



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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SUBJECT: Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), 16 April 2015

LOCATION: Habeneros Mexican Grill, McChord Field

1. WELCOME.

2. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. Discussed minutes from the January 2015 meeting.
- b. Dates for PAC meetings will be the 3rd Thursday in July and October.
- c. It was decided at the last meeting quarterly PAC meetings would work the best and they will be alternated between McChord Field and Lewis Main.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ms. Westcott-Curl stated the purpose of the CYSS Parent Advisory Council is:
 - (1) Enhance and support CYSS Functions
 - (2) Provide a venue for consumer input concerning administrative policies, developmental programming, Youth Sports, SKIES and Youth programs.
 - (3) Participate in CYSS Program Assessment to identify level and quality of Service
 - (4) Advise and make recommendations for improving the quality of the CYSS network.
 - (5) Provide Family resiliency through community engagement and interaction.

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b. The following individuals serve as the JBLM Parent Advisory Council Chair persons:

c. Beachwood CDC repairs are almost complete and BCDC will be reopening in the near future. BCDC parents have the option of returning to BCDC or staying at their current center.

d. discussed one of the Month of the Military Child projects is the clothing drive. Children's clothing is donated to the CDCs from parents so if the child gets his or her clothing wet and dirty they will be able to change into clean, dry clothes. Volunteer parents are needed to go through the items and sort them by size and launder them. Also, the centers need extra old towels.

e. Ms. Bea Westcott-Curl announced some other activities that are happening for the Month of the Military Child. Community support from the Blue Star Families provided funding for science and math programs at the Children's Museum. There are also many events to participate in at the centers including Play to Learn.

f. Joint Base Lewis-McChord Youth, Ms. Danielle Suarez won Washington State Boys and Girls Club Military Youth of the Year Award. She received a \$5,000 scholarship.

g. Ms. Westcott-Curl announced CYSS is revamping the SNAP process

h. Due to the ongoing effort to ensure the health and nutrition of the children in care, no outside food is allowed to be brought into any of the Child Care Centers or School Age Care programs unless there is a documented medical reason. The reason is there are a large amount of children with special dietary requirements and the requirement for Government supported child care centers to ensure foods are healthy.

i. School Age Services Summer Camp will begin 15 June 2015. Programs offered will be art, theater, math, science and a trip to the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge.

j. McChord School Age program has a new nature oriented playground and are having an Open House on 24 April. The new playground includes bridges, dramatic play stages, fort building and swings.

k. The CYSS Parent Handbook is online for parents to view.

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i. Ms. Westcott-Curl stated that off post Military Child Care In Your Neighborhood Centers are accredited centers.

m. There will be a Hail and Farewell spaghetti dinner at the Hillside Youth Center with awards and movies.

n. Next meeting will be 16 July 2015 at the Bistro restaurant on Lewis North.