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Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey BACKGROUND INFORMATION

We have an opportunity to make positive changes in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). For years, EFMP issues were difficult to address because the experiences of participants remained largely unstudied. Last year, four military mothers of children with special needs created the 2020 Special Education Survey. Based on your responses, they formed Partners in PROMISE, a grassroots organization focused on Protecting the Rights Of Military children In Special Education through educating and advising the legislative agendas of military service organizations, Department of Defense and public officials.

Complete this survey and you will be entered into a raffle to receive a one-on-one Q&A session with special education attorney and co-founder, Grace Kim! The 5 raffle winners will be contacted in mid-October!

** NOTE **: This survey can be submitted anonymously. Raw survey data will only be accessed by Partners in PROMISE.

For any questions about this survey please contact Partners in PROMISE: info@thepromiseact.org

1. How are you connected to the military? (select all that apply)
Active Duty Service Member
Active Duty Military Spouse
Veteran
Veteran Spouse
Reserve Service Member
National Guard Service Member
Reserve Spouse
National Guard Spouse
Adult Child of Service Member
DoD Civilian
I'm not connected to the military
Other (please specify)





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2. What service branch are you connected to? (choose all that apply))
Army	
Navy	
Air Force	
Marines	
Coast Guard	
Space Force	
Other (please specify)	



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Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey Current Zip Code

4. Current Zip Code (optional)





Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey Marital Status

5. What is your marital status?		
Married		
Never Married		
Divorced		
Widow(er)		
Domestic Partnership		
Other (please specify)		





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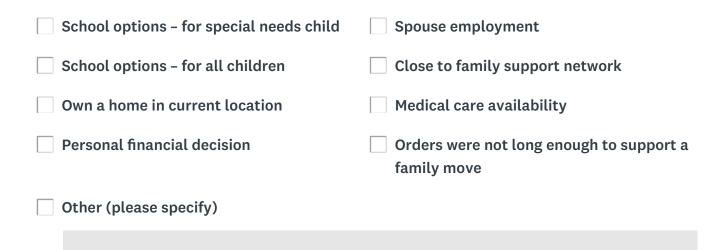
- 6. If married, are you and your spouse co-located?
- O Yes
- Yes but separated by deployment/TDY
- No we chose to "geobach" (choosing to have the family live in a different location from the service member)
- No servicemember is on unaccompanied orders
- 🔿 N/A
- Other (please specify)





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7. Please select the factors that led to that decision:







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8. Number of Children in Your Household



9. Number of Children with Special Needs in Your Household



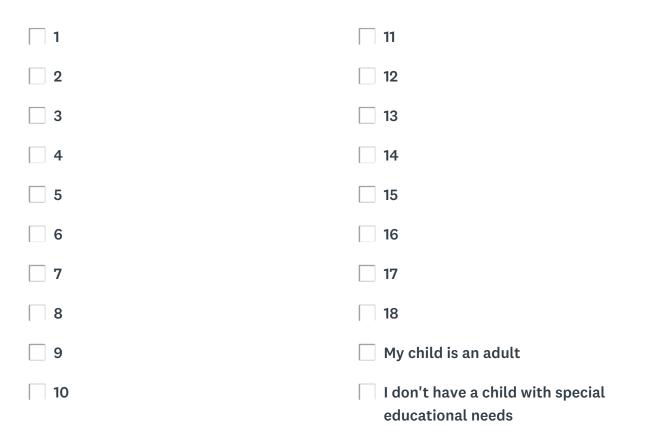
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Age(s) of Children

10. Age(s) of child with special needs (0-18) – choose as many as apply



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EFMP Enrollment & Criteria

11. Are all of your children who are eligible for EFMP enrolled in the program?

\bigcirc	Yes

🔿 No

○ I'm not sure if my child(ren) is eligible

12. What diagnosis has your child(ren) received that may/does qualify them for EFMP? (select all that apply)

Long-term physical conditions (including cerebral palsy or spina bifida, etc.)	Down Syndrome
cerebrat patsy of spina billua, etc.)	Epilepsy
Mental health disorders (including depressive or anxiety disorder, etc.)	Hearing impairment/deafness
Autism Spectrum Disorder	Speech or language impairment
ADHD	Traumatic Brain Injury
Asthma	Visual impairment/blindness
Cancer	Dyslexia
Developmental delay	
Diabetes	
Other (please specify)	





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13. If you chose not to enroll an eligible child what factors contributed to your decision? (select all that apply) – Answers will be kept confidential

Impact on service member career	Limited to certain geographical areas
Impact on spouse career	Wanted to receive a duty assignment
Impact on finances	Outside the Continental US (OCONUS)
Didn't agree with my child's assessment	Didn't know about EFMP
Stigma surrounding EFMP	Didn't know how to apply to the program
	All children are enrolled
Other (please specify)	





Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCES

In order to better understand what is working for your special needs child(ren) and what isn't we will now take a look at what types of education your student(s) has/have experienced over the course of his/her educational journey. Please only refer to your child(ren) with special needs, not to any other child(ren) who do not have special needs.

PLEASE NOTE:

Traditional homeschool does not account for distance learning provided during COVID-19. This experience should be listed under the type of institution providing the curriculum.

14. How many different PUBLIC SCHOOLS has your child attended?

○ 1	\bigcirc	4
○ 2	\bigcirc	5+
○ 3	\bigcirc	None





Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

Since no school district is the same, experiences vary with the type of school delivery. Please consider your best and worst experiences and make your selection in both areas.

15. Rate Your **BEST** PUBLIC SCHOOL experience.

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- O Neutral
- Unsatisfied
- O Very Unsatisfied
- N/A

16. In What State Did You Have These Experiences?

17. Rate Your **WORST** PUBLIC SCHOOL experience.

- O Very Satisfied
- \bigcirc Satisfied
- Neutral
- \bigcirc Unsatisfied
- \bigcirc Very Unsatisfied
- 🔿 N/A

18. In What State Did You Have These Experiences?

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Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey PRIVATE SCHOOL Experiences

19. How many different **PRIVATE SCHOOLS** has your child attended?







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Because no school district is the same we know that experiences can vary with the type of school delivery. Therefore, please consider your best and worst experiences and make your selection in both areas.

20. Rate Your **BEST** PRIVATE SCHOOL experience.

○ Very Satisfied	
○ Satisfied	
○ Neutral	
O Unsatisfied	
O Very Unsatisfied	
○ N/A	

21. In What State Did You Have These Experiences?

22. Rate Your **WORST** PRIVATE SCHOOL experience.

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied

O Neutral

- Unsatisfied
- \bigcirc Very Unsatisfied
- 🔿 N/A

23. In What State Did You Have These Experiences?





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24. How many different Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) SCHOOLS has your child attended?







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Because no school district is the same we know that experiences can vary with the type of school delivery. Therefore, please consider your best and worst experiences and make your selection in both areas.

25. Rate Your **BEST** DODEA SCHOOL experience.

\bigcirc	Very Satisfied
\bigcirc	Satisfied
\bigcirc	Neutral

- Unsatisfied
- \bigcirc Very Unsatisfied
- 🔿 N/A

26. In What State Did You Have These Experiences?

27. Rate Your **WORST** DODEA SCHOOL experience.

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- O Neutral
- O Unsatisfied
- O Very Unsatisfied
- **N/A**

28. In What State Did You Have These Experiences?

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Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey CHARTER SCHOOL Experiences

29. How many different **CHARTER SCHOOLS** has your child attended?

○ 1	○ 4
○ 2	5+
O 3	O None





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Because no school district is the same we know that experiences can vary with the type of school delivery. Therefore, please consider your best and worst experiences and make your selection in both areas.

30. Rate Your **BEST** CHARTER SCHOOL experience.

- O Very Satisfied
- O Satisfied
- O Neutral
- Unsatisfied
- Very Unsatisfied
- O N/A

31. In What State Did You Have These Experiences?

32. Rate Your **WORST** CHARTER SCHOOL experience.

- \bigcirc Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- 🔿 Neutral
- O Unsatisfied
- O Very Unsatisfied
- 🔿 N/A

33. In What State Did You Have These Experiences?

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HOME SCHOOL Experiences

PLEASE NOTE:

Traditional homeschool does not account for distance learning provided during COVID-19. This experience should be listed under the type of institution providing the curriculum.

34. How many different **TRADITIONAL HOMESCHOOLING** experiences has your child attended?



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Distance to school	COVID-19 pandemic
School district did not meet overall	Provide a stabilized school experience
education standards	Provide flexibility
IEP not honored	Can control my child's curriculum
IEP reduced	Our family has had a poor experience in
Medical factors	traditional school
Religious factors	□ N/A
Other (please specify)	

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36. Share Your **<u>BEST</u>** Experience with Special Education

37. Share Your **WORST** Experience with Special Education

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Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey PCS EXPERIENCES

We hope to learn how military Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves impact those receiving special education services.

38. How many PCS moves has your child with special needs experienced?

○ 0	3
○ 1	○ 4
○ 2	5+

39. How many **NON-PCS** moves has your child with special needs experienced? (these moves would be for personal family reasons that were not initiated by official military orders)

○ 0	○ 3
○ 1	○ 4
○ 2	○ 5+

40. Upon moving to your **most recent** duty station my child's previous IEP was:

Accepted and implemented	\bigcirc Did not re-evaluate student and redrafte	
Accepted, but not implemented	IEP with changes	
 Re-evaluated student and then redrafted IEP with changes 	O Delayed in implementation	
	○ We did not have an existing IEP	



Other (please specify)



Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey Prior Written Notice

41. If services were rejected or reduced was an official reason given through a Prior Written Notice (PWN)?

O Yes

🔘 No

 $\bigcirc\,$ I do not know what a PWN is





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42. If so, what was the reason given for your reduction/rejection of services?

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- 43. Was your child ever without IEP related services or support?
- O Yes

🔿 No





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44. If so, how long was your child without services?



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O Yes

🔿 No

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46. If so, please describe your experience





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47. Have you ever had to pay out-of-pocket for private instruction (tutoring, therapies, specific learning disability program)?

◯ Yes

🔿 No





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I was unhappy with the quality services provided by my child(ren)'s school

To supplement what was provided by my child(ren)'s school

Educational testing was not available

My child's diagnosis was not recognized by the school

Other (please specify)





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49. If so, how much did you have to spend annually?

- \$0
- \$0.01 \$100

\$10,000 - \$25,000

Over \$25,000

\$1000 - \$10,000

- \$100 \$500
- 🔘 \$500 \$1000





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50. Are you aware of your procedural safeguards (your rights as a parent under IDEA)?

O Yes

🔿 No

○ Not sure

51. What **MILITARY** resources do you utilize to obtain additional information about your legal protections and procedural safeguards? (select all that apply)

School Liaison Officer	Command Leadership
EFMP Coordinator	Installation Leadership
Military Legal Resource	Military Civilian Community
Military Service Organization/Nonprofit	I do not turn to the military community for these questions.
Other (please specify)	

52. Please indicate the time it took you to receive a response from the following personnel if you reached out with special education-related concerns:

	Under 24- hours	24 - 48-hours	3 - 5 business days	Over a week	Never responded	N/A
School Liaison Officer	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
EFMP Coordinator	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Military Legal Resource	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Military Service Organization	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Command Leadership	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Installation Leadership	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0





Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey Filing a Complaint

53. Have you filed a complaint against a school district? (select all that apply)

Yes, sent an informal complaint to the school

Yes, sent an informal complaint to the school board

Yes, filed an official state complaint with the State Board of Education

Yes, sent a Congressional complaint to my legislator

Yes, filed an official due process complaint with the State Board of Education

No, I haven't filed

Other (please specify)

54. In what state(s) did you file this complaint? (select all that apply)

Alabama	Maine	Oregon
Alaska	Maryland	Pennsylvania
Arizona	Massachusetts	Rhode Island
Arkansas	Michigan	South Carolina
California	Minnesota	South Dakota
Colorado	Mississippi	Tennessee
Connecticut	Missouri	Texas
Delaware	Montana	Utah
Florida	Nebraska	Vermont
Georgia	Nevada	Virginia
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Washington
Idaho	New Jersey	West Virginia
Illinois	New Mexico	Wisconsin
Indiana	New York	Wyoming
Iowa	North Carolina	Guam
Kansas	North Dakota	N/A
Kentucky	Ohio	
Louisiana	Oklahoma	
Other (please specify)		

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Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey Informal Complaints

55. If you informally sent a complaint to the school or school board, was it resolved?

O Yes

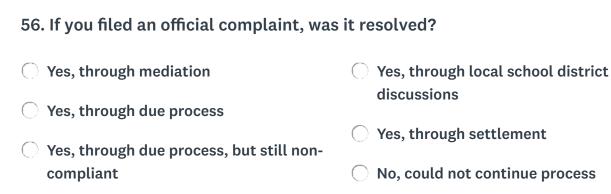


Other (please specify)





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Other (please specify)





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57. If you could not continue the process, why? (select all that apply)				
Lack of finances	Moved out of the area (decided to "geobach")			
Lack of help from legal or advocate				
Moved out of the area (PCS)	Emotionally stressed			
	Process completed			
Other (please specify)				





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- 58. Have you ever been part of a due process hearing?
- O Yes
- \bigcirc No, IEP was followed
- \bigcirc No, decided not to file
- 🔘 I don't know what that is
- Other (please specify)





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59. If not, what prevented you from filing for due process? (select all that apply)

Didn't think it would help

Didn't have time required to do so

Didn't need to

Avoiding extra stress put on family

It was or would be too expensive

Didn't have access to legal counsel

Other (please specify)





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60. If so, what was the result of the hearing?				
○ Verdict was in our favor	○ Settled out of court			
○ Verdict was in the school district's favor	○ No hearing was held			
○ Judgement pending				
Other (please specify)				

61. In what state(s) did you participate in a due process hearing? (select all that apply)

Alabama	Maine	Oregon
Alaska	Maryland	Pennsylvania
Arizona	Massachusetts	Rhode Island
Arkansas	Michigan	South Carolina
California	Minnesota	South Dakota
Colorado	Mississippi	Tennessee
Connecticut	Missouri	Texas
Delaware	Montana	Utah
Florida	Nebraska	Vermont
Georgia	Nevada	Virginia
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Washington
Idaho	New Jersey	West Virginia
Illinois	New Mexico	Wisconsin
Indiana	New York	Wyoming
lowa	North Carolina	Guam
Kansas	North Dakota	N/A
Kentucky	Ohio	
Louisiana	🗌 Oklahoma	
Other (please specify)		

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62. Did you have to pay for legal counsel or a special education advocate? (if you used multiple services please list them in the other category)

- O Yes lawyer
- Yes special education advocate
- No utilized military legal services
- Other (please specify)

🔘 No - utilized pro bono legal services

 No - did not need to hire legal counsel or a special education advocate





Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey Legal Representation Cont.

63. If so, how did you finance your fees for the advocate or attorney? (check all that apply)

Out of pocket - savings	Pro bono attorney
Borrowed money from family/friends	Didn't need an attorney
Took out a loan	
Other (please specify)	





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64. What were your estimated out of pocket expenses for one due process complaint?

○ \$0

- 0.01 \$25,000
- \$25,000 \$49,999
- \$50,000 \$74,999
- \$75,000 \$100,000
- Over \$100,000
- \bigcirc Other (please specify)





Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey Solutions

65. Which of the following solutions would most significantly help your child receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE)? (select all that apply)

	Access to special education attorneys	Retain previous IEP for up to 6 months after a PCS move
	Access to special education advocates to	
	assist and attend IEP Meetings	Require parental consent to changes to an
_		IEP
	Remote school enrollment with written	
	military orders	Standardize EFMP services across service
		branches
	Other (please specify)	

66. Do you have anything else you would like to share about your experiences receiving a free and appropriate public education for your child?

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Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey CONTACT INFORMATION

The information below is optional. If you would like to be entered into our raffle (1 hour one-on-one Q&A session with our in house special education attorney, Grace Kim) please share your email address below.

67. Would you like to share your story? (All survey data remain anonymous. Those willing to share details of their story may be contacted by Partners in PROMISE.)

O Yes

O No

○ Contact me

68. Email Address (optional, but is required in order to be entered for our raffle)





Partners in PROMISE's 2021 Military Special Education Survey Thank you!

Thank you for participating in our Military Special Education 2021 Survey! We will release our results in early 2021.

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If you are in need of assistance or would like to become a Strategic Partner please visit our website: <u>thepromiseact.org</u>

Thank you in advance for sharing the survey with others in our community!