

Family and Work Life Program:

Key Spouse: Focal point for information and support to families in their squadrons.

Exceptional Family Member Program

(EFMP): The A&FRC can discuss and recommend appropriate local, state, and national resources to help families who are enrolled in the EFMP process receive assistance through the military and/or civilian community.

Military and Family Life Counselor:

Provides non-medical counseling to help Airmen, spouses, and other family members cope with military and life stressors.

Transition Assistance Program: Mandatory for separating and retiring personnel.

Transition GPS: This five-day workshop, co-sponsored with the Department of Labor and Department of Veterans Affairs is for active duty members who are planning to retire or separate within the next 12 months. Topic covered are job search tips for career changers, resume writing skills, interview preparation, federal employment applications, employment opportunities, dressing successfully for an interview, budgeting, and finances. Spouses may attend on space available.

Resume Workshop: Learn the basics for writing effective civilian resume and USAJobs Federal resumes and the latest in interview techniques.

Employment Assistance Program: Local employment workshop held each Wednesday 1300 – 1400. Provides individual assessment and career counseling to military families and DoD civilian members. Program goals are to assist military families and DoD civilians in

local employment, preparation for future career endeavors via education, job search, or self-owned business objectives in the local area.

Discovery Resource Center: Computers with Internet access are available for job searches, assessments, resumes, cover letters, state and federal applications, and companies' employment information. Fax machine available. A lending library of books, DVDs and periodicals on transition, and EFMP topics are available for check out.

Job Fairs and Employment Expos: Columbus AFB assists with the EMCC East MS Job Fair held each spring and the Golden Triangle Employment Expo held each fall.

Career Exploration & Planning Track

Identifies skills, training and credentialing, and action plans. Service members/spouses who attend the 2-day DoL CEPT workshop will complete assessments that will present a variety of tailored job recommendations classified "high demand"/"high growth" Learn to narrow career focus by establishing achievable career goals & development strategies.

Entrepreneurship: Two-day workshop includes information on starting a business, obtaining small business loans, and marketing strategies.

A&FRC Calendar: You may have it sent right to your home or at work. Send an e-mail to request it. UDG_Columbus_fsc@us.af.mil

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Welcome to Columbus AFB, MS from your



**Located on Independence Drive,
across from the Medical Clinic.
Operating hours: 0730-1630,
Monday thru Friday.**

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Welcome to Columbus Air Force Base

The Columbus AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) is the service organization for base families and is a one-stop location where individuals can obtain reliable information and assistance on a wide range of important topics

Programs and Services include:

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS): Provides emergency financial assistance to eligible military members for basic needs such as emergency leave, funerals or unexpected vehicle repairs. Programs sponsored by AFAS include the following:

Bundles for Babies: A program that discusses finances, labor and delivery, and infant care for active duty AF and/or their spouses who are pregnant or have a child 4-months-old or less. An AAFES gift card is provided to each parent.

Car Care Because We Care: Provides oil & filter replacement for first-term Airmen who complete a budget with PFR manager or families whose sponsors are deployed, remote, or on extended TDY 30 days or more.

Child Care for PCS: Arriving or departing Airmen receive 20 hours of childcare per child to use within 60 days of PCS date. Child care is provided by the Child Development Center (CDC) or Youth Center.

Give Parents A Break Program: Allows eligible parents to have a break from child care. This program pays for child care at the CDC or Youth Center 4 hours per month for 3 months.

Heart Link Spouse Welcome: All spouses of active duty military members at Columbus AFB are invited to attend. This program provides information about life in the Air Force, in the local area, and at Columbus AFB.

Personal Financial Counselor:

Provides education, information, counseling, credit management, and financial planning.

Personal Financial Readiness Planning:

A workshop that deals with basic financial management to include learning to invest, budgeting, and credit management.

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP): Learn about TSP and its options and benefits at this workshop.

Relocation Program: Assists all military and DoD members prepare for relocation. Assists in planning moves, deals with unique situations, and addresses concerns that may occur in the moving process.

Smooth Move Workshop: Valuable information for relocating members/families. Learn what to expect before you move with information from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Lodging, Tri-Care, and A&FRC. Held monthly.

Sponsorship Training: Commanders Support Staff, first-time sponsors, and those who have not been trained as a sponsor during the past year must complete sponsorship training online at <http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/esat>

Wing Newcomers Orientation: Newcomers Orientation is 0800-1430. This base-wide CONNECTION orientation begins at the Kaye Auditorium and consists of a guided base tour. To register, please contact your unit CSS, or for more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

Relocation Resources: *Plan My Move and Military Installations* are available at www.militaryonesource.com. *Plan My Move* provides entitlement/benefit info, points of contact, checklists, and planning tools. *Military Installations* provides info on most military installations world-wide, including contact information, photos, hours of operation, new arrival information, and much more.

Loan Closet: Household loan items are available to tide you over once your household shipments are gone or prior to their arrival. Located in the Airman's Attic (Bldg 530).

Family Readiness Program: Provides planning, education, and training to alleviate the stressors associated with deployment.

Hearts Apart: Monthly social event for family members whose sponsor is deployed, remote, or on extended TDY of 30 days or more.

Installation Voter Assistance Office: Offers voting assistance including voter registration, absentee ballot requests/voting, change of address, and provides answers for general voting questions to uniformed service members, their family members, and civilians with access to A&FRC. Leads and trains all installation unit voting assistance officers. For more information, please contact the Installation VAO at (662) 434-2701/2790 or email: vote.columbus@us.af.mil

Casualty Assistance: Provides prompt, accurate reporting, dignified and humane notifications, and efficient, thorough, and compassionate assistance to next of kin and/or those designated to receive benefits/entitlements.