

Office of Special Needs (OSN) & The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)



EFMP Exceptional
Family Member
Program

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Purpose & Responsibilities of OSN

To standardize, enhance, and improve DoD support around the world for military families with medical or educational needs through the development of policy, dissemination of appropriate information, support for families in obtaining services, and oversight of the activities of the Military Departments in support of families.

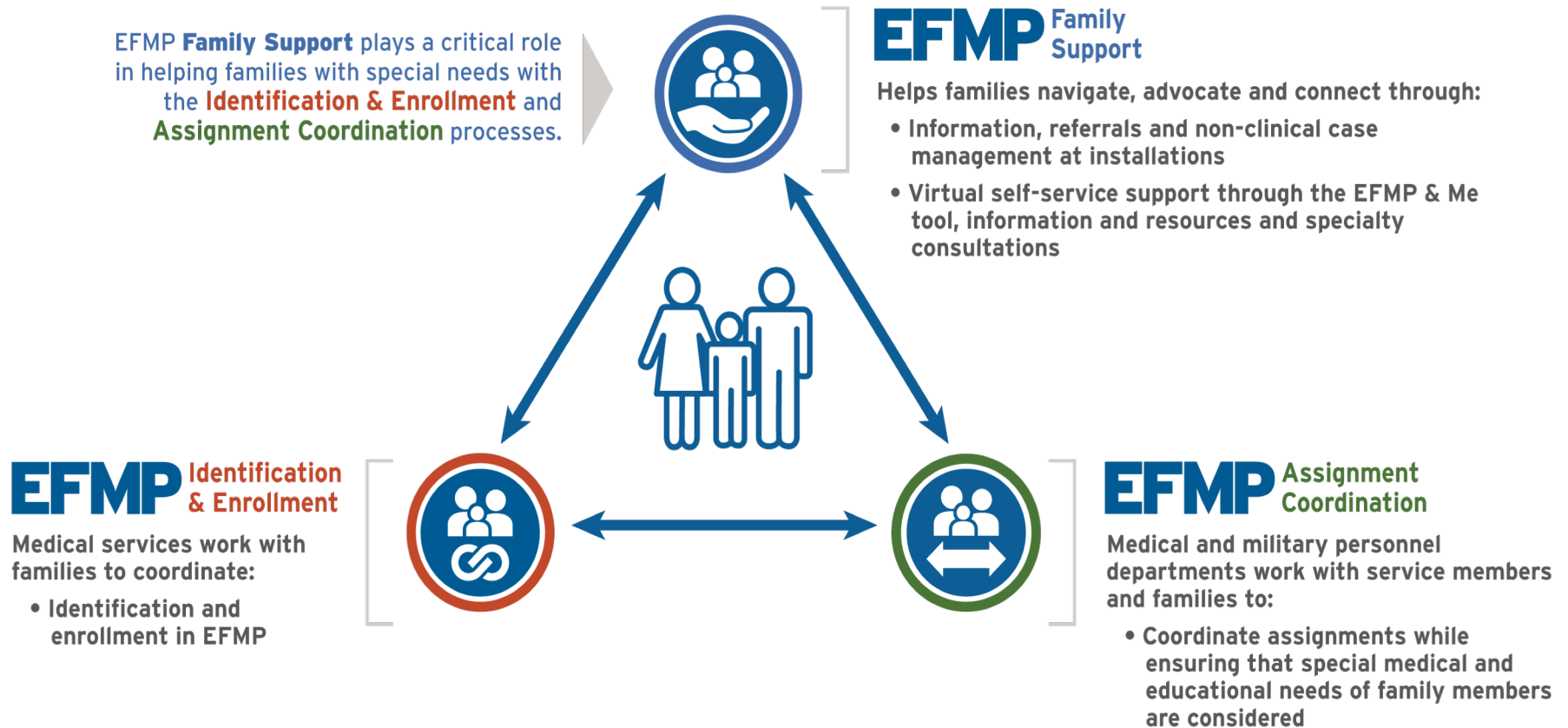
Essential Priorities

- 1). Policy:** Enhancing and improving the program through further standardization of program components with an emphasis on family support services and assistance provided to families when relocating to a new duty station.
- 2). Relationships:** Establishing and maintaining relationships with other agencies supporting individuals with disabilities to enhance the support provided to military-connected children and adults.
- 3). Resources & Tools:** Developing and implementing resources and tools to assist families with navigating and accessing the variety of resources available within their community, including special education services.



Overview of the EFMP

EFMP is more than just one program or connection point, it is the work of three interlocking components:





Additional Information & Resources

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