

## RAFL CYP CONNECTIONS

10 MAY 21

## Youth Events

Baseball registration is currently open to all and closes on 14 May 21.

Baseball camp is open for sign ups and will be held on 24-26 May. Registration ends 14 May 21.

Please contact the Youth Center at 226-5437 for more information.

Operation Megaphone is a lock in for youth ages 13 and up on 15 May starting at 1900 until 0700. Please sign up at the Youth Center. Cost is \$25.00 a child.

## CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS INTRODUCTION

Happy Monday CYP Patrons,

My name is Angela Mirich-Holder. I am the new Flight Chief for CYP. By trade, I am a legacy Service's person with a background in CYP, CPO, Construction, Community, AFSVC/IMSC and I have done Deputy Commander/Director positions.

I saw a need to get the word out about resources, programs and expectations as we try and get back to some normalcy.

The lakenheathfss.com webpage has been revamped for child and youth programs as there are resources, guidance and policies and a host of other information for parents to refer to.

Child and Youth Programs follows a plethora of guidance and policies stemming from Public Law—Military Child Care Act 104-106.

Program Transitions

As you maybe aware we have received several new employees and we have several working on onboarding tasks. I have received approval for 8 GS APF overhires that will support any facility that is needed, based on my oversight.

The Youth Programs facility is still supporting construction enhancements. We still have several areas of flooring, new materials and paint throughout.

We are receiving an additional 2 CYB MFLCs for a total of 4 during the summer. I have also requested a 3rd permanent CYB – MFLC to start in September.

Family Child Care

Bring your passion for working with children inside your home!

Become a Family Child Care Provider and earn a great income plus these bonuses:

- **\$300 for becoming a licensed FCC provider**
- **\$200 per child when you offer a spot in your program to a family on the Military Child Care Waiting List**

Email [tekarra.powell.1@us.af.mil](mailto:tekarra.powell.1@us.af.mil)

or call 226-2170 to start

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SUMMER SCHOOL  
AGE CARE

- Current enrolled youth for SAC must provide intent for the Summer Program by 14 May for any of the weeks they are wanting to utilize.
- Open enrollment for everyone who is not currently in our programs will be available for sign ups on the 21st of May through MCC.com

## HOLIDAYS/CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations can be wonderful opportunities for children to learn about the traditions and values that are cherished parts of people's lives. Many parents, too, wonder why programs celebrate specific holidays or why they discourage any celebration at all. The important thing for all to remember is that when planning holiday activities and/or celebrations, the rules of good practice continue to apply: ***Are the activities meaningful to the children? Are their needs and interests being met? Is the activity a valuable use of children's time?***

- Activities demonstrate the fact that not everyone in the same ethnic group celebrates holidays in the same way. Families may provide examples of their own unique traditions.
- Curriculum demonstrates respect for everyone's customs. If children are observing different holidays at the same time, the values and traditions of each child's culture should be acknowledged.

## NEW SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR 3-5 YEAR-OLDS

Who doesn't want a child that can self-regulate during challenging situations? Children don't just magically develop this skillset, they need to be taught. Your CYPs are ready to do just that—with your help, of course!

Both the CDCs and YC will be helping children develop the important skill set of RESPONDING instead of REACTING using the Sesame Street Game— Breathe, Think, Do.

Look for a flyer from your child's teacher about downloading the app to your phone.

You and your child will be asked to practice the game to prepare you child for the in-class lesson.

If you have any questions, contact your child's teacher or the current MFLC, Carolyn Piro at [piroc@magellanhealth.com](mailto:piroc@magellanhealth.com).



## PARENT FORUM

Every Thursday at 1700 there will be a parent forum for School-Aged Childcare to discuss the developmental needs of your children:

Topics (just to name a few) to be addressed are:

- Bullying
- Social Skills
- Emotional Regulation
- Homework help

- Parent/Child communication

Any topic that you would like to be discussed please contact the School-Aged Child-care center.

**Children don't magically learn to self-regulate during difficult situations—they need to adults in their lives to show them.**

## GOOD CITIZENS CLUB

The Youth Center is starting a program with kids age 6-11 on what it means to be a good citizen. This is being implemented to address bullying and the deficit of social skills.

The pandemic/lockdown has slowed the development of good social skills. Helping children to have concrete

ideas to put into action will enable them to function better within the program., school, community and home.

You can help by starting the conversation at home "What is a good person?" and asking your child(ren) to elaborate on what they mean. Many kids answer the ques-

tion by "They have a good personality" asking a child what they mean leads to be more concrete answers: "it means they are honest" - what does honesty mean?

