

# ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

More Than A Program...It's A Promise!

# NEWS LETTER

## Greetings from the Army National Guard (ARNG) Child and Youth Services (CYS) Program!

On behalf of all staff and contractors working within the **CYS Program**, we want to **welcome you to our expanded ARNG** **CYS Team**. Whether you are a member of a military family, an educator or administrator, a youth service worker, or volunteer, please know you play an important role in helping us achieve our national mission, which is to ensure our military and military-connected youth feel supported, connected and valued. Without you, our network of support for military youth, would be incomplete, as it takes everyone... dedicated and committed to working together, to give our youth the very best.

To that end, and with great excitement, we share with you the **first ARNG** **CYS National Newsletter!** While the ARNG **CYS Program** has been around for the last fifteen years, this is the first official launch of this type of national initiative. Our **goal in disseminating monthly newsletters is to further connect with our military community** and share important information and resources relevant to the unique challenges facing military youth and military families. In addition to sharing resources, monthly newsletters will also **highlight all the wonderful accomplishments** made by our military youth across the country, as they work to help and support those within their own communities.

We hope you find the ARNG **CYS** monthly newsletters to be beneficial, as we all work together in support of our military and military-connected youth. ~ **Welcome to the Team!**

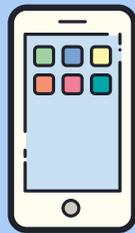
## IN THIS ISSUE:

- Announcements
- Training Opportunities
- Latest Trends
- Teens on the Move
- Resources

Don't want to miss the next newsletter issue? And do you want to stay up-to-date with the latest info? Then be sure to **subscribe** on our website!



#GuardTeens  
#ARNGCYS



Check out our **ARNG** **CYS** mobile app by searching "**ARNG** **CYS**" in either the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

It is a great way to connect to your local **Child and Youth Services Program!**



[WWW.ARNGCYS.COM](http://WWW.ARNGCYS.COM)



TN - Youth Development Camp

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**You've been BOO'd** by the Child & Youth Program

Enjoy this fun packet!

The tradition of being BOO'd is a fun way to celebrate friends and neighbors. Choose your favorite friends, or a friendly neighbor to surprise! Gather together items like treats, fun activities, and other Halloween-themed items. Package them up and secretly deliver your goodies to them with a note and a fun sign for their front door.

1. Place the "We've Been BOO'd" door hanger on your front door (included in packet).
2. Within two days, gather two special treats, include the extra door hangers and instructions (included in packet).
3. Choose two lucky recipients.

Deliver and have fun!

**IN THIS PACKET YOU WILL**

- A Sit Spot
- Join In Your Sit Spot
- Go on a Halloween Scavenger Hunt
- Celebrate Halloween in a new way
- Identify Your Character Strength
- Create Leaf Art
- Make a Yummy Snack
- Create a Pine-cone Pumpkin

Check all that you have completed.

Check out the latest **October Activity Packet** the L/CYPCs in CT, MA, ME, NV, NH, RI, & VT developed!

**Ask your State ARNG CYS L/CYPC for a copy.**

## IN THE KNOW

**ARNG CYS** 28 SEP-2 OCT 2020

**This Week's IN THE KNOW**

**National Good Neighbor Day: SEP 28**

**World Smile Day: OCT 2**

**Halloween Fun Facts:**

- Pumpkins are grown on every continent except Antarctica.
- Over 1.2 billion pounds of pumpkins are produced each year in the United States.
- There are more than 45 different varieties of pumpkins.



## TEENS ON THE MOVE

**ARNG Teens On The Move.** Military children and teens across the country demonstrate each day how resilient and talented they are. The Army National Guard Child & Youth Services Program has dedicated a page on our website to highlighting the amazing accomplishments of our ARNG CYS teens.

If you would like to **recognize a teen** in your program, please reach out to Chris Hopkins (ARNG CYS Child & Youth Program Analyst) at: [christopher.l.hopkins10.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:christopher.l.hopkins10.ctr@mail.mil)

**Check out our highlighted teens so far:** <https://arngcys.com/teens-on-the-move>



ND - State Teen Panel Assembles Camp Boxes



AK - State Teen Panel Removes Beetle-Infested Trees from Assisted Living Facility

## TRAINING OPS

The **Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)**'s **Parent to Parent program** empowers parents/caregivers to be their child's strongest advocate on educational and social issues through MCEC Parent Workshops. Check out their materials, videos, and podcasts and much-more at: [www.militarychild.org/audience/parents](http://www.militarychild.org/audience/parents)



**Common Sense Media (CSM)** Education and advocacy to families to promote safe technology and media for children since 2004. Free weekly webinars (and view past recordings) at: [www.common sense media.org/common-sense-events](http://www.common sense media.org/common-sense-events)

**Recursos en español:** "Esperamos que estos recursos educativos y de apoyo para familias les sirvan de ayuda en estos tiempos de dificultad y aprendizaje a distancia." <https://wideopenschool.org/es/>  
[www.common sense media.org/latino](http://www.common sense media.org/latino)

**Facebook Global Safety Policy teams and The International Bullying Prevention Association (IBPA)** would like to invite you to the upcoming webinar, **Bullying Prevention for Parents**, led by Kerry Gallagher, Director of K-12 Education at Connect Safely, that goes live virtually on **October 7th, from 3pm - 4.30pm ET**. Register Here! [www.common sense media.org/common-sense-events](http://www.common sense media.org/common-sense-events)



**For Youth by Youth zoom/webinars!**

**October 14, 4 PM Eastern** --- Join youth from AK & TN and hear what challenges they're facing during the pandemic, how they are coping, and what they need from other youth and adults in their communities to feel connected, engaged, and empowered to move forward. **Register Here:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcumqrDMuHd1eUyJViabT1vo\\_bVAoqVw9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcumqrDMuHd1eUyJViabT1vo_bVAoqVw9)

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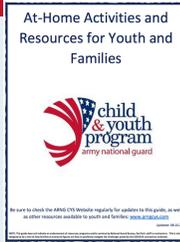
**Did you know...there's a weekly "In the Know" (ITK) posted with fun topics and resources to help create memories with your family through learning & engagement opportunities?!**

**Follow your local CYS social media accounts, OR reach out to your local CYS Program for a copy.**

**#ARNGCYSITK**

# RESOURCES

**At-Home Activities and Resources for Youth and Families - FREE DOWNLOAD.** Be sure to check the ARNG CYS Website regularly for updates to this guide, as well as other resources available to youth and families: [www.arngcys.com](http://www.arngcys.com)



**Military OneSource Morale, Welfare and Recreation Digital Library** provides free, online resources to Service Members and their families via the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Digital Library. You'll find eBooks and audiobooks on virtually every topic, as well as databases and reference books that can help you learn a new skill, keep kids engaged and serve as a homework source: [www.militaryonesource.mil/recreation-travel-shopping/recreation/libraries/morale-welfare-and-recreation-digital-library](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/recreation-travel-shopping/recreation/libraries/morale-welfare-and-recreation-digital-library)



# PROGRAM FEEDBACK

**Have you recently participated in an Army National Guard (ARNG) Child & Youth Services (CYS) event or activity?**

If so, we invite you to complete our **Soldier-Parent Satisfaction Survey**. This survey was developed as a mechanism for those working within ARNG CYS to receive direct feedback from youth and families, as it relates to program satisfaction, areas of strength and opportunities for improvements.

To access this survey, please click on the following link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Soldier-Parent21](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Soldier-Parent21) You can also access the Survey using the ARNG CYS Mobile App or visiting the ARNG CYS Website at [www.arngcys.com](http://www.arngcys.com).

Thank you for helping us continue providing the very best programs and services to our military population!

# TRENDS & DATA

*These numbers reflect programs/programming taking place between 1JUN20 and 31AUG20 (summer months only)*

**Big shout out and kudos to all those supporting and participating in this past summer's trainings, meetings, briefs, events etc. Check out these stats!**

## ALL PROGRAMMING/TRAININGS/BRIEFINGS:

- TOTAL ADULTS SUPPORTED (in-person & virtual): **nearly 27,000**
- TOTAL YOUTH (6-12) SUPPORTED (in-person & virtual): **17,000+**
- TOTAL TEENS (13-18) SUPPORTED (in-person & virtual): **nearly 11,000**

## ONLY VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING/TRAININGS/BRIEFINGS:

- TOTAL ADULTS SUPPORTED: **nearly 18,000**
- TOTAL YOUTH (6-12) SUPPORTED: **14,000+**
- TOTAL TEENS (13-18) SUPPORTED: **9,000+**
- TOTAL VOLUNTEERS UTILIZED: **600+**
- TOTAL PROGRAMMING HOURS: **1,800+**



PA - Camp Odyssey - Volunteers & Campers

## CYS VOLUNTEERS:

In FY19, ARNG CYS utilized nearly **9,000 volunteers**, who provided more than **150,000 hours** of service and support for events and activities.

## We'd love to hear from you!

Would you like to share how the CYS program has made an impact on you and your family? Follow this link to let us know your response to:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShareYourCYSstory](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShareYourCYSstory)

**What positive impact has ARNG CYS had on you and your life?**



MI - Youth Camp Teambuilding