



Navy Exceptional Family Member Program South Carolina

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A monthly newsletter to keep you connected to resources and events across the Palmetto State and throughout the Navy Region Southeast.

Month of the Military Child

April is recognized across the nation as the [Month of the Military Child](#). There are more than 1.6 military children who face challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parent's service. national, state and local government, schools, military serving organizations, companies and private citizens in celebrating military children and the sacrifices they make. Below are some resources that support the resiliency of our military kids:

Military Child Education Coalition



The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) supports **all** military-connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve education challenges associated with the military lifestyle.
For more information, visit <https://www.militarychild.org/>

Sesame Street for Military Families

Sesame Street for Military Families provides media-based resources exploring topics that impact military families with young children. The "Talk, Listen, Connect" outreach tool helps children cope with the challenges of deployment and build resilience in times of separation and change.



For more information, visit <https://sesamestreetformilitaryfamilies.org/>
For mobile apps, visit: <https://sesamestreetformilitaryfamilies.org/mobile-apps/>

April is World Autism Month!

April also celebrates World Autism Month to bring awareness to individuals with Autism and neurodiversity in our communities. Resources that offer information and support include:

Autism Speaks: A non-profit organization that provides advocacy and support to individuals with Autism:
www.autismspeaks.org

South Carolina Autism Society: A non-profit organization that provides support and resources across the state:
www.scautism.org

Upcoming Events*

These are some of many events being held throughout the state. For more information and resources, contact your EFMP Family Support representative or local disability organization. ** No Federal Endorsement Intended

Lowcountry:

- April 1: [Special Needs Forum w/ MCCS Exceptional Family Member Program](#) (Beaufort)
- April 4: [Tri-Command Eggstravaganza Egg Hunts](#) (Beaufort)
- April 4: [Egg Hunts at Joint Base Charleston](#) **Registration required for EFMP Egg Hunt** (JB Charleston - AB)
- April 12, 26: [CML Superstars Sensory Friendly Play at Children's Museum of the Lowcountry](#) (Charleston)
- April 15: Family Resource Fair (JB Charleston – NWS)
- April 18: [Music Therapy \(pre-K - teens\) w/ Lowcountry Autism Foundation](#) (Charleston)
- April 20: [Art Therapy w/ Lowcountry Autism Foundation](#) (Bluffton)
- April 22: Early Language Development Workshops & Special Education Q&A Session (JB Charleston – NWS)
- Ongoing: [NAMI Virtual Support Groups](#) (High School, Adults, & Family groups) (Charleston)
- Ongoing: [Gigi's Playhouse Open Play/Social Sessions](#) (Charleston)

Midlands:

- April 17: [Sensory Night at EdVenture Museum](#) (Columbia)
- Ongoing: [Adaptive Recreation](#) with Richland County Recreation Commission (Columbia area)
- Ongoing: [Therapeutic Recreation](#) with Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission (Columbia area)

Pee Dee:

- Ongoing: [Sensory Friendly Events through Champion Autism Network](#) (Myrtle Beach)

Upstate:

- Ongoing: [Inclusive Recreation](#) with Greenville CAN

Virtual:

- April 7: [Navigating Dyslexia for Military Students](#) (Military Child Education Coalition)
- April 29: [IDD, Aging, and Military Families](#) (OneOp)



Check out this month's Fleet & Family Support Family Connection Newsletter and webinar schedule:

<https://ffr.cnrc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/Fleet-And-Family-Support-Program/Family-Connection-Newsletter/>

Webinars at www.MyNavyFamily.com

- 4/13, 4/29: **Self-Care: Parent Edition**
- 4/22: **Launch Your Life: Family Employment Ed.**
- 4/20: **9 Steps to Positive Parenting**
- 4/30: **Money Talks: Teen Edition**

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