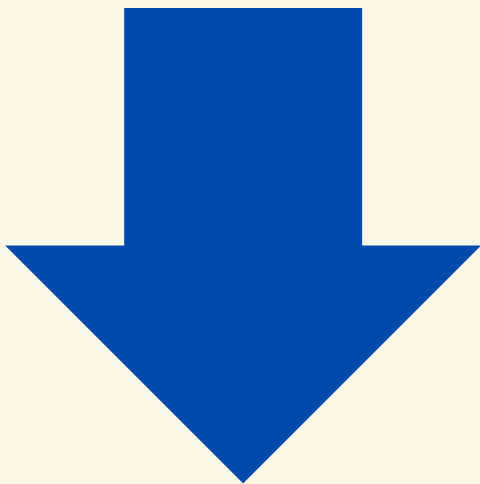
CONNECT WITH RESOURCES

- THE CUSTOMIZED CHECKLISTS WILL GUIDE YOU TO LOCAL AND VIRTUAL SUPPORT AND DIRECT YOU TO WHO AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AS YOU NAVIGATE MILITARY LIFE.

ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF

- THE BEST WAY TO ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR LOVED ONE IS TO "BE IN THE KNOW." USE EFMP & ME TO STAY ON TOP OF THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES, EXPAND YOUR CONNECTIONS AND KNOW THE QUESTIONS TO ASK TO FIND THE ANSWERS YOU NEED.

Create an account and access *EFMP & Me* at:
<https://efmpandme.militaryonesource.mil/>



***INTERACTING WITH THIS TOOL *DOES NOT*
ENROLL YOU IN OR DISENROLL YOU FROM EFMP.



Respite Care

As a parent, caregiver or guardian of a person with special needs, it is important to ensure that you make time to care for yourself as well. Respite care provides short-term relief for primary caregivers and has flexible options. Care may be provided in the home, a facility, or adult day center. Other optional locations are schools, camps or a volunteer agency.

If eligible, EFMP families may access respite care for children through **Child Care Aware**. Air Force families may contact the Special Needs Coordinator, Kaori Walker at 808-448-6782.

Respite options for **adults with special needs** may be accessed through State programs or non-profit agencies. Payment assistance options can include Tricare Extended Health Care Option (ECHO) or Medicaid Waivers.

For more information:

ARCH National Respite Locator:

<https://archrespite.org/caregiver-resources/respitelocator/>

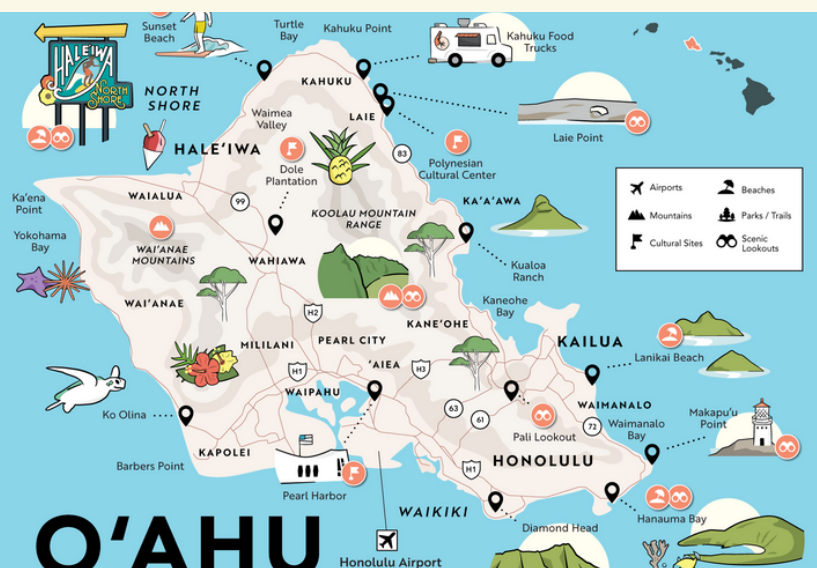
Child Care Aware:

<https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/>



Oahu Events

- 2 JANUARY: WALK WITH A DOC (NEAL BLAISDELL PARK)
- 5 JANUARY: FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK (CHINATOWN)
- 6-7 JANUARY: HAWAII POP CON (NEAL S. BLAISDELL CENTER)
- 13 JANUARY: KCC FARMERS MARKET (KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE)
- 14 JANUARY: BANK OF HAWAII FAMILY SUNDAY (HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART)
- 27 JANUARY: EFMP RESOURCE FAIR (JBPHH MFSC)



Resources

Family

- Hawaii Ohana Support Network:
<https://www.hawaiiohanasupportnetwork.org/>



School

- JBPHH School Liaison Officer: 808-306-9247
jbphhslo@navy.mil
- Hawaii Family Engagement Center:
<https://cde.coe.hawaii.edu/hfec/>
- Hawaii Afterschool Alliance:
<https://www.hawaiiafterschoolalliance.org/>



Community

- Special Parent Information Network:
<https://spinhawaii.org/>
- Military One Source:
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>



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EFMP Trainings

2024 Family Strengthening Series

January 18th	Bullying Awareness & Prevention
February 15th	Special Needs Trusts
March 21st	American Red Cross Overview
April 18th	Establishing Secondary Dependency
May 16th	PCS/Moving with an EFM
June 20th	Family Support During Deployment
July 18th	Transition & Employment for Persons with Disabilities
August 15th	IEP Overview
September 19th	School Liaison Officer: Core Areas of Service
October 17th	EFM Medicaid, Medicare & Social Security Benefits
November 15th	Early Intervention Services [0 to 3 years]
December 19th	Positive Advocacy Strategies

Third Thursday Monthly, 5-6PM - REGISTER TODAY!



MFSC Classes

**YOUR MFSC PERSONAL & FAMILY LIFE
EDUCATION TEAM OFFERS A VARIETY
OF LIFE SKILLS CLASSES!**

Topics Include:

Mind Body Mental Fitness: Stress Resilience

Parenting

Personal Growth

Anger Management

Communication

Managing Grief & Loss

Interpersonal Relationships

And many more!

TO REGISTER: jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support



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***Completed DD 2792 forms are sent here for review/submission**

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***ALL AF EFMP questions are sent HERE**

Overseas Screening Fleet Liaison

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***IEP/504 questions, specific school and educational requirement questions**

