

**PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR
EXPANDED COMMUNITY CARE (ECC) PROGRAM**

1. **PURPOSE:** The Air Force Expanded Community Care Program is designed to assist military families working extended hours by increasing the hours available in Air Force licensed family child care (FCC) homes. It is also designed to assist local Air Force Reserve families in meeting their primary UTE weekend requirement of child care (Home Community Care) by using Air Force licensed family child care (FCC) homes. In addition, this program is being offered for those members returning home from a 30-day or longer deployment (Returning Home Care).

2. **SCOPE:** The Expanded Community Care Program provides child care services beyond the standard 50 hours of care that families are already purchasing in child care programs on or off base. The program offers care in FCC homes beyond the standard 10-hour per day 5-day (M-F) workweek. This program will help fulfill the demand for short-term extended child care needs that normally result on a short-notice basis. Such instances may include an extended duty day, weekends or unscheduled shift changes. Extended duty must be mission related and be **REQUIRED** by your supervisor. For AFR families, the program provides emergency and irregular-requirement child care. For those returning from a deployment, 16 hours of free child care is provided for each child under 12 years of age. Care must be used within 30 days of the return from deployment. A supervisor's statement must be submitted every time there is a requirement for you to work beyond a 40-hour week for AF active duty members. A supervisor's statement must be submitted every time an AFR member has a need for emergency and irregular child care. Those returning from deployment must provide a statement from their first sergeant verifying the dates of deployment and the dates care is requested.

3. **GENERAL:**

I understand that:

- I am encouraged to meet with the provider prior to use
- The FCC coordinator will schedule child care requests with the providers. Requests should be made to the FCC at least 2 days prior to the time care is needed.
- Any changes to the schedule, to include but not limited to; changes in work hours or days, cancellations, or additional hours required, must be given within a 24-hour notice to the FCC office if possible
- Care for returning deployed members will be arranged through the FCC office on a space available basis.
- ECC providers may provide the transportation of my child(ren) to/from my regular on-base child care arrangements. **The providers' names must be listed on the 1181 at my regular child care arrangements as being allowed to pick my child(ren) up or they will not release my child to them.** If my child has off-base care, it is my responsibility to provide all transportation
- If my child has been sent home sick from the CDC or SAP, this is not a reason for extended duty child care and my child will not be accepted into care with this program
- This care is provided through Air Force as a service without charge.
- I will be issued a nonavailability statement if my expanded community care requirements can not be met through this program
- Only the dates and times requested on the parent statement will be reimbursed by the AF. Anything above and beyond will be my responsibility to pay.
- I will supply diapers and wipes for the time care is reserved. The FCC provider can charge me for the aforementioned items if not supplied. I will also bring a change of clothing for my child in case of an accident.
- All food is provided through the home unless specified by the FCC provider.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

CHILD/CHILDREN NAMES _____

DUTY PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

FCC COORDINATOR'S SIGNATURE _____