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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIANS ON CARLISLE BARRACKS

SUBJECT: Commander's Policy # 8, Supervision of Children

1. PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for supervision of children at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

2. REFERENCES:

a. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6060.02, Child Development Programs, dated 5 August 2014.

b. AR 608-10, Child Development Services, 11 May 2017.

c. AR 608-18, Army Family Advocacy Program, 13 September 2011.

d. AR 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program, 27 January 2017.

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to anyone with children on the installation regardless of status or assignment.

4. BACKGROUND: This guidance should be a minimum basic standard and not a parent's sole determining factor as to their child's ability to remain at home safely. The ages and grades are provided as a guide for parents to use to make an informed choice.

5. POLICY: Carlisle Barracks guidelines for the supervision of minor children are based on the child's age and/or grade in school. In all situations, interpretation of this policy should be made in favor of the child's safety and well-being.

a. Children in Pre-kindergarten and younger require direct supervision. Leaving these children unattended at any time or place is prohibited. Parents must be able to respond immediately to any emergency or threatening situation.

b. Children kindergarten to second grade can play in appropriately designed safe areas, but parents must be in the line of sight of their children, so the parent can respond quickly to emergencies. Children in this group may bike, play, etc, within their neighborhoods. They may not travel freely throughout post without adult supervision.

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c. Children in third to sixth grade are encouraged to explore their environment, but must do so with readily available access to an adult. Children in this age/ grade group may bike, play, etc, freely throughout the installation with the exception of crossing Claremont Road and going to the pool. Parents must be at home or on the installation. Children in this age/ grade group must have a buddy in this age/ grade group or older when traveling throughout the installation.

e. Children ages 13-17 are permitted to stay home alone, but not overnight. Parents are encouraged to check in on the child in person or telephonically regularly. Additionally, there must be an emergency plan in place.

f. Children 13 years old and older may baby-sit. A babysitting course is highly recommended and offered twice a year by Child and Youth Services. Point of contact is Jacqueline Schultz at 717-245-4638. The American Red Cross also provides babysitting courses.

g. Overnight child care or babysitting may not be provided by anyone under the age of 18 years.

h. Children enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) require supervision in accordance with their special needs regardless of age or grade.

i. In all situations, persons 15 years of age and younger should never be left alone in a car. Additionally, unattended vehicles on the installation should not be left running.

6. **RESPONSIBILITIES**:

a. Military and DoD sponsors are responsible at all times for the supervision, health, safety, and welfare of their Family members and guests on the installation. Failure to provide for adequate and reasonable care of minor children may result in adverse consequences for the sponsor. These consequences may include though are not limited to criminal prosecution, civil liability, and/or termination of housing privileges on the Installation.

b. This Policy Memorandum does not purport to limit or define the wide variety of circumstances that Families experience.

c. Child and Youth Services (CYS) maintains a list of registered babysitters who are 12 years old and older who have completed the Red Cross Babysitting course. Information on the babysitting course is available through CYS.

d. Every member of the Carlisle Barracks community is responsible for maintaining the highest possible safety standards along with good order and discipline. Every person should

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report information regarding known or suspected child abuse or neglect to the DES desk, at (717) 245- 3465 or (717) 245-4115 or the Pennsylvania State Child Abuse Hotline, at (800) 932-0313.

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