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PRESS RELEASE

CHILD CARE AWARE® OF MISSOURI HELPS ARMY FAMILIES WITH CHILD CARE NEEDS

ST. LOUIS, MO, NOVEMBER 21, 2011: Child Care Aware® of Missouri, the state Child Care Resource and Referral Network, is joining forces with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) to promote “Give Army Parents a Break,” a project designed to provide child care to Families of geographically dispersed Army Recruiters, Drill Sergeants, ROTC Cadre, and deployed Army National Guard, and deployed Army Reserve soldiers in Missouri.

Funded by the U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services (CYSS), “Give Army Parents a Break” allows Army Families to access from 8 to 16 hours of child care per month at a Missouri State licensed and annually inspected child care program. The program gives eligible soldiers and their spouse, or designated legal guardian, the opportunity to take a break without any out-of-pocket expense. “Give Army Parents a Break” cannot replace regular child care hours supported by military fee assistance, but can instead be used for activities such as doctor appointments, running errands, going to the gym, or just having some quiet time.

Army Families must enroll to be eligible to participate and must select a child care center or family child care provider that is also enrolled in the “Give Army Parents a Break” program. A list of participating child care programs can be obtained by calling the Child Care Aware® of Missouri Referral Center at 866-892-3228

Child Care Aware® of Missouri coordinates the activities and services of child care resource and referral agencies across all 115 counties in Missouri. Our mission is to connect families to child care, early learning and out-of-school time programs; improve the quality of those programs; and collaborate with business and civic leaders to make child care safe and enriching for children. We are affiliated with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA). To learn more about Child Care Aware® of Missouri and its services, please visit us at www.mo.childcareaware.org.

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