Why The Mailman Center For Child Development?
The MCCD has a 30+ year history in the South Florida community serving and supporting Families who have children with disabilities. We have built a wide network of partners who also support these Families. Our focus is on education of future professionals in the education and healthcare fields, research on issues related to children’s disabilities, diagnostic and clinical care for these children and their Families, and advocacy within our community, state, and nation for legislative changes that will better support Families whose children have disabilities.

Why Partner With US Army Garrison Miami (USSOUTHCOM)?
In South Florida, US Army Garrison Miami is responsible for all Military Family support for all U.S. military services. Together, we connect and support Families who have children with disabilities connect with the supports and services they need to remain healthy, happy, and resilient.

Serving South Florida’s Military Families
What Is SF MAPS?
The South Florida Military Access Portals for Supports and Services (SF MAPS) was established at the University of Miami’s Mailman Center for Child Development (MCCD) in collaboration with USSOUTHCOM. The University of Miami is South Florida’s largest TRICARE provider, with a network of over 1,100 providers and specialists. SF MAPS is federally funded through the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. We are a new and innovative “one-stop” center helping to preserve and strengthen Military Families who have children with developmental disabilities.

Why Do These Families Need Support?
South Florida is a unique military landscape. Miami is home to USSOUTHCOM, where all components of the uniformed services are represented. Because this population is largely Guard and Reserve, these Military Families are scattered across South Florida in our neighborhoods with limited community awareness.

For those active duty Military Families, frequent moves create challenges to finding and accessing services needed for children with disabilities – like schools, healthcare, therapists, and recreation programs. For the Guard and Reserve population who suddenly become “Active Duty,” benefits and finances often change. These factors add additional stress to Families serving our nation.

How Does SF MAPS Work?
Using Navigators who move throughout the community, the program will utilize MCCD’s partnerships with local and state agencies and organizations to create a virtual one-stop center, specifically targeted to our Military Families in South Florida. Additionally, we educate our partners and service providers to enhance our network’s awareness of these Families, their needs, and challenges.

Want To Learn More?
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Who Do We Serve?
- All Military Families of children with disabilities
- All uniformed services
- Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine, Navy
- Active, Guard, Reserve, Retired, Veteran

The Navigators Will:
- Meet families in a convenient community location for intake
- Assist the Family in Developing an Individualized Family Service Plan
- Connect the Family to partners in the community
- Connect with the Family at regular intervals to ensure they are being well served