

**Department of Defense Education Activity**  
**FY 2011 Overseas Contingency Operations: Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom**  
**Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide**  
**Budget Activity 4 Administrative and Service Wide Activities**

**I. Description of Operations Financed:** Funds several Quality of Life (QOL) issues supporting the Overseas Contingency Operations: Operations Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**National Guard, Reserve, and Service Member Counseling:** Continues non-medical counseling to support well-being during multiple deployments and the extension of deployments; enables Active Duty and National Guard and Reserve service members and families to continue to sustain lengthy separations and high operations tempo. This extremely high demand service bolsters warfighters and their families, and military commanders at all levels request non-medical counseling support for their returning troops. Resources also sustain a critical financial component, financial road shows at military installations that provide access to counselors for help with issues such as credit, mortgages, budgeting and foreclosure.

- **Emergency Child Care Support:** Continues emergency and respite childcare for service members (Active and Guard and Reserve) to enable families to manage lengthy separations and, in some cases, extensions to deployments. Child care continues to be an important family support and quality of life issue for deploying service members and their families. This also includes respite care for families with special needs.
- **Child Care Public Private Ventures:** Funds increase child care capacity via contracting spaces with community childcare providers.
- **Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) RESET in Theater, Fitness, and Bandwidth:** Funds the restocking of MWR supplies in theater. Resources have become depleted due to the extensive demand over a number of years, as well as the needs of increased deployments to Afghanistan. Supplies include theaters in a box, computer stations, unit recreation kits, free weights and exercise equipment, library kits, and up-to-date books and magazines. These units are easily shipped to theater and are invaluable resources in helping to keep morale high. Funds the purchase of bandwidth for more than 700 internet cafes that support deployed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as the purchase of mobile internet technology (internet in a box) to reach deployed units in remote areas of Afghanistan. Funds critically needed improvements to our fitness center infrastructure that supports service member readiness.

- **Army End Strength 22K Increase.** Funds will be utilized to support the additional increase of student enrollment at DoDEA schools as a result of the Department’s plan to increase the U.S. Army end strength.

**II. Force Structure: N/A**

**III. Financial Summary (\$ in Thousands)**

<b>CBS No.</b>	<b>CBS Title</b>	<b>FY 2009 Cost of War</b>	<b>FY 2010 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2010 Supplemental</b>	<b>FY 2010 Total</b>	<b>FY 2011 Request</b>
2.0	Personnel Support	\$864,200	\$558,700	\$58,000	\$616,700	\$485,769
<b>A. <u>National Guard, Reserve, and Service Member Counseling</u></b>						
2.5	Other Personnel Support	\$446,900	\$368,100	\$36,000	\$404,100	\$202,960

**Narrative Justification:** Funding provides confidential counseling to help deployed forces and their families manage the demands of deployment, reunion and redeployment. A portion of these funds will be used to provide counseling support Yellow Ribbon Reintegraion Program events. In the FY2008 Status of the Force Survey, the majority (57 percent) of deployed service members reported problems with anxiety and depression. Twenty two percent of the active duty force returning from deployment report taking advantage of non-medical counseling support services. Each month counseling usage increases – there were six and a half times more counseling sessions in June 09 compared to June 08, with deployment/reintegration being the top reason for seeking help. Given the continued rate of deployments and the increased usage of counseling and support services, funding is critical to stabilize Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve members and military families. Funding also ensures that financial counseling is available to help families navigate the complex financial environment and to communicate effectively about family budgets and spending. Resolving financial distress reduces difficulties and communication issues within the family.

**Impact if not funded:** The demand for counseling continues to grow. The majority of Active Duty and National Guard and Reserve forces are experiencing heightened anxiety and stress, which impacts their spouses and children. Non-medical counseling enables service members and their families to proactively cope with the stress of the wartime environment and its aftermath. Lack of adequate emotional and financial counseling support leaves our families without any outlet and exacerbates an already difficult situation.

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<b><u>B. Emergency Child Care Support</u></b>					
<b>2.5 Other Personnel Support</b>	<b>\$193,300</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$68,000</b>	<b>\$120,080</b>

**Narrative Justification:** Military child care enables families to manage the military lifestyle while serving their country. Child care also supports spouse education, training and the pursuit of a career that benefits the financial stability of military families. Funding provides for both emergency child care, special needs respite care, and care for families of deployed service members.

**Impact if not funded:** Child care is an important quality of life issue for service members with young children. Most commanders and senior noncommissioned officers cite child care as one of the top deployment issues for service member and their families. Child care responsibilities weigh heavily on the young spouse who is solely responsible for sustaining their family for periods often longer than a year. Lack of funding will increase the turmoil and unrest in families and will exacerbate the pressure that families are already experiencing because of the high operation tempo and the demands on the stay-behind spouse.

<b><u>C. Child Care Public Private Ventures</u></b>					
<b>2.5 Other Personnel Support</b>	<b>\$94,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$57,960</b>

**Narrative Justification:** The Department considers care for young children of military members to be a workforce issue with direct impact on the effectiveness and readiness of the force. Funding increases childcare capacity for Guard and Reserves and geographically separated active duty by 10,000 via contracting spaces with community childcare providers.

**Impact if not funded:** Many Guard, Reserve and Active Duty personnel serving on Independent Duty are geographically dispersed, often without access to quality, affordable child care services. Without the child care spaces, the Services lose the ability to act swiftly in meeting sizeable, sudden and unforeseen child care requirements nation-wide as Reserve Component forces as mobilized and deployed.

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<b><u>D. Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)</u></b>					
<b><u>RESET in Theater; OEF/OIF Bandwidth and Fitness</u></b>					
<b>2.5 Other Personnel Support</b>	<b>\$77,000</b>	<b>\$132,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$132,500</b>	<b>\$95,200</b>

**Narrative Justification:** Access to fitness facilities and the Internet are the top two MWR support items identified by service members as improving their quality of life while deployed. Service members and spouses identify the ability to communicate with family and friends as their top priority for coping with deployments. Funds would enable critically needed improvements to fitness center infrastructure to ensure service member readiness. Funds would also expand bandwidth support for internet cafes in Theater. Enhancing and expanding the MWR internet cafes provides deployed service members access to social networking sites that have been restricted due to bandwidth and other security related issues. Funding will buy other innovative solutions (such as MWR computers with a satellite) as a means of delivering communication capability in Theater. In Afghanistan, MWR cafes are remote and scattered. In Iraq and surrounding support areas, the demand for internet cafes has grown dramatically since the beginning of the war. MWR Internet cafes now total more than 700.

**Impact if not funded:** If not funded, morale in Theater will be severely degraded and Morale, Welfare and Recreation equipment will not be able to be sustained (to include fitness facilities).

<b><u>E. Increase Army End Strength</u></b>					
<b>2.5 Other Personnel Support</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,100</b>	<b>\$9,569</b>

**Narrative Justification:** The \$9.5M will be utilized to support the additional increase of student enrollment at DoDEA schools as a result of the Department's plan to increase the U.S. Army end strength. Funds received will support increased costs to DoDEA in the areas of bus transportation, supplies and equipment to include technology, textbooks, facility projects, and payroll.

<b>G. Other Personnel Support – Military Spouse Training and Education</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$864,200</b>	<b>\$558,700</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>	<b>\$616,700</b>	<b>\$485,769</b>