## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 86TH AIRLIFT WING (USAFE)



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## MEMORANDUM FOR CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM FAMILIES

FROM: 86 FSS/CC

SUBJECT: Wrap-Around Care at Ramstein Area Child Development Centers (CDCs)

Our top priority is providing high-quality, full-time care to families who need it most. Due to a significant demand for full-time care spots, and limited childcare staff, we've made the difficult decision to not offer wrap-around care at the Ramstein and Vogelweh CDCs for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

We understand this decision may be disappointing for families, particularly those hoping to utilize wrap-around care in conjunction with DoDEA Universal Prekindergarten. This adjustment allows us to dedicate our full attention and resources to ensuring children enrolled in full-time care receive the best possible experience.

We also know that many families need flexible childcare options. If you're seeking wrap-around care, we encourage you to explore our wonderful Family Child Care (FCC) program. Here's what makes FCC a great option:

- Care for all ages: FCC providers care for children and youth from 2 weeks to 12 years old.
- **Convenient locations:** Find FCC providers both on and off base, all certified by the 86th Mission Support Group Commander.
- Flexible schedules: FCC providers often offer care tailored to various schedules, deployments, and even special needs.

To learn more about Family Child Care and connect with providers in our community, please contact the Ramstein Community/Family Child Care office within the 86th Force Support Squadron at DSN 478-7420 or Commercial 06371-405-7420.

We deeply appreciate your understanding as we work to provide the best possible childcare experience for all families. We are committed to continually evaluating our programs and exploring ways to expand our services in the future. For any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Ms. Sara Thompson, CDC/FCC Program Manager, at DSN 480-6007 or Commercial 06371-47-6007.

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