



Army to help to Hawaii parents on 'Furlough Fridays'

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The Army is expanding programs in an attempt to minimize the effect Hawaii's "Furlough Fridays" will have on soldiers' children.

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii's middle school and teen centers are extending hours so they'll be available all day Friday.

The centers have computer labs, video games and special programs.

Children enrolled in after-school care will be able to enroll in full-day care at no extra charge on Fridays.

The state of Hawaii is furloughing teachers and cutting 17 days from the public school year to save money and balance the budget.

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii commander Col. Matthew Margotta says it's imperative to minimize the impact that the loss of instructional time will have on children.

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