

FORT LEE PROVIDES CHILDCARE FOR DCMA EMPLOYEES

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Defense Contract Management Agency employees at or relocating to the Fort Lee, Va., area may enroll their children at the child development centers on post.

The post has two CDCs, Yorktown and Battle Drive, both certified annually by the Department of Defense with many staff members having earned a child development associate credential. In addition, all staff members receive mandatory, ongoing annual training.

The Yorktown CDC offers a full-day childcare program available for children ages six weeks to five years. The childcare program assists parents needing six or more hours

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of daily childcare. The Yorktown CDC also offers a kindergarten before- and after-school program for children attending the Prince George school system. Unlike the Yorktown CDC, the Battle Drive CDC offers a part-time childcare program for children ages six weeks to five years. Children may attend anywhere from two-, three- or five-day sessions.

They also offer an hourly care program for the same age group.

According to Mildred Flores, administrative assistant for child and youth services for the central outreach office, there are four admission priority groups for child enrollment at the CDC.

The priorities depend on the employee's status as well as the



One of two Child Development Centers on Fort Lee available to Defense Contract Management Agency employees. DCMA employees can call (804) 734-2985 to find out more about where they would fit on a priority and waiting list. (Photos by Mark Woodbury, DCMA Public Affairs)

spouse's status. Priority one applies to single soldiers and dual-military members. Priority two applies to military and DoD civilians with full-time working spouses or a spouse who is a full-time student. Priority three applies to military and DoD civilians with non-working spouses. Priority four is for contractors.

Along with priority status, Flores said employees should be mindful of a potential waiting list for each CDC facility. She said enrolling an infant can take between six to eight

months, whereas the wait time for enrolling a toddler would be significantly less. This waiting list fluctuates based on the time of year, so Flores encourages interested employees to call the CDC at (804) 734-2985 to find out the current waiting list status.

Fees for childcare provided at each facility depend on the employee's income. Specific pricing information is at www.leemwr.com/CYS/cyc_cys_cdc.htm. 



The Department of Defense certifies the Yorktown Child Development Center annually. Additionally, several staff members have child development associate credentials. Ongoing training is mandatory for all staff members each year.

FORT LEE RECREATION

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The Fort Lee family and morale, welfare and recreation staff make post activities and functions available to Defense Contract Management Agency employees and family members.

"We're excited and can't wait to have DCMA on post," said Dolly Emory, FMWR director.

DCMA Public Affairs has teamed up with FMWR to start advertising post activities for DCMA members to participate in. There will be a link to FMWR on the DCMA Base Realignment and Closure Web page at <https://brac.dcm.a.mil>. Also, advertising will be featured in the *On Track with BRAC* newsletter.

FMWR offers several recreation outlets, including bike riding in Battlefield Park, horseback riding in Dinwiddie County, snow skiing and scrapbooking classes. Also offered on post are a golf course, bowling alley, playhouse, movie theater, pool, library and more.

For more information about FMWR events, call Megan Green, Fort Lee FMWR commercial sponsorship and advertising manager, at (804) 734-7180 or visit the FMWR Web site at www.leemwr.com.