

**ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS)**  
**FACILITIES STANDARDIZATION PLAN**

- **BLUF**: Standardized ACS facilities are critical to supporting the infrastructure needs of a transforming Army.
- As part of the Army Family Covenant the Army is pursuing effective practices for facility standard improvements and capital construction efforts.
- Standardized facilities recognize the important functional and spacing components to Family programs for design, construction, operation, and maintenance of cost efficient facilities.
- Provides Commanders across all installations the application of best practices in repetitive use of proven designs and construction practices.
- Disciplined emphasis on facility standardization and use of existing standards will improve the dedicated space for Family access to programs and services.
- Supports the Army Transformation objective for removal of its older World War II facilities and the provision of new 50-year-life cycle facilities.
- Creates single coding for ACS facilities.
- Supports SA guidance for centralized facilities (87 centers) consistent with and incorporation into the MILCON POM.

## ACS FACILITIES STANDARDIZATION

**Q: What is the Army doing about improving the quality of Family support facilities at Army installations?**

**A:** As part of the Army Family Covenant the Army is pursuing best practices for facility standard improvements and capital construction efforts. This will allow installation commanders to move forward in removing our older buildings and providing quality facilities to provide support for Soldiers and Families. The Army will continue to identify our facilities through standardization process review to ensure facilities provide the right program spacing to support our Soldiers and Families.

**Q: Can the layout of these facilities be standardized across the Army?**

**A:** Yes, the Army has initiated the process standardizing FP facilities and has completed the facility standard design layout for installation usage across the Army.

**Q: What is the purpose of having an “ACS Standardized Facility” design?**

**A:** ACS standard facility design will define the requirements and functional criteria for Family type facilities.

**Q: How long before the installations begin the improvement of these facilities?**

**A:** FMWRC FP anticipates ACS will begin to see a roll out of facility construction through the next 5-yr (2010-2015) POM.

**Q: Why is the ACS Standard Facility design so important?**

**A:** Standardized facilities recognize the important functional and spacing components to Family programs for design, construction, operation, and maintenance of cost efficient facilities. These facilities are the first place Families go for assistance; many of these are in wooden World War II, Korean, and Vietnam era buildings.