

Weekend Drill Childcare

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a cost to Soldiers to utilize the Weekend Drill Childcare (WDCC) Program?

TNo. WDCC provides approved child care at no cost to eligible Army National Guard Soldiers. Families do not pay the provider up front or submit reimbursement paperwork. Upwards pays the provider directly.

Who can use WDCC?

WDCC is available to eligible Army National Guard Soldiers in good standing with their unit who need child care during covered weekend drill periods. The Soldier must not have another adult in the household available to provide care during drill. In a dual-parent household, the spouse or domestic partner must be working or attending school during the drill period.

What children can receive care?

Dependent children ages 6 weeks through 12 years may receive care. You'll need the DoD ID number for each child attending care and proof of age when completing enrollment.

What drill periods are covered?

WDCC covers MUTA 1, 2, 4, and 6, including properly rescheduled weekend drill. Care is based on your drill duty hours plus travel time and is available within the program's 0600 to 1800 window.

How much care is available?

Care may be provided for up to 12 hours per child, per day, for one weekend period each month. Overnight care, extended care outside the prescribed hours, and annual training are not covered.

Where will my child receive care?

Care may be arranged with licensed, vetted providers near your home of record or your weekend drill duty location. Your Care Navigator will help look for options that fit your family's needs.

What is a Care Navigator?

Think of your Care Navigator as your point person for WDCC. They can help you through enrollment, look for available providers, and arrange tours so you can learn more about a provider before care begins.

How are WDCC providers screened?

WDCC care is provided through licensed, vetted child care providers. Upwards works with providers that meet applicable licensing, background check, and program requirements.

How early should I request care?

As early as you can. Child care spaces are limited each month and are assigned first come, first served. Being eligible for WDCC does not guarantee that a provider will be available for every requested date.

What if my drill schedule changes?

If your drill period is properly rescheduled, contact Upwards so your care request can be updated. WDCC can cover properly rescheduled weekend drill when the new dates meet program requirements.

What if I need to cancel?

Plans change. If you no longer need care, notify Upwards in writing at least seven calendar days before your scheduled care date and copy your ARNG point of contact. Repeated late cancellations or no-shows may affect future access to the program.

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