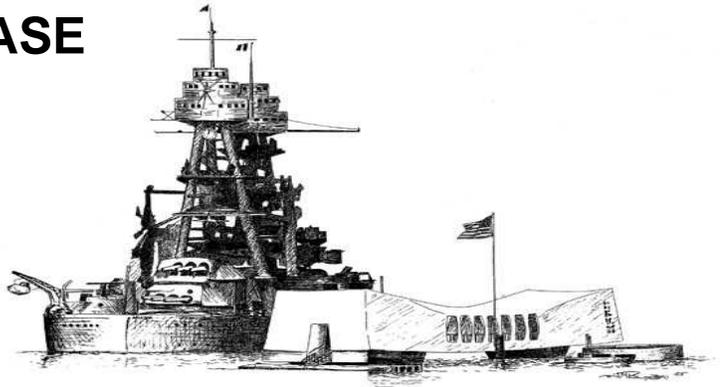


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Fleet and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor gets Fatherhood Resource Center

(PEARL HARBOR) – The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Pearl Harbor has been awarded a Fatherhood Resource Center from the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI). Through a competitive process, the FFSC Pearl Harbor was one of 150 organizations chosen from across the Nation to receive a Fatherhood Resource Center. The Resource Center provides brochures, CD-ROMs, curricula, and other materials valued at \$3,000 to assist FFSC Pearl Harbor serve fathers in the Navy community.

The premier fatherhood renewal organization in the country, National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) works in every sector and at every level of society to engage fathers in the lives of their children. NFI's national public service advertising is valued at over \$500 million. Through its resource center, FatherSOURCE, NFI offers a wide range of innovative resources to assist fathers and organizations interested in reaching and supporting fathers.

“NFI is honored to be able to help FFSC Pearl Harbor and other organizations across the country more effectively serve the fathers and their families in their communities through these Fatherhood Resource Centers,” said Roland C. Warren, president of NFI. “At a time when 1 in 3 children are growing up apart from their fathers, FFSC Pearl Harbor should be applauded for its efforts to engage Navy Region Hawaii fathers in the lives of their children.

“The resource center will be used by FFSC to enable Navy fathers to step up to the challenge of fatherhood,” said Chet Adessa, FFSC Family Life Educator and Chairperson for the Hawaii Coalition for Dads. Navy fathers (and moms) are separated from their families for extended periods of time and often need encouragement to be more involved with their children. FFSC Pearl Harbor will be a “one-stop-shop” where dads can receive helpful resources, or, where moms can pick up helpful resources to take to dads.”

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FFSC Pearl Harbor has already received the Comprehensive Starter Kit. The Starter Kit includes 24/7 Dad A.M., Doctor Dad Workshop, Daddy Pack for New Dads, When Duct Tape Doesn't Won't Work CD-ROM, 24/7 Dad Interactive CD-ROM, Dad's Pack, A Guide to Strengthening Fatherhood in Your Community, hundreds of fatherhood brochures, several posters and a portable, stand-alone/wall-mount kiosk.

FFSC Pearl Harbor is located at 4827 Bougainville Drive in the Moanalua Navy Service Center. The FFSC provides many support services including life skills education programs and family, financial, employment, transition, relocation and counseling assistance to the military community. Its goal is to improve the quality of life for the military families. For additional information, contact Chet Adessa at 474-1999.

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