

# EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



January/February 2010



## **Planning for the Future for your Child with Disabilities**

The Exceptional Family Member Program has planned a series of workshops to assist you and your family before, during and after your child with a disability transitions into adulthood. All meetings will be held at the Fort Knox Army Community Services Building, Building 5101 Offner Hall

### **Understanding Social Security Benefits**

14 Jan 2010

Jason Hyde, Social Security Administration Office

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### **State and Federally Funded Resources**

11 Feb 2010

Claudia Johnson, KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### **Wills, Special Needs Trusts, Guardianship and Power of Attorney**

Fort Knox Legal Assistance

11 March 2010

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**For more information please contact the EFMP office at  
624-4076 or 624-5419**



## EFMP Play Group

Beginning 7 January 2010, The Exceptional Family Member Program will start an EFMP Play group. The Play Group is for children 3 years old and younger and their siblings. Each playgroup will have a different theme incorporated with music, crafts, and educational information. Open to Military families with children enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

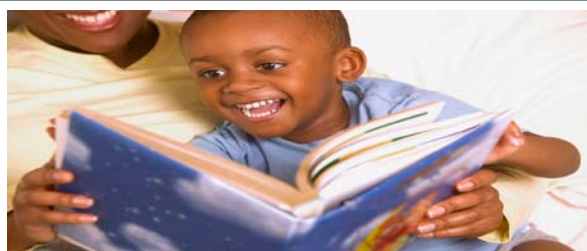
When: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month 1<sup>st</sup>  
Time: 1300-1430

Where: ACS Bldg 5101 (across from the air field)



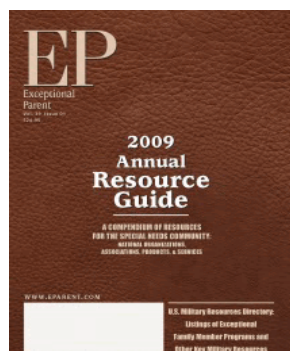
## RESPITE CARE PROGRAM 2010

Families who are interested in receiving respite care in fiscal year 2010 need to call EFMP/ACS to schedule an appointment for enrollment paperwork. Please allow one-hour appointment time. The new respite care program holds many new changes. To enroll in the *new* respite care program you **MUST** make an appointment. No walk-ins. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call EFMP/ACS staff at 624-4076 or 624-5419.



## *Exceptional Parent 2009 Resource Guide Booklet*

A yearly reference tool containing a list of over 3,000 national and international resources for families, caregivers, and professionals seeking information about organizations, professional societies, and resources on general and specific disability-related topics.



To order your free copy, go to:  
<https://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/Topic/Issue/Materialwl.aspx?MaterialTypeID=5&MaterialID=16809>

## **Military Families Touched by Autism**

Are you a parent who is touched by autism? Come and share your challenges and successes with other parents and professionals. This support group will be held monthly. Each meeting holds a new adventure including: guest speakers and resources.

### **When:**

Every second Thursday of each month

**Where:** ACS Bldg 5101 (across from the air field)

**Time:** 18:30-20:00

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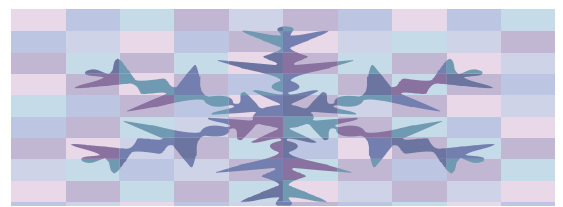
## **EXCEPTIONAL PARENT MAGAZINE**

Exceptional Parent Magazine is now available online.

To access the link, go to

<http://www.eparentdigital.com>

Copies of the magazine are also available from the EFMP office at ACS. Don't forget, EP Magazine has a Military Section each month.



## **EYSA'S 5th Annual TOP Soccer Round Robin Festival**



**March 27th, 2010**

**Pritchard Community Center (Off Post)**

**Registration/Check in 9:30-10:30 AM**

**Opening Ceremonies: 10:30 AM**

**Games Begin: 11:00 AM**

**Pre-register by March 13th, 2010**

**Open to ages 5 and above in the state of Kentucky  
with any type of mental or physical challenge.**

**For More Information Contact:**

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**for more information and registration forms**



# Did You Know...?

- That the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) Web site is full of information for parents and professionals to increase their understanding of the development, implementation, and review of the IEP process. Go to [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) for more information.
- That Wrights Law offers a variety of books, tapes, training materials, and questions and answers on topics of interest to Families with an EFM. Available information includes IEP's, IDEA 2004 and rights and responsibilities. Go to [www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com).
- That Learning Disabilities Online (LD Online) offers input into the Individualized Education Program. Available for review are articles, recommended books, and Web site links for review. For additional information go to [www.ldonline.org](http://www.ldonline.org).
- That you can download the Department of Defense Special Needs Parent Toolkit from Military Home Front's Special Needs/EFMP section in Troops and Families? The tool kit helps military Families as they navigate education and medical services, benefits, entitlements, and community resources. Go to [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil) to download your copy.
- That Military OneSource's Special Needs section covers topics such as advocacy, rights, and care for the disabled, caregiver resources, Family resources, home care/community resources, and special needs. Go to [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) to find what you need.
- That Special Education in Plain Language offers user-friendly terminology for insight into the IEP process, testing, instruction, and more. Information is available in the following categories: The IEP Process, Evaluation Procedures, IEP Team Participants, IEP Teams Job, IEP When a child is eligible or not eligible, Review and Revision, Placement, and Reevaluation. Go to [www.specialed.us/Parents/plintro.htm](http://www.specialed.us/Parents/plintro.htm)

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For more information about the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), please call the EFMP/ACS staff at (502) 624-5419/4076.