



CHILD CARE FOR PCS PROGRAM (Effective 11 April 2025)

Child Care for PCS: The Child Care for PCS Program is intended to help relieve stress felt by Air Force and Space Force families in the process of a Permanent Change of Station (PCS), Retirement, Palace Chase, or Separation service move.

Effective 11 April 2025: Eligible members will apply through the AFAS Member Portal at: <https://portal.afas.org> and receive funding directly into designated bank account via Zelle or ACH to pay for the allowable child care.

AFAS will provide \$200 per dependent child up to age 12 (not to exceed \$1,000 per family) to eligible members utilizing child care at:

- The base Child Development/Youth Center
- A Family Child Care (FCC) provider home at assigned installation, **or**
- Day Care Center or Day Care Provider of your choosing (on or off the installation)

Eligibility:

- Active- duty Air Force and Space Force members
- Air National Guard and Reserve members activated under Title 10, USC for more than 15 days with a PCS order.
- Air Force and Space Force members with retirement orders, to include a Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL), Palace Chase, or when separating from Active-Duty service. These eligibility categories are only eligible within 60 days at the **departure** location.

Eligible dependent children must be listed on the PCS order and must be moving to the PCS location with the sponsor.

Mil-to-Mil families are allowed one certificate per household.

Members with an unaccompanied PCS order are not eligible, unless the dependents will be relocating to the follow-on assignment.

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Application Guidance:

- Service members must apply through the AFAS Member Portal at <https://portal.afas.org>
- Apply under Community Program and select Child Care for PCS from drop down
- Service members must apply within **60 days of arrival or departure***.
- Required documentation with application:
 - AFAS Child Care PCS Confirmation Form (provided within the application)
 - PCS order, Retirement order, Separation order, whichever is applicable
 - Military ID front and back
 - Title 10 Activation order, if applicable
- Funds will be paid directly to service members via Zelle or ACH.
- Service members will be responsible for paying the child care provider directly with the funds provided by AFAS.

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Call 703-972-2604 or email ea@afas-hq.org should you need assistance or have additional questions.