



What does ASSIST do?

ASSIST provides medically related diagnostic & intervention services. Services include:

- An educational and interactive website for parents, teachers, and providers;
- Psycho-educational and behavioral evaluations;
- Medically-based physical therapy and / or occupational therapy services for qualifying children.

Benefits of ASSIST Services

- Services are provided at the child's school in most cases, or a location on a military base for improved access to medically related services;
- ASSIST personnel can readily observe the child within his/her school setting and therefore obtain a valid picture of his/her functioning;
- Medically-based therapy services provided by specially trained and licensed/registered professionals;
- Increased timeliness of service;
- Increased quality of life for child and family



Who qualifies for ASSIST?

In order to qualify for Psychology, Physical Therapy, or Occupational Therapy services, your child must be DEERS eligible and attending an approved ASSIST school.



ASSIST (Project ASSIST) was created in 2000 when Senator Daniel Inouye recognized the need to support military families in Hawaii, and federal funding was obtained for Tripler Army Medical Center and the Pacific Telehealth and Technology Hui. ASSIST is supported through the U. S. Department of Defense, the Hawaii Departments of Education and Health, and the University of Hawaii.

AUGMENTATION OF SPECIAL-NEEDS SERVICES AND INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS –

ASSIST

IS AVAILABLE AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL!



ASSIST is a part of Tripler Army Medical Center Office of Special Needs and Services

For more information contact us on our website assist.army.mil or call 433-6205.

What is the purpose of ASSIST?

ASSIST has the following objectives:

- To improve children's quality of life;
- To provide school-based services;
- To improve parent, family, and provider satisfaction;
- To provide reliable and thorough educational information for parents, teachers and providers through website links;
- To provide medically-based occupational and physical therapy services.

Who benefits from ASSIST?

- Children benefit from having their unique strengths and weaknesses accurately identified and having appropriate educational supports and services put into place as early as possible.
- Parents and families benefit from learning about their child's functioning and what they can do to support his/her development and self-esteem.
- Schools benefit from access to comprehensive professional expertise in the areas of psychology, behavior, learning, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.
- All benefit from ASSIST's ability to provide services that complement Hawaii DOE services.
- All (children, families, schools) benefit from having the child's medically-based educational needs accurately identified and appropriately addressed so as to maximize his/her potential.
- Teachers benefit from the opportunity for direct consultation with ASSIST staff on how to best work with a given child.
- Any parent or adult may use our website (assist.army.mil) to gain information about various disabilities and behavioral issues.



What professionals are available through the ASSIST team?

The ASSIST team consists of a variety of disciplines that include psychologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

ASSIST Services

Social work provider and Service

The ASSIST Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) is a "military medical coordinator" for Families, school personnel and other agencies. The LCSW provides biopsychosocial assessments, coordination and linkage to appropriate medical care, information & resources.

Limited counseling for parents, children and Families is provided. Consultation is available for DOE Staff and other community agencies as it relates to clinical issues of military Family members and the military medical care system.

Psychological Services

Psychology services may include evaluation, diagnosis, consultation on education planning, parent/family consultation and support, and child-directed services for individuals or groups.

Referral questions focus on behavioral disorders such as ADHD, developmental disorders such as Autism spectrum disorders, and learning disorders such as Dyslexia (Reading Disorder).

- State-of-the-art evaluations;
- Easy access to evaluation questionnaires via the ASSIST website on the internet;
- Follow-up consultation and support to ensure high quality coordination of care.

Medically-Based Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Services

Physical therapy (PT) and Occupational therapy (OT) services involve providing medically-based treatment to students..

Children can receive services whether or not they qualify for educationally-based services through an IEP. For example, your child may not meet the educational criteria for eligibility of services, yet a medical condition exists for which your child is felt to benefit from services.

If your child qualifies for medically-based PT/OT services, ASSIST staff will coordinate with the educationally-based provider of their services to determine the appropriate amount of treatment, set medical treatment goals to monitor progress, and begin providing care.

****Note: Your child's present PT/OT treatment plan/IEP will be unaffected by ASSIST services. Services provided by TAMC staff that are not listed on a student's IEP will not be considered an entitlement to the student beyond the terms of Project ASSIST.***