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MEMORANDUM FOR All Military Personnel, Family Members, and Department of Defense Civilian Employees within the United States Army Garrison (USAG) Hawaii Installations

SUBJECT: USAG Hawaii Policy Memorandum (PM) #-9 – (Child Supervision Policy for Army Installations Hawaii)

1. References:

a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18 (The Army Family Advocacy Program), 30 October 2007 with Issue Date: 13 September 2011.

b. AR 608-75 (Exceptional Family Member Program), 27 January 2017.

c. AR 608-10 (Child, Youth, and School Services), 11 May 2017.

d. Hawaii Revised Statue (HRS) § 577-16 (Curfew; children in public streets, prohibited when, penalty)

2. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to establish command guidance for Child Supervision on USAG Hawaii.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all Servicemembers, Department of War (DoW) Civilians, Family Members and sponsored individuals within United States Army Installations in Hawaii.

4. Policy.

a. Guardians and sponsors are ultimately responsible for the welfare and actions of their children. They must use sound judgement and consider the physical, emotional, and psychological maturity of their children when determining the level of supervision their children require.

b. Children who meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) as defined by AR 608-75 (Exceptional Family Member Program), may require special levels of supervision. It is the responsibility of the guardians and sponsors to modify these guidelines for supervision and babysitting, in accordance with an EFMP

eligible child's special needs. They must consult with their primary care physician to determine the appropriate level of supervision.

c. Primary child supervision guidelines are based on a child's age, not their grade in school (see Enclosure for a matrix of these guidelines).

d. Guardians and sponsors will not leave a child unattended when environmental conditions, including weather, heat, terrain, traffic, or other hazards, present a foreseeable risk to the child's safety.

(1) Children, newborn to 7 years old, may ***NOT*** be left unattended at home or outside (to include playing), unsupervised at bus stops, public facilities, in vehicles, or recreational areas. Additionally, they cannot walk to and from schools or bus stops alone.

(2) Children, 8-9 years old, may ***NOT*** be left unattended at home. They may be left outside unattended (including playing), if at a playground or in a yard with immediate access to adult supervision (children must be within direct sight or hearing). Children, age 8 and older, may walk to and from school or bus stop, or Child and Youth Services (CYS) activity. However, the distance cannot be longer than one (1) mile or require crossing a busy street (e.g., Kunia Road and Lyman, Cadet Sheridan and Trimble Road, and Santos Dumont and Wright Ave). It is strongly recommended that guardians and sponsors "practice" walking the route to schools and/or bus stops with their children to develop competency and reinforce appropriate decision-making for all safety concerns. Children, 8-9 years old, may be left in a vehicle for up to 10 minutes if the keys have been removed, windows are adjusted for safe air and temperature, and the handbrake is applied.

(3) Children, 10-11 years old, may be left unattended at home for up to four (4) hours in a 24-hour period (but **not overnight**, between 0100-0500 hours) with ready access to adult supervision. Ready access is defined as the ability to contact a responsible adult and for that adult to physically respond within a reasonable timeframe based on the child's age. This age group may be left outside unattended (including playing) when the guardian or sponsor checks on the child/children or has the child/children check-in with the guardian or sponsor in person or via phone call every hour. An adult must be capable of responding to a child within 15 minutes or less to a child in crisis. Guardians and sponsors will take into consideration the child's maturity, and any limitations or specials needs. Children in this age group may be left in a vehicle for up to 20 minutes if the keys have been removed, windows are adjusted for safe air and temperature, and the handbrake is applied. Children 11 years old and younger cannot care for siblings or other children.

(4) Children, 12-13 years old, may be left unattended at home for up to six (6) hours in a 24-hour period (but **not overnight**, between 0100-0500 hours) with ready access to adult supervision. This age group may be left outside unattended (including playing) when the guardian or sponsor checks on the child/children or has the child/children check-in with the parent or guardian directly or via phone call every two (2) hours. Guardians and sponsors must know the location or activity of a child so they can respond within 30 minutes. They will take into consideration the child's maturity, and any limitations or specials needs. This age group may be left unattended in a vehicle with no limitations. They may also care for siblings and non-siblings (over 2 years old) for up to six (6) hours with ready access to an adult and with a guardian/sponsor response time of 30 minutes.

(5) Children, 14-15 years old, may be left unattended at home for up to nine (9) hours in a 24-hour period (but **not overnight**, between 0100-0500 hours) with ready access to adult supervision. This age group may be left outside unattended as long as a child has access to adult supervision directly or via phone call within a two (2) hour window, contact is made every three (3) hours, and established curfew guidance is followed. This age group may care for their siblings (no age limit) or non-siblings (over 2 years old) for up to nine (9) hours with ready access to adult supervision.

(6) Children, 16-17 years old, may be left unattended at home (self-monitored care) for no more than two consecutive overnight periods. Children must be able to maintain phone access to an adult in case of emergency. This age group may be left outside unattended as long as the child follows curfew guidance. They may be left alone in a vehicle with no limitations. This age group is eligible to provide extended care for siblings, and non-sibling children, to include overnight care. Guardians and sponsors of children in this age group will ensure that the 16–17-year-old child providing care has local emergency contacts for suitable adults and is capable of using a telephone to request for help from emergency services (ex. Military Police (MP), Fire Department, Ambulance, Poison Hotline).

e. This policy does not authorize recurring or compensated childcare outside of CYS certification requirements.

f. Babysitting Course and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/First Aid class. It is highly recommended that any age-appropriate child or youth that will be appointed to care for children take the Babysitting Course and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/First Aid class.

(1) CYS offers the Babysitting Course and CPR/First Aid Class. Call Schofield Barracks Parent Central Services (PCS) at (808) 787-5662 or Aliamanu Military

Reservation (AMR) PCS at (808) 787-7465 for additional information. Participants must complete both sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

(2) CYS Sitters Referral List. Children must complete the Babysitting Course and CPR/First Aid training, and be 13 years of age or older, to be registered on the CYS Sitters Referral List. The Red Cross CPR/First Aid class is for participants ages 13 years old and above. Children may take the training at age 12 and be placed on the referral list at age 13.

g. The United States Army Garrison (USAG) Hawaii curfew policy is as follows:

(1) Children 13 years of age and younger will be inside their own or someone else's Island Palm Communities (IPC) quarters between 2100 and 0600 unless they are under the direct supervision of a guardian or sponsor 18 years of age or older.

(2) Children 14-17 years of age will be inside their own or someone else's IPC quarters between 2200 and 0530 unless they are under the supervision of a guardian or sponsor 18 years of age or older. The only exception to this general rule is when a child is returning home unaccompanied from their job, or from CYS or school functions. MP's may call the child's guardians or sponsor to ensure the credibility of the child's explanation.

5. Responsibilities.

a. Military Issued Identification Cards. All dependent children and/or Family Members ages 10-17 years of age must have their Military issued dependent ID card in their possession while outside IPC housing unless they are under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or sponsor 18 years of age or older.

b. Families with children of different ages must arrange appropriate care for all children. It is the primary job of the guardian or sponsor and not of the eldest child to ensure supervision of younger children. The age of the youngest child in the home will determine the appropriate level of supervision required.

c. Every guardian, sponsor, or designated adult caregiver must exercise reasonable judgement before leaving a child unsupervised. Important variables to consider are as follows:

(1) Maturity of child.

(2) Child's knowledge of and ability to apply emergency procedures.

(3) Presence of any physically or emotionally disabling conditions.

(4) Accessibility to guardians, sponsors or another designated informed adult.

(5) Number and ages of other children present without direct supervision.

(6) Age-appropriate responsibilities given to the child.

6. Procedure. Military personnel, Family Members, or DOW Civilians leaving children unsupervised or otherwise in violation of this policy will be referred to MPs. Reports of possible child neglect will be addressed to MPs in the Schofield Barracks community at (808) 771-7114 or in the Fort Shafter community at (808) 787-5392. Additionally, guardians and sponsors will comply with all State of Hawaii and Federal laws pertaining to child safety and well-being.

7. Effective. This policy is effective immediately. This Child Supervision guidance supersedes Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-12, Child Supervision Policy for Army Installations in Hawaii, dated 10 November 2022, and remains in effect until rescinded or superseded in writing.

8. Proponent. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR), USAG Hawaii.

9. The point of contact for this memorandum is Camika L. Lopez, Acting Family Advocacy Program Manager, ACS, DFMWR, USAG Hawaii at (808) 787–4227 or by email at camika.l.lopez.civ@army.mil or Deborah Conklin, Child and Youth Services Coordinator, DFMWR, USAG Hawaii at (808) 787-1286 or by email at deborah.a.conklin.naf@army.mil.



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