

## **Army Family Action Plan ISSUE PAPER**

**AFAP Issue:** Newly arriving summer students entering the 6th grade must wait until the first day of Middle School to enroll in the Middle School Teen Program(MST).

**Scope:** New students are placed into the School Age Center (SAC - grades K-5) program; thus, the students are not afforded an opportunity to meet other middle school students until the beginning of the school year. Many of these students will not participate in the SAC program as they believe they already "graduated" from Elementary School.

**Recommendation:** Recommend that graduated 5<sup>th</sup> graders be transitioned into the MST program.

**Status:** Exception to policy has been approved and granted to allow rising middle school students to participate in summer programs with the middle school age program, rather than having to wait until the start of the new school year to be officially enrolled. Those students having reached the age of 11 and graduated 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to be enrolled in the Middle School and Teen summer programs.