Navy Child Development Homes

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Overview

- **Navy currently has ~1,800 certified Child Development Home (CDH) Providers**
  - 90% are operated in military or PPV housing areas
  - 10% are operated in civilian communities
  - 94% are military spouses
- **CDH is integral part of Navy Child Care Program**
  - Makes up 26% of Navy's total child care capacity
- **All Navy CDH Providers are subsidized**
  - Difference between market rate: parent fees based on total family income
  - Infant only, extend hours, national accreditation, special needs children

Certification/Accreditation

- **All Navy CDH Providers are required to maintain annual DoD Certification**
  - Initial training, standard DoD training modules and on-going training
  - Initial and annual background check screenings
  - Annual and monthly oversight inspections
  - CDH operating in joint jurisdiction PPV housing areas and civilian homes are also required be state licensed (depending on state)
  - Supported by Navy CDH employee Monitors and Training Specialists
  - Training records and background checks are reciprocal between Services and installations; however state licensing requirements varies
  - National accreditation encouraged

Challenges/Initiatives

- **DoD Certification can take between 3-9 months, most delays due to time to complete background checks**
- **Stigma amongst parents that center based child care is safer/higher quality/hours of operation**
- **Recruitment pool of individuals interested in becoming CDH Providers**
- **Navy Child Care Central Suitability Office**
- **MilitaryChildCare.com**