

Special Education Legal Assistance for EFMP Families

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Our Mission

To grow our capacity to assist EFMP families, across the AF, with special education law.

Our Vision

AF families will seek our assistance first, prior to incurring legal fees in the civilian sector. With counseling, and empowerment, we can reduce the risk of litigation

Policy & Guidance

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973: Section 504
- ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act Title II
- FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
- AFI 51-304, *Legal Assistance, Notary, Preventive Law, And Tax Programs*

What is EFMP?

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical, and personnel services to Families with special needs.

How can the Legal Office Support EFMP families?

The Legal Office is here to educate, empower, coach, and counsel military families who have a loved one enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

****Please note that Air Force Legal Assistance Attorneys cannot attend hearings****

Legal Assistance Attorneys can assist clients seeking assistance with:

- ❖ IEP/504 Eligibility determinations
- ❖ IEP/504 Advice and Counsel
- ❖ Addressing IEP non-compliance
- ❖ Understanding Assessments as they relate to IEP provisions
- ❖ Understanding Parent's rights
- ❖ Tuition reimbursements for private school placements
- ❖ Litigation Support & Dispute remedies
- ❖ Guardianships

Legal Assistance Appointment

Legal Assistance is provided by appointment only. To schedule a legal assistance appointment to speak with an attorney, please feel free to call our office.

Additional Resources

1. Misawa Air Base Legal Website
 - a. Common Legal Issues For Special Needs Family
 - b. Becoming Your Exceptional Family Member's Guardian or Conservator
 - c. Knowing Your Exceptional Child's Educational Rights
2. Military One Source