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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND  
READINESS  
CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU  
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the DoD and Services' Response to Allegations of Abuse at Child  
Development Centers (Project No. D2024-DEV0PJ-0122.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject  
evaluation in May 2024.

The objective of the evaluation is to assess the effectiveness with which the DoD and  
Services developed and implemented policies and procedures for identifying and reporting  
allegations of child abuse at military-operated child development centers. This is the first of two  
planned evaluations on child development centers. A future evaluation will focus on how the  
DoD and Services addressed and communicated regarding allegations of child abuse. We may  
revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from  
management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this evaluation in  
accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency "Quality  
Standards for Inspection and Evaluation."

We will perform this evaluation at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for  
Personnel and Readiness, the Military Services, and the National Guard Bureau. We may  
identify other locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our point of contact for this  
evaluation within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government  
employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—and knowledgeable of how  
the DoD components identify, report, investigate, and address potential abuse at child  
development centers. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email  
address to [REDACTED]

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to  
have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a  
timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from  
DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20,  
2012, as amended, and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the

Department of Defense Access to Records and Information,” March 22, 2013, as amended. Our website is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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