

“Read”-i-ness Program

What: For separated military families who value the benefits of one-on-one time together. The program provides an optimum opportunity for powerful emotional connections that relieve the stress of separation by having deployed parents read aloud to children via DVD. Deployed military participants send the recording and a copy of the book home (if the military member owns the book) to the child who watches the DVD repeatedly providing a priceless and sustained connection with the deployed loved one. Feedback in the form of pictures, letters, email, or videotape of the child watching the parent read is then sent back to the deployed parent to complete a full circle of communication.

When: During deployments or post assignments when military personnel are separated from their families.

Who: The program is available to any deployed military service member with a *child in his/her life (e.g., younger sibling, younger niece or nephew, grandchild).*

Where: The A&FRC “Read”-i-ness is located in the Bldg 118, Discovery Center, in the farther cubicle by the window.

Why: Reading aloud with children has been shown to be the single best predictor of a child’s future academic success. It also strengthens the bond between adult and child and provides a bridge for communication and sharing.



How: Come to the A&FRC and our friendly staff will assist or call 632-5407 for information.