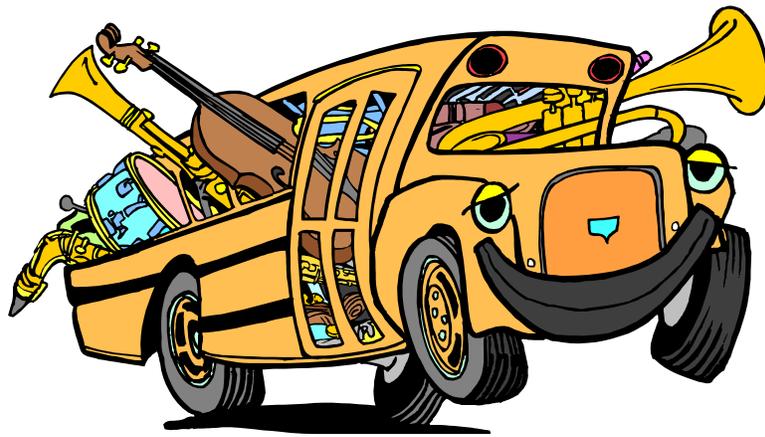


Newcomer's Welcome Handbook

Youth Programs
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Columbus Air Base, Mississippi
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"Serving the best kids in the World"
Columbus AFB Youth Programs

Message from the Director,

On behalf of Youth Programs, I would like to welcome you to Columbus AFB and especially youth programs. Our program is one of the best in the AETC command and the United States Air Force, We offer a well rounded curricula that provides youth development in five core areas; character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, and informal sports, fitness, and recreation.

We have some of the finest facilities, staff members, and programs to meet the needs of youth 5-18 years of age. Our staff is committed to excellent customer service and providing a safe and fun-learning experience for our patrons. For the safety of all, one observes a Standard of Conduct at all times.

Our after school program is open from 1500-1800 Monday through Friday. Children age 5-12 may enroll. Fees are determined using the Annual Family Household Income. Our Summer Camp operating hours are from 0700-1800 Monday through Friday during non-school days.

Youth Sports offers a variety of informal sports program that help develop Motor skills in youth 3-18 years of age. A registration fee of \$40 is assessed for each player ages 5-18. The program also offers a Start Smart program for 3 and 4 year olds and the cost is \$35 per player for the season.

The Youth Center offers programs for ages 9-18 years. The center is Affiliated with the Boys and Girls Club of America and the National 4-H Program. Membership fees per year are free. Fees can be implemented any time at the discretion of leadership.

All parents must register 5-18 year olds on AF Form 88, our Youth Application for Membership. The forms will remain on file at the center while you are stationed at Columbus AFB Mississippi. These forms can be obtained by faxing, emailing, mailing them to you or you can pick them up at the Youth Center.

Once again, it's my pleasure to welcome you to youth programs at Columbus Air Base Mississippi. If at anytime I can be of service to you, my door is always open. I trust you will enjoy your stay in Columbus.

***Thank You,
The Director of Youth Programs***

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Mission Statement for CYP Programs

To assist DoD military and civilian personnel in balancing the competing demands of the accomplishment of the DoD mission and family life by managing and delivering a system of quality, available, and affordable programs and services for eligible children and youth birth through 18 years of age.

Youth Program Mission Statement

Columbus Air Force Base Youth Programs mission is to contribute to the readiness and improve productivity through quality youth programs providing opportunities for youth to develop their physical, social, emotional and cognitive abilities including opportunities for achievement, leadership, and recognition through United States Air Force Programs, Boys & Girls Club of America's Programs, and National 4-H Club Programs, while still promoting quality of life and esprit de corps for the members of the Columbus Air Force Base Community.

Program Purpose

Youth Programs help active duty military personnel and department of defense civilians perform their duties more effectively with less worry about the well being of their children. Our programs provides opportunities for youth to develop their physical, social, emotional, and cognitive abilities and to experience achievement, leadership, enjoyment, friendship, and recognition.

Philosophy & Objectives

“Learning by Doing” is fundamental to any sound educational program and is characteristic of the Columbus AFB Youth Development Program. Informal education enhances the basic values provided by the home, school, community, and other youth-friendly environments. These fundamental values in youth programs address the personal qualities young people need to become productive citizens in the world today and tomorrow. The goal for youth programs is to create opportunities for self-development in efforts to cultivate youth into productive adults. Youth Programs works to help youth to develop personal standards and philosophy of life based on lasting values, to include making the world a better place for others, stressing honesty, integrity, and high standards for the individual and the group.

Members Confidentiality

- Phone numbers, addresses, location or directions of living quarters, rank, duty section, or other personal information related to youth, parents, employees, contract workers, and volunteers may not be released without consent. Consent should be in writing and on file unless direct instructions have been provided by individual.
- When a telephone call comes in for a youth, staff are trained to answer the phone and identify the person on the other end by asking the relationship to the individual you wish to speak with. With people unknown to staff, youth receiving the call will be asked if they know the person before they will be allowed to receive the phone call.
- Columbus Air Base Youth Programs is entrusted with important information relating to the personal lives of families living on Columbus Air Base, Mississippi. The nature of the relationship requires maintenance of confidentiality. In safeguarding the information received, the agency earns the respect and further trust of families within the community.

Activities

When youth explore through high yield activities and programming, they learn basic life skills which are fundamental for developing strong and healthy adults. We offer assorted activities, developed by the staff and youth, each week. These activities fall into five core areas to include Health and Wellness, Leadership and Service, Education, Sports and Recreation, and The Arts. Youth, families, staff, and current events help to influence our activity plans which are posted in the hallway near the entrance to the school age program area.

High Risk Programs and Activities:

The staff ratio for high risk activities will follow AFI 34-144 guidelines of 1:8 for the protection of all participants involved. Management may adjust the ratio even lower, if deem necessary. All precautions will be taken to eliminate the possibility of injuries during a youth sponsored event. Listed below are some high risk activities that 1:8 staff-to-child ratio applies.

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| * Rock Climbing | * Water Skiing | * Sailing |
| * Kayaking | * Horseback Riding | * Ice Skating |
| * Paintball | * Hiking | * Camping |
| * Swimming | * Rafting | * Canoeing |

If special equipment is required to participate, it must be used or the person will not be allowed to participate. Events other than high risk, the normal ratio of 1:15 for Open rec or 1:12 for SAC will apply.

Staff

Staff partake in varying degrees of training annually and are required to complete a series of modules, which include training on recognizing child abuse, guidance and discipline, indoor and outdoor environments, age appropriate programming, etc. In addition, staff are CPR/First Aid certified. After completing the modules, staff maintain various other trainings throughout the year to include fire, health, and safety, food handling, special needs, and medication distribution.

Medication

The Youth Center's staff will accept only physician prescribed medications in their original container. The AF Form 1055, Youth Flight Medication Permission must be completely filled out, signed and initialed each day for School Age Program staff to administer medication.

Illness

Staff will notify parents for immediate pickup if a child has a temperature over 101 degrees F (oral), an earache, vomiting, diarrhea, or severe abdominal pain. Children may return to the program when symptoms have subsided for 24 hours.

Photos

Occasionally events occur when marketing or other agencies take pictures of our program. If you do not want your child to be photographed for any reason, please annotate that on the AF Form 1181 (Patron Registration) under "special instructions" and do not initial on the "PHOTO/VIDEO" part of the contract that you sign.

Guidance and Discipline

We provide appropriate guidance procedures when dealing with difficult behaviors. We encourage the children to work together to solve their issues and come up with solutions to their problems. The staff receive ongoing guidance and conflict resolution training. Parents will be consulted if there are ongoing unresolved difficulties.

Homework

Homework help (POWERHOUR) is provided Monday –Thursday. POWERHOUR is an activity choice for the children, thus parents must communicate homework expectations with their child. Individual tutoring is available depending on the availability of volunteer tutors. Please notify staff if you are in need of a tutor. All efforts will be made to match your child with an appropriate tutor.

Parent Visitation

- Parents are WELCOME to visit our program at any time and any day. Parents are also welcome to go on all field trips with the program. Parents must pay their admission cost and may have to provide transportation if seating is unavailable.

- Parents presenting themselves to pick up their child (ren) who appear to be **inebriated** will not be allowed to pick child (ren) up. The other parent, if applicable or the emergency contact will be notified to pick up the child (ren).

Parent Involvement:

Parents are highly encouraged to participate in many youth program events and activities. Most events and field trips are announced as a family sponsored program. Parents are welcome to drop in at any time during open recreation programming or volunteer to host an activity or program. The Youth and Teen Center offers a quarterly parent involvement meeting as well as the Parent Advisory Board that meets quarterly. All parents are invited to attend either or both meetings.

Parent Advisory Board

The Parent Advisory Board is made up of parents, staff, and community leaders who work together to formulate quality improvements for the program. The team meets quarterly. All parents are welcome to be a part of our team. If you are interested in becoming a team leader please let the School Age Program Coordinator or the Youth Center Director know what role you are interested in doing.

Closed Circuit TV Monitoring

All youth may be subject to closed circuit video monitoring and recording as part of their participation/enrollment in Child and Youth Programs.

Special Needs

Youth who have been identified with a special need(s) are provided services within the school age program when reasonable accommodations can be met. A technical definition for special needs is a youth who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Prior to enrolling in an CAFB Youth Program, the youth's developmental and/or medical requirements have been reviewed by the CYP Medical Advisor and a team of experts to include: the CYP Medical Advisor, the Medical Group Exceptional Family Member representative, the Flight Chief, the Flight T& C, Director, the Exceptional Family Member Program Family Support Specialist, the installation's Legal Office, and others as determined by the installation convenes in order to determine if reasonable accommodations can be met. If reasonable accommodations can be met, an Inclusion Action Plan is developed to provide written instructions concerning how the program will meet the youth's needs, changes to the environment, specialized training, and required staff: youth ratios, etc. If reasonable accommodations cannot be met or there is a request to fundamentally alter the nature of the program (e.g. constant 1:1 ratio), the Flight Chief contacts their MAJCOM Specialist or Air Force Personnel Center Directorate of Services Installation Support Division Child and Youth Specialists to determine the appropriate course of action

Emergencies and Accidents

- Any child who requires immediate medical attention while in the After School Program will be taken to a medical facility by ambulance. The parents will be notified immediately. If we are unable to reach the parents then the emergency contact will be notified. If the parent is not present when the ambulance departs then a senior staff member will accompany the child to the medical facility.
- If your child is injured, the incident will be documented on the AF 1187 (Youth Flight Accident Report). If a child sustains any type of head, back, or neck injury, the parents will be called as well.
- Only soap and water will be used to clean scratches, cuts, and abrasions. A clean bandage will be applied.

Screening for Illness

- CYP personnel, contract workers and/or specified volunteer shall screens each child for signs of illness or health related problems before accepting them into the program
- Children who show visible signs of the following will be denied acceptance into the program, unless there is evidence present they have been under the care of a physician for at least 24 hours or appropriate care has been given. Impetigo, Scabies, culture proved Strep infection, vomiting more than 2 times in 24 hours, symptoms of other contagious diseases such as Measles, Mumps, Hepatitis, and Chicken Pox.
- A child may be readmitted into the program when the exclusion of illness/criteria has been resolved, the child is able to fully participate, and the caring for the child will not compromise the ability of the staff to care for the child's health and safety of the other children in the group.

Emergency Closings or Recalls

- In the event of an emergency closure such as bad weather, power outages, etc. parents will be called to pick up your child. Once notified of the program closure, you will need to pick up your child within 30 minutes.
- In the event of a CAFB recall, the Youth Programs will open within 30 minutes following notification of the exercise. Any fees over your normal will be decided on an exercise by exercise basis.

SMOKING OR TABACCO, USE OF ALCOHOL, OR ILLEGAL DRUGS is prohibited in and around the Youth Center.

Transporting Youth

- When transportation of youth is required in a program, the procedures outlined in AFI 34-144 must be followed precisely. Staff and volunteers may not transport youth in their private vehicles under any circumstance. Children are expected to use seatbelts, remain seated during travel, and use low voices during transportation. Children who are disruptive may be barred from the vehicle.

Program Affiliations

Youth Programs is comprised of the School Age Program, Youth Sports, Teen and Youth Programs. These facilities are affiliated with the following organizations. Feel free to visit their websites listed below to learn more about each affiliation.



Boys and Girls Club of America National Office
1230 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA. 30309
Website: <http://www.bgca.org>



National 4-H Program
Chevy Chase, Maryland
Website: www.4-H.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Adults are the heart of any youth program. For programming and events, adult volunteers are needed to supplement staff efforts. Volunteer staff and leaders in all areas, are always needed and welcomed. Please stop in or call the Youth Center at 434-2504 to volunteer. To become a regular volunteer, a background check must be conducted. Listed are just a few ongoing volunteer opportunities at Columbus AFB Youth Programs.

- Coaching Opportunities
- Instructing Clinics
- Mentoring
- Leader for Start Smart Sports Program
- Special Function Volunteers (announced prior to the event)
- Homework Tutoring
- Guest Speakers

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

Age requirement: 5-12 years

Eligibility and Priority Enrollment

As per AFI 34-144 child care eligibility is contingent on the status of the sponsor. The School Age Care Program is open to children Age 5 through 6th grade and are eligible patrons of active duty military, DoD civilian employees either NAF or APF, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve military personnel on active duty or inactive duty training status, active duty Coast Guard members, combat related wounded warriors, surviving spouses of military members who died from a combat-related incident, those acting in loco parentis for the dependent child of an otherwise eligible patron, eligible employees of DoD contractors, and others may be authorized on a space available basis. In the case of unmarried, legally separated parents with joint custody or divorced parents with joint custody, children/youth are eligible for child care only when they reside with the eligible sponsor at least 25 percent of the time in a month.

In accordance with AFI 34-144, the following ranking order will apply to all parents/guardians registering their children at Columbus AFB School Age Program.

1. Single/Dual active duty military assigned to Columbus AFB
2. Active duty members with employed spouse
3. DoD civilians (single, dual or employed spouse)
4. Active duty/DoD civilians with unemployed spouse
5. DoD Contractors
6. Active duty reservist/ANG/reservist during inactive duty personnel training
7. Others who are eligible for care (active duty in another location/spouse or guardian of deployed active duty members from another base)

Once a registered child is number 3 or higher on the waiting list in their age group, the child will maintain their place on the waiting list even if another patron registers who is a higher priority. Full-time students, parents who are self-employed or parents who work full time at home are considered employed. Parents seeking employment are considered employed as long as they can show evidence that they are actively seeking employment. In families where a spouse is no longer employed or no longer seeking employment and there are higher priority families on the waiting list, care within the center will be terminated after a 30-day notice. Children of retirees are not eligible for participation in the School Age Program. Active duty member's nearing retirement will be notified that his/her use of the program will be terminated within 2 months of their effective date of retirement.

Fees

Fees are based on TFI to include spouses income, base pay, BAS and BAH.

***** As of January 2020, a new fee payment policy issued by HQ USAF/A1S requires that all child care payments be made electronically. Parents using the Child Development Program and/or the School Age Care Program need to provide a credit card number or debit card number. The policy requires that all payments be made through the Orbital Managed Billing System. The CDC or SAC will no longer be accepting cash and/or check.**

Fees are based on your family annual income; a copy of your most recent LES is required. Below are the fee categories.

Category	Total Family Income	Full Day	After Care
1	\$0 - \$32,525	\$60	\$15.00
2	\$32,526 – \$39,491	\$75	\$18.75
3	\$39,492 - \$51,108	\$93	\$23.25
4	\$51,109 - \$63,884	\$108	\$27.00
5	\$63,885 - \$81,310	\$124	\$31.00
6	\$81,311 - \$94,032	\$136	\$34.00
7	\$94,033 - \$110,625	\$140	\$35.00
8	\$110,626 - \$138,330	\$145	\$36.25
9	\$138,331+	\$150	\$37.50
<small>*9contractor employees</small>	ALL CONTRACTORS	\$210	\$52.50
Standard Hourly Care Rate (Drop In)		\$5 Per Hour	

These fees are subject to change. Please check with SAP.

- Parents failing to pick up their children by 1800 may result in being charged a late fee of \$1 per minute per child. A 5-minute grace period will be provided before late fees accrue. Late fees are due by the close of business on the following business day.
- Days/hours missed, or partial attendance will not be prorated. Weeks in which Holidays and AETC Family Days occur fees that may be prorated at the approval of leadership.
- Full-day care will be provided on Student Holidays (not federal holidays) and incur additional fees in addition to those for full day.
- Camps to include Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Spring Break, and Summer Camps are not included in the After School Program contract allowing parents to take leave from the program during these times. Camps are charged the full-day weekly rate. A separate registration period will be announced for the camps.

Field Trips

- The program will have many field trips throughout the year. You will be required to pay the cost of all trips. Advanced notice will be given for all trips to include the departure and return times and cost.
- Children should be at the Youth Center by the posted departure time. If you are late arriving and the children have departed for the trip, other arrangements must be made for their child care or you may bring them to the field trip destination and sign your child in upon your arrival. THERE WILL BE NO STAFF AVAILABLE AT THE YOUTH CENTER TO CARE FOR YOUR CHILD IF YOU ARE LATE ARRIVING.

Meals and Snacks

All meals and snacks will meet the USDA guidelines and AFI 34-144. A snack will be served daily in the After School Program from 3:00-4:30pm. In the event of full-day care, Breakfast will be served from 8:00-9:00am and lunch will be served from 11:00-12:00pm. Please notify staff of any food allergies. No outside food will be permitted in the program.

Signing In/Out

All children must be signed into the program on the AF Form 1930 by an adult (either a staff member or a parent/guardian). All children under age 9 must arrive and depart under adult supervision. Children 9 and older may sign themselves out of the program pending written permission by parent/guardian is on file.

Releasing a Child to Other Adults

Parents/guardians must provide written permission allowing additional adults to sign their child (ren) IN/OUT on the AF 1181 under ADULTS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CHILDREN IN/OUT. Only those 16 years or older may sign a child out of the program. Persons authorized to pick up your child (ren) will be required to show a photo ID.

CHILD CARE TAX NUMBER

64-036-5393

OPEN RECREATION

Age requirements: 9-18 years

Program Requirements

Youth Programs provide a wide range of programs and activities based on the needs and interest of the entire youth community; including boys and girls, children of all ability levels, financial conditions, and children living on and off Columbus Air Base Mississippi.

To ensure continuity in youth programs from base to base, AFI 34-144 requires youth centers, parents are required to register youth using Air Force Form 88, Youth Program Application or computerized version, for each child participating in a youth program except for one-time events that include direct parental supervision.

AF 88, Youth Program Registration form must be completed for each child enrolled in youth programs.

Each participant will receive a membership number and/or location card upon registration. The cost for annual membership is free for youth ages 9-18.

Program Eligibility

Youth must be a dependant of an active duty person, DOD civilian, NAF employee, aafes, or a permanent base contractor. The program offers enjoyment and activities for youth 5-18 years of age.

Youth age 5 may participate in activities organized specially for their age group, youth age 6-8 must be accompanied by a parent or sibling over 16 years of age unless participating in an activity that includes continuous adult supervision.

Arrival & Departure:

- Children arriving must be signed in. This procedure must be accomplished upon arrival. Children are required to sign out prior to departure
- Children must be age 9-18 to utilize the youth center, however a parent or sibling of 16 or older may accompany ages 6-8, if desire to attend. Attending on a regular basis will require a membership for ages 6-8.

Closing Policy

As outlined in AFI 34-144, if a child under 16 years of age does not have transportation when the facility closes or within 30 minutes after an activity ends, we contact the parents or the emergency contact person listed on AF Form 88. If the individuals are unavailable, the security forces will be contacted for assistance in locating the parents or finding temporary placement for the youth.

Sign In/Out Procedures for Members

Youth entering the facility must in and out when departing using their membership ID provided. Youth will be issued a membership number after parents complete the application for membership. Membership is free. Your membership number are recorded each time you sign into the facility, please do not allow anyone to use your card/number. During special events you may be required to present your membership card as verification.

Field Trips

The Youth Center offers several leisure time trips throughout the year to various attractions in the local community. Registration is on a first come basis, however parents must complete a trip permission form before a slot will be reserved for your child. All trips have a registration deadline, the following day after the deadline for registration those listed on the waiting list will be called in the order listed, you have 24 hours to reply, excluding weekends, or the next person will be called.

Most trips are offered during school breaks. Youth must physically bring dollars and pay for your own admission, the staff is not responsible for any cash during a trip. Two staff members will accompany all off base field trips. A first aid kit, cell phone, and water will be taken on all trips.

Standards of Conduct

- Modest and appropriate attire and behavior are required at all youth Sponsored programs and activities.
- All youth center members shall show respect for those in authority.
- Clean up after youth programs and activities is EVERYONE'S responsibility.
- Proper respect for all personal property and public facilities shall be shown.
- All youth activities are nonsmoking, nonalcoholic, and drug-free events.
- No profanity or coarse jesting is acceptable at any youth programs/activities.
- Fighting and stealing will not be tolerated in any youth program event.
- Weapons are not permitted on any youth programs premises.
- Youth are to enter/exit through main entrance only.
- All entering youth must sign in upon arrival and sign out upon departure
- Youth will be held accountable for any violations of the above standards.

Disciplinary Actions

Any violation of the above guidelines/standards of conducts, or posted Informational/directional signs will result in notification of the parent. A meeting with the Youth Director, the youth, and their parent(s) may be necessary. Temporary or permanent suspension of the participation of youth that do not follow the rules of conduct depending upon the seriousness of their action may occur. The installation commander may suspend the participation of youths or adults who use alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products in youth program facilities or at youth program functions.

[Youth Sports Office \(434-2504\)](#)

Sports Offered Include the following:

Flag Football	Jul-Oct
Cheerleading	Jul-Oct
Fall Soccer	Sep-Nov
Summer Basketball	May-Jul
Volleyball	Oct-Dec
Spring Soccer	Feb-Apr
T-Ball	Apr-Jun
Baseball	Apr-Jun
Girls' Softball	Apr-Jun
Winter Basketball	Dec-Feb

Start Smart for 3-4 year olds are offered for Flag Football, Soccer, T-ball, and Basketball.

The program offers clinics through the year, call for more info.

[Instructional Classes](#)

The Youth Center works to provide instructional classes such as dance (tap, jazz, ballet,), music (piano), martial arts, and several other instructional classes. Contract registration, age limits, waiting lists, and costs vary depending on the class and instructor. Call the Youth Center for more information.

Instructors are paid contractors. The Youth Center is always looking for new instructors to share their talents with Columbus AFB Youth. To become an instructor, call the Youth Center at 434-2504 and speak with the youth programs staff.

Facility and Program Information

Hours of Operation (during school session (Aug-May))

Youth Center (434-2504)

Bldg. 348

Office Hours

10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Open Rec Hours

Mon-Fri 3:00-6:00 PM

Wednesday 2:00-6:00 PM

Hours of Operation (during summer hours and school closures)

After School Program

7:00AM-6:00PM

Open Rec Program

1:00PM-6:00PM

**CLOSED: Weekends, Family days, and Holidays
Hours are modified for special events and attendance**

SAC Programs/Activities:

Power Hour
Assorted Clubs (i.e. Gardening, Photography, Art, Science)
Field Trips
Community Service Projects
Boys and Girls Club Programs
4-H Programs

Open Rec Programs/Activities

Power hour
Kids in the Kitchen
Fit Family Programs
National Fine Arts
Photography
4-H Programs
Community Services Projects
Junior Staff

Programs Specifically For Teens (Ages 13-18)

Keystone Club
Job Ready
Career Launch
Keystone
Air Force Teen Council
Mega Phone Lock In
Youth of the Year
Presidential Scholarship Program
Congressional Awards Program

Programs Offered Specifically For Pre-Teens (Ages 9-13):

Torch Club

Youth Supervision Guidelines

This simply serves as a guideline and is based on the maximum ages of when children should demonstrate age-appropriate behavior. Children who do not consistently demonstrate age appropriate behavior should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities. It is still the responsibility of the parents to use reasonable judgment for any incident or mishap. The parent is also responsible for any incident or mishap that occurs except those that are not preventable.

Age 5-Age 6

- Cannot be left without a sitter in housing for 2hrs or less
- Cannot be left without a sitter for more than 2 hours
- Cannot be left alone overnight
- Can play outside unattended in a playground or yard with immediate access (visual or hearing distance) to adult supervision; except first grade may walk to and from bus stop***
- Cannot be left in a car unattended
- Cannot child sit siblings
- Cannot child sit others

Age 7-Age 9

- Cannot be left without a sitter in housing for 2hrs or less
- Cannot be left without a sitter for more than 2 hours
- Cannot be left alone overnight
- Can play outside unattended without direct adult supervision, but adult must be nearby at all times and check frequently except may walk to and from bus stop***
- Can be left in the car unattended with the keys removed from vehicle and hand brake set.
- Cannot child sit siblings
- Cannot child sit others

Age 10-Age 11

- Can be left without a sitter with ready access (phone# to adult supervisor)
- 10-yr-olds cannot be left without a sitter for more than 2 hours
- 11-yr-olds can be left without a sitter for more than 2 hours if there are no emotional or physical limitations and the child is comfortable with the situation
- Cannot be left alone overnight
- Can be outside unattended (to include playing)
- Can be left in a car with the keys removed from the vehicle and hand brake set
- Cannot child sit siblings
- Cannot child sit others

Age 12-14

- Can be left without sitter in housing for 2 hours or less
- Can be left without a sitter in housing for more than 2 hours
- Can baby sit if with access to an adult
- Cannot be left alone overnight
- Can be outside unattended (to include playing)
- Can be left in a car unattended
- Can child sit siblings with required training *
- Can child sit others
- 12-yrs-olds or 7th grade requires minimum training **

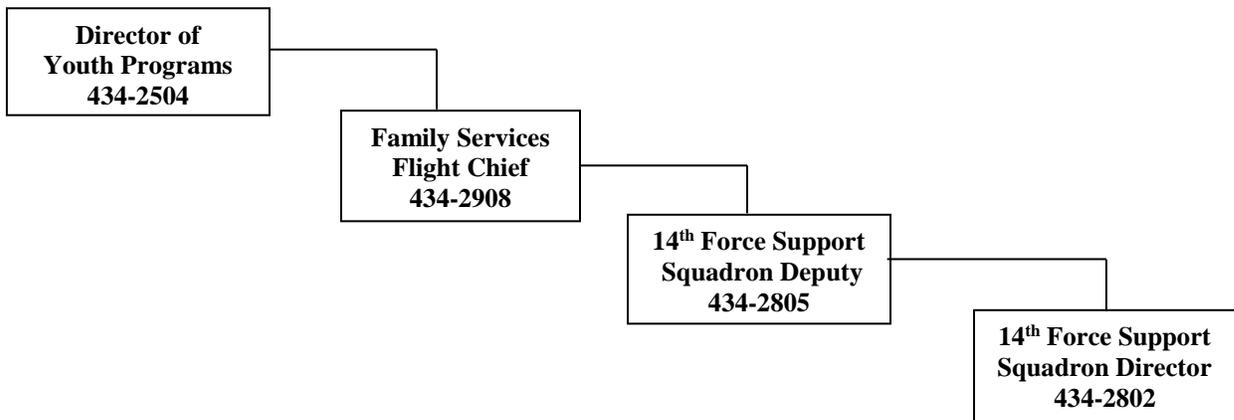
Ages 15-18

- Can be left without sitter in housing for 2 hours or less
- Can be left without a sitter in housing for more than 2 hours
- Can be left alone overnight
- Minors age 16 may be left alone with minimal supervision for several days at a time if there are no emotional or physical limitations and child is comfortable with the situation
- Can be outside unattended (to include playing)
- Can be left in a car unattended
- Can child sit siblings with limited overnight sitting **
- Can child sit others with limited overnight sitting **

****Red Cross baby-sitting training or equivalent certification.**

*****Adult supervision is defined as someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child, e.g. parent, guardian care provider, friend**

Youth Program's Chain of Command



List of Community Resources

Family Support

Air Force Aid Society & Community Programs 742-2790

Employment/Career Focus Program 434-2839

Airmen's Attic 434-1614

Exceptional Family Member Program 434-3323

Fitness and Fun

Information Tickets and Travel 434-7861

Magnolia Riding Stables 889-8138

Fitness Center 434-2775

Outdoor Recreation 742-2507

Columbus AFB Pool 434-2491

Surrounding Area

History and Heritage 665-329-1191

Sports and Outdoors 800-327-2686

Where To Eat visit www.visitcolumbus.org/where-to-eat/

Department of Defense

"CHILD ABUSE AND SAFETY HOTLINE NUMBERS"

1-877-790-1197

Columbus AFB Family Advocacy Office

662-434-2197

YOUTH PROGRAMS SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS

