

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE

CYSS Parent Participation Program



Parent-volunteers with the Child, Youth & School Services Parent Participation Program at JBLM may earn a reduction in their childcare fees. Read the frequently asked questions below, and refer to the chart on the reverse to find out how you can volunteer your time. If you still have questions, please call 253-966-CYSS.

How do I earn points for the Parent Participation Program?

Parents who participate earn points toward a fee reduction based on the number of hours volunteered. *See the Participation Opportunities chart on the reverse.*

How much time do I have to spend in a program to earn a point?

Points may be accrued in half-hour increments and logged on the Parent Participation Sign-in Sheet; however, participation will be recorded by the hour.

How many hours do I have to volunteer to receive the discount?

Parents may earn a fee reduction for volunteering a minimum of 10 hours, generally in their child's program.

How long can I accumulate points?

Participation points may be accumulated from month to month until the parent earns 10 points to receive a 10-percent reduction on one month's fee for one child.

I earned 20 points this month, and I have two kids. May I use 10 points for both?

If a parent has earned 20 points, the 10-percent fee reduction may be applied for one child for a two-month period or for two children during the same month.

Do I need to have a background check to be able to volunteer?

Parents who participate in the program are considered intermittent volunteers and do not need to have a background check; however, parents must sign the gratuitous service agreement.

I have another child but I want to volunteer. Do I receive childcare while I am volunteering?

Parents will not receive free childcare for siblings during the time they're participating in a classroom or program activities for an enrolled child. Parents who require childcare for other children should make arrangements for care at the Hourly Care Center.

I am a CYS Services employee. Can I still participate in this program and earn a fee reduction?

CYS Services employees may volunteer in the Parent Participation Program during non-work hours performing activities not a part of their normal work-related duties.

The *Military Child Care Act* requires the establishment of a Parent Participation Program at each installation; in the case of parents who participate, the act allows for a reduction in their child care fees.



Joint Base Lewis-McChord
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CYS Services Parent Participation Program Opportunities

Category (CYMS code)	Activity examples	Point values
Program evaluation (PE)	ICYSE, accreditation or MAC Plan team assistance; completion of selected surveys such as COA, NAFCC or NAEYC Accreditation *	1 point per hour spent or 1 point per completed survey
Parent education (ED)	Attend parent education session or PAC meeting *	2 points per parent education session or PAC meeting (For officers, additional point per hour spent in preparation of the agenda as well as meeting attendance)
Community or special events (EV)	MOMC programs, seasonal parties (assisting in some way; doesn't include points for attendance alone). May coordinate a volunteer effort or work a shift at a community event, function or production *	1 point per hour of time spent
Classroom activities (CA)	Participation in program activities — i.e., Family Child Care home, child development center, school-age center or middle school/teen facilities; participate in field trips; assist with lunchtime; share talent or assist with homework *	1 point per hour of time spent
Program-wide projects (PWP)	Repair toys and equipment; prepare newsletter; laminate classroom or program materials; assist in parent resource area; assist in maintaining staff or parent libraries; assist with curriculum or 4-H; create bulletin boards *	1 point per hour of time spent
Individual projects (IP)	Make games, record book on CD, create prop boxes, sew or make classroom materials *	To be determined in advance; range is 1–3 points per project. Consideration given to time spent.
Other (O)	Garrison will request G-9 approval prior to scheduled event. *	To be determined

* Other local opportunities may also apply.