

First Things First - Lodging/Housing & Child, Youth and School Services:

After packing up and heading out to a new duty station, the members' first concerns usually involve obtaining lodging, finding a new housing, obtaining childcare, and/or finding things for children to do to ease the transition. Below you will find expanded information to get you started on these tasks.

Temporary Lodging

Travis Temporary Lodging Facilities can comfortably accommodate families of five or less. The Lodging Office assigns these units to military members accompanied by their family members during a PCS move, leave or permissive temporary duty. Civilian and military friends and relatives of patients in Air Force hospitals and hospital outpatients are also eligible for TLF reservations. For more information on temporary lodging, call (707) 424-8000.

Dormitories

The Travis dormitory campus is available for single enlisted personnel E-4 and below. With a few exceptions, these Service members are required to live in on-base dormitories unless the occupancy rate is near capacity. Units will assign newcomers to a dorm by squadron. Dorms include recreation rooms on each floor as well as built-in closets, wall-to-wall carpeting and basic furniture in each room. Travis has 16 dormitories (1,207 rooms) of varying ages and configurations; the most common living arrangement is a single room for each enlisted member with a shared bathroom facility.

Housing on Travis Air Force Base

Military Housing Management Office:

New Service members who do not reside in the dormitories must attend a short briefing at the Housing Management Office. The briefing is designed to assist members with both on and off base housing questions, provide information on your rights when securing a lease, and give you information on local area housing options. The Military Housing Management Office is located at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, 351 Travis Avenue, Building 660. Contact them directly at (707) 424-2726.

On-base Housing:

Travis Family Home is the privatized on base housing option, owned and managed by Balfour Beatty Communities. There are 1320 attractive homes in seven friendly neighborhoods. They offer two-, three- and four-bedroom homes in a variety of different styles and floor plans. A few of their community amenities include a dual dog park, interconnecting fitness trails, tot parks, water splash park and a Community Center. Travis Family Homes offers a variety of activities, seminars, and events to help you get fit, challenge your mind, interact positively with others and enrich your life. Travis is fortunate to be able to offer townhomes to qualified unaccompanied military members; this unique program provides military members the opportunity to enjoy the Travis housing community.

Travis Family Homes
Management Office
351 Travis Blvd., Building 660
Travis AFB, CA 94535
(877) 386-1108

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Travis Family Homes Facilities Management Office
151 Wyoming St.

Travis AFB, CA 94535 (707) 437-1230

Maintenance Hours: Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Self Help Store Hours: Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Travis Family Homes Community Center

1000 First St.

Travis AFB, CA 94535

(707) 207-3376

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Reservations available after hours)

For more information including FAQs, local schools, housing applications, current waitlists, upcoming events and much more, visit us at: <http://www.travisfamilyhousing.com>

Child Care, School, and Youth Services

Free Child Care for PCS:

Free child care is offered by the Air Force Aid Society to offset the stressors involved with a permanent change of duty station (PCS). 20 hours of free child care (per child) is available to members with PCS or retirement orders. At Travis, families may receive a certificate both when they arrive and when they are departing the base. Free Child Care for PCS certificates are:

- Issued at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, 351 Travis Blvd., Building 660
- Good for up to 60 days pre-departure from and post arrival to Travis
- Do not transfer (are only valid at Travis AFB)
- Are redeemable for FCC based child care (based on availability of providers)

Fees - Childcare fees are based upon total family income. Verification of income is required to assess fees for all (on and off base) military child care program options.

On Base Child Care Options:

Registration and Waiting Lists - MilitaryChildCare.com is a Department of Defense (DoD) online resource to assist military, DoD civilian, and contractor families locate and register for military-operated and military subsidized child care options for ages 4 weeks through 12 years old. The site enables users to do a customized search, register or place children on child care waiting lists, and monitor placement requests. The website is certified and accredited, and family profile data is secured. Should you have issues in accessing or utilizing this site, you may contact the Help Desk at 855-696-2934.

Child Development Centers -

Travis has three Child Development Centers (CDCs), which are all accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Only seven percent of early childhood programs nationwide have achieved this recognition, all three are among the few with this accreditation in Northern California. The centers provide developmental and educational care for infants, toddlers and preschool children. Child development is available for dependents of active duty military and Department of Defense civilians on a first-come, first-serve basis.

CDC I – 2 Illinois Street, Building 665 / (707) 424-5400

CDC II - 4 Illinois Street, Building 668 / (707) 424-5400

CDC III – 100 Upson Street, Building 7690 / (707) 437-0644

Family Child Care -

Parents who prefer family-style childcare for their children also have that option available at Travis. The Family Child Care (FCC) program, which has its offices in Building 251 on First Street, has a network of providers at Travis who offer quality childcare. In addition to weekday care, some of these homes provide before- and after-school care, weekend care and overnight care for active-duty parents who go TDY.

These home environments have a child-to-caregiver ratio that is much lower than the CDCs. Every FCC provider at Travis is licensed by the Air Force and has completed a mandatory training process, a rigorous review of records and security inspections by several base agencies. Personal training in various areas of child development, nutrition, safety, fire prevention, first aid and CPR are also mandatory. The FCC program also sponsors the United States Department of Agriculture Food Program for all providers to ensure nutritious meals and snacks for children in family childcare. Monitoring of FCC homes at Travis is a partnership between the parent, the FCC provider and the licensing agency. It is against Air Force regulations to provide full-time childcare in base housing without a license. For more details, call the FCC office at (707) 424-4596 or (707) 424-8104.

Off Base Options:

Child Care Aware of America is a DoD sponsored website which helps military families search for child care located off of installations. Families who do not have access to an on-base child care provider may be eligible for child care fee assistance programs. For program information, how to apply, required documents, and registration, log into their website at <http://childcareaware.org/military-child-care-assistance-programs/> or call 800-424-2246 (8 am – 7 pm Eastern Time).

Note: Certain off-base child care options will be added to the MilitaryChildCare.com search in the near future.

Travis Youth Center -

The Travis Youth Center, located in Building 7763 on Fairchild Drive, has a comprehensive recreational program for dependent youth throughout the year. The center is open Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The center's objective is to provide a variety of wholesome recreational opportunities, which reflect the diverse interests and needs of Travis youth. The facility includes a gymnasium, multi-purpose room and game room. A few of the Youth Center's special programs include:

- Before school, after school and interim care for children from first grade to 12 years old
- Team sports such as soccer, basketball and baseball
- Classes in gymnastics, dance, piano, arts and crafts, drama and sewing
- Field trips to athletic events, theater performances, amusement parks and outdoor recreational activities
- Workshops, seminars, holiday theme parties, athletic events and special children's matinee movies for youth of various ages.
- Job line, volunteer work programs and educational classes especially for teens.

The Teen Zone –

The Teen Zone, located in the BX Mini-Mall, is where youth from age 13 to 18 may hang out and participate in structured activities or study. The Teen Zone has a big-screen TV, computers and a video arcade. It is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Teens plan their own activities like air hockey, pool and foosball tournaments, parties and dances, outdoor recreational trips, bowling, teen night at the gym, and movies and videos. The Teen Center also offers educational classes and field trips for its members. Call (707) 424-3131 for more information or a schedule of activities.

Boys and Girls Club at Travis Teen Zone - Teens 13 to 18 can take part in special activities as part of the five core programs mandated by the Boys and Girls Club of America: character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts and sports, and fitness and recreation. For more information, call the Youth Center at (707) 424-5392.

School Liaison Officer –

The School Liaison Officer (SLO) serves as a representative link between Travis AFB, Families, and the local area K-12 schools. Members may contact the SLO to obtain important information on registration requirements, district, and transfer credit requirements at the A&FRC, 351 Travis Blvd., Building 660 or by calling 707-424-2486.