

MCB Hawaii EFMP
The Exceptional 'Ohana
March 2025

Spring Scavenger Egg Hunt

Join EFMP for our Special Needs Forum. Following the forum, the scavenger egg hunt will begin, children will heading out around building 219 and the education center to get their bag filled with treats!!

****You don't have to be enrolled in EFMP to join in on the scavenger egg hunt!****

Timeline of Events:

1430 – Special Needs Forum

MCBH building 219 (next to the EFMP office)

1500– Spring Scavenger Egg Hunt:

Follow a map and collect treat-filled eggs and goodies while learning about military and community resources!

Don't miss out on the fun!!

EFMP Special Needs Forum

**Thursday, 20 March 2025
at 2:30 PM, MCBH Bldg 219**

EFMP holds a semi-annual forum to address issues identified by families with special needs.

**This forum will focus on
Accessing Community Resources.**

Meet with military service professionals and learn about various community resources.

Have any questions, concerns or ideas you would like addressed at our March Forum?

Call 808-496-0290 or email mcbh.efmp@usmc.mil by March 24th.

Contact Us:

Main: 808-496-0290

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EFMP Exceptional
Family Member
Program

3 Essential items For Special Needs Trusts

1. An Individual with special needs can now establish a first party Special Needs Trust (SNT) for themselves.

The biggest change that this new law made was the ability for an individual with special needs to create an SNT themselves.

2. The trust established by the person with special needs, can receive the same benefits as a trust established by others.

Those disabled individuals under the age of 65 can set up a first party special needs trust that has the same benefits as a first party SNT set up by a parent, legal guardian, or the court.

3. One of the goals is to support the independence of people with Special Needs.

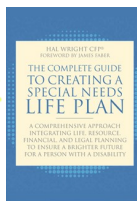
Special needs trusts are one of a few ways people with special needs can acquire assets without losing government benefits. This new law makes it easier and less expensive, enabling and empowering those with special needs to secure their future.

Source: <https://www.kamlawfirm.com/feds-new-rule-special-needs-trust/>

EFMP Lending Library

The Complete Guide To Creating A Special Needs Life Plan

This book provides comprehensive guidance on creating a life plan to transition a child with special needs to independence or to ensure they are well cared for in the future.



Hal Wright explains how to form a practical plan to reach these goals, how to mentor personal empowerment and task skills, and how to create circles of support to sustain a life plan. He discusses employment and residential options, and government programs available in the United States. Hal talks the reader through important financial and legal considerations, including how to fund and manage a special needs trust.

Assistance with Special Needs Trusts or Survivor Benefits Plan is also available though the EFMP Attorney.

Understanding Accessible Housing: The Fair Housing Act

An accessible home is one that allows its occupant to do what he or she wants and needs to do, as independently as possible. If you or someone in your family has a disability, your home may need specific modifications to make it accessible for daily living. You are protected under the Fair Housing Act, which requires property owners to make, or allow residents to make, a home accessible for those with special needs. This applies to military installation housing.

Privatized Housing for Military Members with a Family Member with Special Needs

In privatized housing on military installations, property managers are required to make reasonable modifications and accommodations that abide by the Americans With Disabilities Act at no cost to the tenant.

Learn more here:

[Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](https://www.hud.gov/office/affordablehousing/affordablehousing.html)

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil>

Housing Modifications & the EFMP Enrollment Letter

HQMC EFMP provides endorsements for housing modifications as a component of the enrollment/update process. Housing modifications and priority housing considerations will be annotated directly on the enrollment letter. When residing in Marine Corps base housing, the EFMP enrollment letter can be used as medical verification when requesting Reasonable Accommodations.

Some accommodations/modifications noted by a family member's medical provider may be allowed on a case by case basis, as determined by the housing provider. Federal laws and regulations will be applied in making the determinations. Some requests, while approved by the housing provider, may be at the sponsor's expense.

Did you know?

The USMC EFMP provides families with an EFMP attorneys who can provide advice on legal assistance issues unique to families with special needs, including landlord-tenant issues related to accommodations. EFMP Attorney cannot advise or represent families in matters pertaining to base or PPV housing, but can coordinate access to legal representation as necessary.

Need help with housing?

Contact your EFMP Family Case Worker today!

Training & Events

For event information and registration, call 808-496-0290 or email mcbh.efmp@usmc.mil.

Please register at least 1 day prior to the event.

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
March 6	10:00 AM	SSI/SSDI and Medicaid Waiver Learn about Medicaid & Supplemental Security Income (SSI) basics and eligibility.	RSVP for virtual link on Teams
March 11	11:00 AM	Establishing Permanent Dependency Learn how to establish permanent dependency for incapacitated adult children.	Virtually on Teams Please RSVP to get the link
March 19	10:00 AM	Sensory-friendly Storytime with the Base Library– This Storytime incorporates more songs and movement for the active child.	BUILDING 219, Library Classroom 106 (next to the EFMP office)
March 20	2:30 PM	Special Needs Forum will be held at 2:30pm. Spring Scavenger Egg Hunt will start at 3:00pm following the Forum	Classroom 106 next to the EFMP office. Scavenger Egg Hunt will start at the EFMP office.
EVERY TUESDAY	8:30- 11:30 AM	EFMP Family support services available at a second location	Branch Health Clinic Kaneohe Bay

ALAKA'I
Lead with initiative

ALAKA'I - is the Hawaiian value of leadership. A true *alaka'i* leads by example, living the very principles they teach. They guide others, and rise to the occasion. Alaka'i come forward to lead, lift, and carry others. They look only to serve others and become their best self in the process.