



ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS) CENTER
(Holly Gifford, Director, 545-7581)



Army Emergency Relief (AER) Lionel Grant, AER Manager, 545-4043

- **What can AER Do?** Help with emergency financial needs for:
 - Food, Rent or utilities
 - Emergency transportation and vehicle repair
 - Funeral expenses
 - Medical/dental expenses
 - Personal needs when pay delayed or stolen
 - A spouse of a deployed Soldier may receive AER assistance with a Power of Attorney.
 - For additional information on how AER may be of assistance, contact: Lionel L. Grant, Army Emergency Officer (AERO), or Donna Carter, Assistant AERO at 545-4043. We are here to serve the Fort Benning Community.
 - **Who Does AER Help?** Active duty Soldiers, Army National Guard/Reservist, retirees, their spouse with power of attorney, surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.
 - **Commanders Referral Program**-Active duty Soldiers (none other) may request AER funds up to \$1000 (loan only, no grants) by submitting a completed DA Form 1103 to their immediate Commander.
 - The Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program (SSEAP) is a need-based education assistance program designed to provide spouses of active duty and retired Army Soldiers, and widows(ers) of Army Soldiers who died either on active duty or in a retired status, and residing in the United States, with financial assistance in pursuing educational goals.
- If you have questions or concerns about AER Assistance, contact Lionel L. Grant or Donna Carter at: 545-4043.

• **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!!**

The First Steps Program provides emotional support, parenting education, referrals to community resources, and follow-up contact to parents with newborns, thereby helping to develop healthy Family relationships to reduce the risk of child abuse/neglect. Each mom receives a tote bag filled with educational materials to include: a First Steps Calendar, nursery rhyme cassette tape for baby, "101 Ways to Praise Your Child" magnet, etc. Volunteers are assigned to work with new parents for up to one year after the baby is born. First Steps is located at Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH). For more information, contact the First Steps Program Coordinator, Carolyn Harris, at 706-544-2020.

Financial Readiness Program (FRP) (Ann Pratcher, FRP Manager, 545-7517).

- The Army Community Service (ACS) Center Financial Readiness Program (FRP) offers a wide range of services to assist active and retired military, their ID card family members and Department of the Army civilian employees with their financial affairs. Our goal is to help you live within your means, address emergencies that arise, save money, and invest for the future. We want to prevent financial difficulties BEFORE they arise.
- We offer a myriad of consumer and financial classes to make you better informed consumers. We offer individual assistance in consumer complaint resolution and consumer advocacy, debt liquidation, emergency financial assistance, screening and counseling for the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA), financial management planning.
- An Accredited Financial Counselor can help you make wise consumer and financial decisions for both today and tomorrow, solve debt problems, resolve a complaint with a company, and determine your eligibility for FSSA. FSSA provides an extra BAS amount for Soldiers with households with incomes less than 130% of poverty.
- To get more information about available classes or available assistance, please contact the FRP at 545-7517/4043, or stop by Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza.

Book Fair in Media Center

Our first Book Fair of the year will be the week of September 15—September 19.
The Book Fair will be open every day from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P. M.
It will also be open during Open House night. 4:30—6:30. Come with your children) and support our media center.

Start Christmas shopping early

