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Instructor Tricia Mosser helps Kei Barnes, 12, with his picture during a Young Rembrandts class at Army Community Service June 6, 2015. The art classes, offered every six months, are among the many activities and classes available to Soldiers and Families with exceptional Family members. Call ACS at 526-4590 for more information on Exceptional Family Member Program support and activities. (File photo) Click image to download hi-res

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Fort Carson's Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) will host a free Young Rembrandts cartooning class Feb. 6, 2016, at 10 a.m. for program members.

The class teaches drawing with a "see-touch-do" method and provides a fun, calm environment for children with sensory issues while they learn at a moderate pace.

"It's different because usually when you take an art class you see the whole picture and see what your outcome will be," said Sunny Ginter, EFMP systems navigator, Army Community Service, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "This is step by step and they move on until it becomes a whole picture."

Ginter, who helped organize this semiannual event for EFMP children, said she believes the method used in Young Rembrandts is not overwhelming to the attendees.

"The kids are involved in it and can do it more independently so the parent can sit back and enjoy watching the experience," said Ginter.

Art instructor Tricia Mosser, who helped bring the class to Fort Carson Families after teaching it in the local community, will be returning for this fourth class.

"It's an activity they can participate in where they won't really struggle, and it's tailored for exceptional Family members," said Ginter.

Along with kids participating in a fun activity, Ginter said it also helps bring exceptional Family members from throughout Fort Carson together to network.

"They get support so it's not only a kid-to-kid support but a parent-to-parent support," said Ginter. "They get resources that way, sometimes they become friends or begin play groups."

Providing this class is another way EFMP is reaching out to its members to encourage learning, understanding and fun ways to interact with each other, she said.

The class is limited to 10 participants. Parents interested in having their child attend can register by calling 526-1577.

















