

## What is STOMP?

STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents) is a federally funded Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs. STOMP began in 1985, it is a project of Washington PAVE (Parents Are Vital in Education), and is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The staff of the STOMP Project are parents of children who have disabilities and have experience in raising their children in military communities and traveling with their spouses to different locations.

Are you a:

- parent?
- general educator?
- special educator?
- administrator?
- related service provider?
- self-advocate?
- medical or agency professional?
- EFMP Coordinator?
- Family Support Center Professional?

If so, contact STOMP to access information regarding military families of children with disabilities.

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It is the policy of the STOMP Project that no person will be subjected to discrimination in this organization because of race, color, national origin, marital status, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, HIV/AIDS status, or the presence of any physical, mental, or sensory disability

A project of Washington PAVE

**STOMP** believes that parents should be the primary spokesperson for their child until the child is confident and able to share that responsibility.

**We believe that a child with special needs has the right to an education developed to address his or her unique needs and abilities whether they are academic, social, vocational or behavioral.**

**We believe that the STOMP staff and volunteers should never take the role of the parent, but instead should provide information, assistance and training to enable the parent to feel confident in their role as their child's best advocate.**

### STOMP has three Parent Centers:

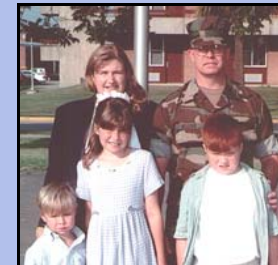
Contact the main office for the center nearest to you:

6316 S. 12th Street  
Tacoma, WA 98465-1900  
253-565-2266 (v/tty)  
1-800-5-PARENT (1-800-572-7368) (v/tty)  
253-566-8052 (fax)  
E-mail: [stomp@washingtonpave.com](mailto:stomp@washingtonpave.com)  
Web Page: [www.washingtonpave.org](http://www.washingtonpave.org)

Parents can call the STOMP Project collect from anywhere in the US or overseas.



**STOMP**  
Specialized Training of  
Military Parents



**'Working Together for Military  
Families of Children with  
Disabilities'**

# STOMP works collaboratively with military families and professionals to promote success for their children.

Do you need information about:

- Special education laws?
- The Individual Education Plan (IEP)?
- Support groups?
- TriCare?



- EDIS? DODDS/DDESS?
- Early childhood services?
- Transition from school to adulthood?
- SSI/Medicaid?
- PCSing/Networking?

•Other resources?

STOMP will provide military parents with individual assistance and information about parents rights and responsibilities in achieving special education services for their children whether located in the United States or overseas.

Would it help for you to:

- speak to a Parent Education Coordinator?
- refine your advocacy/communication skills?
- learn the latest information about educating students with disabilities?
- receive information about workshops in your area?
- attend conferences to hear state and national experts?

Join our list serv by sending a blank e-mail to:

[STOMP-subscribe@topica.com.](mailto:STOMP-subscribe@topica.com)

STOMP provides materials and resources at no or low cost.

Materials are written for both parents and professionals and include practical strategies and information on a variety of subjects including:

- Specific disabilities
- P.L. 105-17 (IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) (Reauthorized) Part B & C
- DoDDS & DDESS regulations for schools and overseas and stateside.
- Communication strategies
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
- Other regulations
- Articles important to military families.

STOMP provides tailored workshops on a variety of subjects to meet the unique needs of the community/installation - these workshops can include:

- Working with the educational or early intervention planning teams to get services for their child who has a disability.
- Accessing educational and medical records and developing a comprehensive home file.
- Accessing resources in both current duty stations and future duty assignments to speed the process of receiving services quickly when the family transfers.
- Making informed decisions with respect to overseas assignments and/or services within DoDDS overseas and DDESS schools.



## Mission:

**STOMP, a parent-directed project exists to empower military parents, individuals with disabilities, and service providers with knowledge, skills, and resources so that they might access services to create a collaborative environment for family and professional partnerships without regard to geographic location.**



**STOMP—empowering families with training & information.**

