

## **Child Youth & School Services (CYSS) Welcomes you to West Point**

### **A Note from the Child, Youth & School Services Coordinator:**

West Point Child, Youth & School Services enjoys a proud tradition of providing positive services and programs for children and youth in our community. CYS Services is proud that through your support, our community programs have been nationally recognized for their achievements in meeting the needs of Army Families. In addition to exceptional facilities at West Point, our partnerships with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, 4-H, and other national youth agencies provide extensive opportunities from which children can choose to participate.

The success of our child and youth programs is largely due to the contributions of parents and other community volunteers that have donated time in support of these programs. CYS Services staff and youth sincerely thank you for your gift of time and energy.

I encourage you to take advantage of the programs and services offered to your children at West Point. With your support and encouragement, CYS Services looks forward to helping them enjoy and grow from the many opportunities life at West Point has to offer.

### **CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES (CYSS) MISSION:**

The mission of CYSS is to provide quality programs for the children/youths and experiences which promote physical, social, and intellectual growth and well-being.

### **Philosophy Statement:**

We believe that the most important contribution we can make to children's lives is to provide an environment that will foster the development of positive self-concept. The ability to feel good about one's self enables the child/youth to retain a natural desire to learn. In order to develop positive self-concepts, children/youth need to feel accepted and respected for being a unique person. Freedom to make choices and the courage to accept responsibility for them, without fear of making mistakes, are critical to development of the whole child.

### **CYSS Goals:**

- Provide services and programs to meet the individual needs of children and youth.
- Provide professional expertise on child/youth development.
- Provide activities, programs and services that enhance the quality of life for the entire Family.
- Involve parents via parenting seminars, parent participation and staff availability to assist with child care needs and youth development.
- Obtain and manage resources to best support programs while providing affordable services.
- Develop strategic long range plans to promote continued growth and development of programs and services.
- Enhance the effectiveness of all personnel through leadership, management, individual development and innovative management systems.
- Provide effective support, services, and programs through interaction with West Point agencies and command.

**Parents:** CYS Services welcome you to work together with our staff to evaluate and improve programs and services for the positive development of our children and help to reach our goals. A great forum for communication between CYSS managers and patrons about policies, procedures, and programming is through the West Point Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC provides a venue to ask questions, raise concerns or make suggestions during their monthly meetings or through email. By getting involved you have the opportunity to meet other parents, make a bigger impact on your child's experience, and reduce your monthly bill!

For further information or inquiries:

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