

JUNE 2026

Director's Corner

Summer in Okinawa brings beautiful weather, community connection, PCS season, and increased operational tempo but it also marks the beginning of typhoon season and a time when preparedness becomes even more important. At Marine Corps Community Services MCFTB, we believe readiness begins at home.

Preparedness is prevention. Families who prepare early are often able to navigate stressful situations with more confidence, stability, and resilience. Whether preparing for emergencies, deployments, PCS moves, or unexpected life events, planning ahead helps reduce uncertainty and strengthens overall family readiness.

To support military families during typhoon season, MCFTB's "Be Ready Okinawa" workshop is designed to help participants feel informed, organized, and prepared before emergencies happen. Families will learn emergency preparedness basics, typhoon readiness planning, evacuation procedures, communication plans, Family Care Plan essentials, readiness binder organization, and local emergency resources available aboard Okinawa installations. Participants will also receive practical guidance for organizing important documents such as powers of attorney, medical records, emergency contacts, insurance information, school paperwork, and pet care plans.

Prepared families experience less panic during emergencies and recover more quickly from stressful situations. Readiness is not only a command responsibility, it is a family responsibility as well, and small steps taken today can make a major difference tomorrow.

— Bebe Husanini
Director, Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB)

Summer Series Spotlight

Film, Craft & Fun Summer Series

This summer, MCFTB is excited to launch our "Film, Craft & Fun" Summer Series — a welcoming space designed to bring military families together through creativity, laughter, and meaningful connection. This series provides families, spouses, and children an opportunity to step away from daily stressors, build new friendships, strengthen support networks, and create lasting memories within the military community.

Through family-friendly movies, crafts, and interactive activities, participants can connect with others who understand the unique journey of military life. Come connect, create, laugh, and grow together this summer with MCFTB!



Introducing our L.I.N.K.S. Trainer

Hi everyone, my name is Elishaha Brown-George, and I'm honored to be a part Personal & Professional Development Department with MCCS. MCFTB L.I.N.K.S. trainer is a challenging job, and I am thankful to be working with an awesome team. A bit about me, I proudly balance many roles in life—as a dedicated professional, a graduate student pursuing my master's degree in Strategic Communication, a Navy wife of 26 years, and a mother of six. These experiences have strengthened my passion for service, leadership, communication, and helping others grow both personally and professionally. Fun fact about me, is that I love the gym, coffee is my joy and AI is my friend. You will always find me working out, drinking coffee after and making 3-D caricatures to make people laugh. If you ever need anything, please come and have a chat with me. Thank you!



PCS SEASON REMINDER

New to Okinawa? Start with L.I.N.K.S.

PCS season can feel overwhelming, especially for families adjusting to military life overseas. One of the best ways to build confidence, community, and connection is by attending a L.I.N.K.S. class.

The L.I.N.K.S. Foundations Workshop helps military families:

- Understand Marine Corps culture and terminology
- Learn local Okinawa resources
- Navigate military life
- Build support systems
- Understand deployments and separations
- Connect with experienced spouses and families

Whether you are brand new to military life or simply new to Okinawa, L.I.N.K.S. helps families feel connected and supported.

Did you know?

MCFTB can also help you locate your unit Readiness Coordinators and provide information on family readiness support available through your command.

We encourage all newly arrived families to stop by MCFTB and learn about the incredible resources available throughout Okinawa.

CLASS SCHEDULE

L.I.N.K.S.

L.I.N.K.S. Potluck Meet & Greet 6 June 2026 | 1100-1400 Camp Foster, Bldg 439

Join MCFTB L.I.N.K.S. for a fun and welcoming Potluck Meet & Greet designed to bring volunteers, mentors, and community members together. This gathering is a great opportunity to reconnect, share experiences, collaborate on fresh ideas, and learn more about the L.I.N.K.S. program, all while enjoying good food and great company.

L.I.N.K.S. Foundations 9 June 2026 | 1000-1300 Virtual

Designed for new military families, L.I.N.K.S. Foundations offers a welcoming introduction to Marine Corps life, benefits, deployments, communication, and community resources, led by experienced Marine spouses who provide practical guidance and connection.

L.I.N.K.S. Japanese Tea Experience 22 June 2026 | 1130-1230 Camp Foster, Bldg 445 Rm 201

Kids can experience the art of a traditional tea ceremony in this fun, hands-on event featuring loose-leaf green tea making, creative layered drinks, and tasty snacks. Open to elementary school-aged students and their parent or guardian with base access.

Japanese L.I.N.K.S. Foundations 16 June 2026 | 0900-1600 Camp Courtney, Legends

Designed for Japanese spouses new to military life, L.I.N.K.S. Foundations provides an introduction to Marine Corps culture, benefits, deployments, communication, and community resources, led by experienced Marine spouses who offer practical guidance and support.



MARINE & Family Marine Corps Family Team Building

POTLUCK Meet & Greet

L.I.N.K.S.

JUNE 6, 2026

L.I.N.K.S. POTLUCK MEET & GREET CONNECT, COLLABORATE, CREATE
"GREAT IDEAS START AT THE TABLE"

Jun 6 - 11:30 AM
Camp Foster Marine and Family Building



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Japanese Tea Experience for Kids



Monday June 22, 2026
11:30- 12:30 PM
CAMP FOSTER BUILDING 445
ROOM 201

JAPANESE TEA EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS

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Be Ready Okinawa: Emergency Preparedness and Family Care Planning

1 June 2026 | 0900–1100 Camp Courtney, Community Center

Typhoon season in Okinawa is a strong reminder that preparation matters. MCFTB’s “Be Ready Okinawa” workshop is designed to help military families feel informed, confident, and ready before emergencies happen.

Participants will learn:

- Emergency preparedness basics
- Typhoon readiness planning
- Evacuation procedures
- Communication plans
- Family Care Plan essentials
- Readiness binder organization
- Local emergency resources available aboard Okinawa installations

Families will also receive practical tips for organizing important documents such as:

- Powers of attorney
- Medical records
- Emergency contacts
- Insurance information
- School paperwork
- Pet care plans

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Premarital Seminar
12 June 2026 | 0800–1500
Camp Foster, Ocean Breeze

The LifeSkills Premarital Seminar is a full-day workshop that prepares service members and their partners for military marriage by covering relationship skills, financial planning, military requirements and benefits, and support resources to help build a strong, informed foundation.

Family Readiness Program

Command Team Training 3 June 2026 | 0830-1130

Camp Hansen, M&F Bldg 2339, Rm 116

Command Team Training provides Commanding Officers, Executive Officers, and Sergeants Major with an overview of the Unit Personal & Family Readiness Program (UPFRP), command responsibilities, and best practices for supporting families. This training emphasizes proactive communication, early engagement, and prevention-focused leadership to strengthen overall unit readiness.

Readiness Coordinator Training 12-14 May 2026 | 0830-1600

Camp Foster, Ed Center Rm 9

This multi-day training prepares Deployment and Unit Readiness Coordinators to effectively support families through clear communication, accurate information flow, and confident resource referral. Strong readiness leaders are key to early intervention and prevention.

Readiness & Deployment Support

Craft, Films & Fun 17 June 2026 | 0930-1130 Camp Foster Library

Join MCFTB for Craft, Films, & Fun – a cheerful summer series designed to bring families together through creativity, connection, and entertainment. Kids can enjoy hands-on crafts, fun activities, and family-friendly Disney films while making memories and new friendships along the way. This welcoming event offers military families a chance to relax, laugh, and enjoy quality time together during the summer season.



Did You Know?

MCFTB Offers Customized Workshops

Did you know MCFTB provides customized workshops and trainings for:

- Military units
- Civilian personnel
- MCCS organizations
- Leadership teams
- Spouses and family groups

Our team offers a variety of workshops focused on:

- Communication
- Stress management
- Team building
- Leadership development
- Deployment readiness
- Conflict management
- Emotional intelligence
- Resilience and prevention education

MCFTB works directly with commands and organizations to tailor training to the needs of the audience.

For additional information, visit the MCCS Okinawa MCFTB Website or stop by our office to speak with our team.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

MCFTB proudly collaborates with community partners across Okinawa to support readiness and resilience, including:

- American Red Cross
- Emergency Management
- EFMP
- Chaplain Services
- Navy Support Services
- MCCS Programs and Resources

Together, we continue strengthening military families across Okinawa.

READINESS TIP OF THE MONTH

5 Things Every Family Readiness Binder Should Include

1. Emergency contacts
2. Copies of IDs and passports
3. Insurance and medical information
4. Powers of attorney
5. Important school and pet care documents

Preparedness today creates confidence tomorrow.