

# MSOF QUICK-GUIDE MILITARY PCS MOVES

8 ESSENTIALS THAT ADD CERTAINTY

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS FAMILIES

Moving is a significant, stressful, life event. Special Operations families often move less frequently than many military families; but regardless of how many moves you've experienced, life changes, kids grow, and with each move there are new things to consider. By utilizing these tips, you can save time, minimize stress to get settled, plugged in, and in a routine.

## EARLY MOVE CONSIDERATIONS: 8 ESSENTIALS

Utilize these 8 key planning questions to begin your PCS Move planning. If you and your spouse agree on these key essentials, you will minimize your family's stress and be more content in your next home.

- 1. Where to live:** What are the goals/expectations/needs for each family member?
  - Deployment or frequent field/TDY separation;
  - Long work hours;
  - Spouse's continued education or work;
  - Kid's involvement in activities, school, and sports.
- 2. What type of area or community do you thrive in?**
  - Need privacy or space?
  - Do you enjoy a close community that regularly spends time together?
  - Can you or your family tolerate a long or expensive (tolls, gas, parking) commute.
- 3. What circumstances help your children thrive?** School, sports, friends, space, etc.
- 4. Pros and cons of buying versus renting?** (Total cost, overall risk/benefit, duration of duty, etc).
- 5. School, preschool, and daycare needs, selection, and availability.**
- 6. Safety.** What do you need to feel safe and comfortable.
- 7. Special medical needs.**
- 8. Pet needs or constraints.**

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