

# Army National Guard Weekend Drill Childcare

## Care You Can Count On

The National Guard Bureau has teamed up with Upwards to bring you the Weekend Drill Child Care (WDCC) Pilot Program. We're on a mission to tackle childcare challenges during drill weekends so you can stay mission-ready, ease financial stress, and balance military duties with parenting. It's all about making life a little easier and a lot more awesome!



### Who is Eligible?

- Soldiers on T32 or M-Day status during drill weekends.
- Married soldiers with a working or in-school spouse. \*
- Families with both parents serving in the Guard.
- Single soldiers.

Soldier must be assigned to a unit and seeking care within AR, CO, GA, IA, ID, IL, KS, LA, MA, MD, MN, MO, NH, NM, OH, OR, VA, VT, WA, or WI

### What's Covered?

- Childcare Hours: 0600 - 1800 during drill periods.
- Days Covered: Saturday and Sunday (and Friday or Monday if part of a three-day drill).
- Childcare Provided: Up to 12 hours per child per day.
- Age Range: Dependent children aged six weeks to 12 years, registered in DEERS.

\*Exceptions for extenuating circumstances related to a working/in-school spouse may be considered. To request an exception, please contact NGB J1-M at:

[ng.ncr.ngb-arng.mbx.weekend-drill-childcare@army.mil](mailto:ng.ncr.ngb-arng.mbx.weekend-drill-childcare@army.mil)

### How to Sign Up

- Confirm your eligibility.  
<https://upwards.com/benefits/military>
- Once approved, reserve care at least 48 hours before the drill weekend via the Upwards app or website.

### What You Need to Know

- No-Cost Care: The program is fully funded, with payments made directly to the care provider.
- Cancellation Policy: Cancel up to 48 hours before to avoid charges. The ARNG will not cover costs for no-shows or cancellations

### Why Choose Weekend Drill Childcare?

- Peace of Mind: Focus on your duties knowing your children are safe and cared for.
- Convenience: Licensed, background-checked providers available during drill weekends.
- Educational Benefits: Children engage in enriching activities and learning experiences.



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