

Connecting Families...

Nevada Early Intervention Services

- **Nevada Early Intervention** identifies infants and toddlers who are at-risk for, or who have developmental delays; provide services and supports to families to meet the individualized developmental needs of their child; and facilitate the child's learning and participation in family and community life through the partnerships of families, caregivers and service providers.
- Services provided by Nevada Early Intervention are determined through an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) that is developed for your child and family.
- By working closely with the family, early intervention professionals ensure that both services and community support, including family support, are brought together to meet each child's and family's unique needs. Early Intervention services are provided at no cost to the family and include:
 - **Assistive technology devices/services**
 - **Audiology (hearing) services**
 - **Family training, counseling and home visits**
 - **Health services**
 - **Medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes**
 - **Nutrition counseling**
 - **Occupational therapy**
 - **Physical therapy**

For more information, call (702) 486-5100.

...Schools...

- Each state's public school system and Department of Defense (DoD) schools have different implementing rules for special education, but the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** provides guidelines for accommodating special needs students who transfer from one school district to another. Parents should provide as much information as possible to the IEP team about their child's strengths and needs.
- **Parents need to send or hand-carry the child's special education assessments, IEPs, and progress reports to the new school to minimize interruption to services for the child.** According to IDEA, the new school system may re-evaluate the child for eligibility for special education, but will provide comparable services until the evaluation is completed.
- **The time line for completing an initial evaluation in Nevada is 45 school days from the date of parental consent for evaluation (which should be written) through formal determination of the student's eligibility for special education. Visit <http://sssd.ccsd.net/> and select special education support services to learn about CCSD policies.**



...and the Nellis AFB Community

Nevada PEP

- **Nevada PEP** is a statewide nonprofit organization offering empowerment and encouragement to families of children with all disabilities. PEP provides a variety of training workshops on special education and disability related topics. For more information about Nevada PEP please call (702)-388-8899 or visit <http://www.nvpep.org/>
- **The Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)** is a federally funded Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center that provides military parents with individual assistance and information about parents' rights and responsibilities in achieving special education services for their children whether located in the United States or overseas. STOMP provides no- or low-cost materials written for both parents and professionals, which include practical strategies and information on a variety of subjects. STOMP also provides tailored workshops on a variety of subjects to meet the unique needs of the community/installation. For more information about the STOMP program, visit <http://www.stompproject.org/>

Nellis Exceptional Family Member Program

- The Exceptional Family Member Program — Family Support (EFMP- FS) is designed to provide support to military family members via a variety of personnel, medical, and family support functions. EFMP-Family Support is the community support function provided by the Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) that includes, but is not limited to , on-and-off base information and referral, parent trainings, support groups, relocation assistance, financial management, and school information. The Exceptional Family Member Program is standard and mandatory for all DoD active-duty service members. It is meant to identify family members with special medical and/or educational needs.
- There are several support organizations for EFMP families assigned to Nellis AFB, including the EFMP committee and off-base organizations. The base EFMP-FS Coordinator, who can refer families to educational resources to assist special needs family members is located in the A&FRC. The phone number is (702) 652-3327 or email at Stephanie.Garnes@nellis.af.mil.

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Additional Resources for Special Education

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>

IDEA
<http://idea.ed.gov>

**The National Dissemination Center for
Children with Disabilities**
<http://www.nichcy.org>

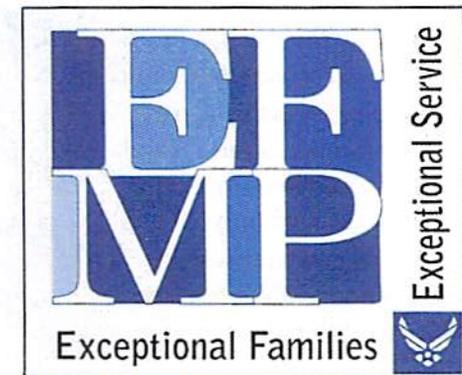
**Special Education Technical Assistance and
Dissemination Network**
[http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osep/
osep/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osep/osep/index.html)

Council for Exceptional Children
888-232-7733 or cec.sped.org

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