

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

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

NEWS LETTER

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ARNG CYS Thanks All Educators

May 2021

Whether young in age or young at heart, everyone has a special teacher or educator who positively impacted their life. Perhaps it was an elementary teacher who encouraged your creativity, or the high school teacher who inspired you to follow your dreams – those in the education field play a significant role in so many lives. For this reason, as well as many others, the month of May is annually recognized as **National Teacher Appreciation Month!**

So, how can we show appreciation for those in the education field? One of the best ways to show appreciation for educators is to share stories with about teachers whose support and encouragement have had a positive impact on your life. This can be a fun activity for families and groups to do together. To get started, begin by completing the following prompts:

- The teacher who most positively impacted my life was...
- This teacher positively impacted my life because...
- If I could go back and tell this teacher one thing, it would be...

You can also find great ideas for celebrating teachers by visiting the following websites: National Parent Teacher Association (PTA): <https://www.pta.org/home/events/PTA-Teacher-Appreciation-Week> (be sure to check out their downloadable **Teacher Appreciation Week Toolkit**) or visit the PTO Today Teacher Appreciation Week page: <https://www.ptotoday.com/pto-today-articles/article/1407-teacher-appreciation-week-2021-resources>

On behalf of everyone working within the Army National Guard (ARNG) Child & Youth Services (CYS) Program, we extend a big **'Thank You' to all educators, administrators, counselors, and school staff who give so much of themselves each year to ensure all students feel valued and appreciated.** An extra special **'Thank You'** goes out to those in the education field working directly with, and supporting, all our military and military-connected youth! If you would like more information about supporting military and military-connected youth in and out of the classroom, we invite you to visit our educator resource page: <https://arngcys.com/resources-for-educators>

Let us all use this month to
#ThankATeacher!

Do you want to stay up-to-date with the latest info?

Be sure to [subscribe here on our website](#)

OR - Teen Panel
Community Service Project



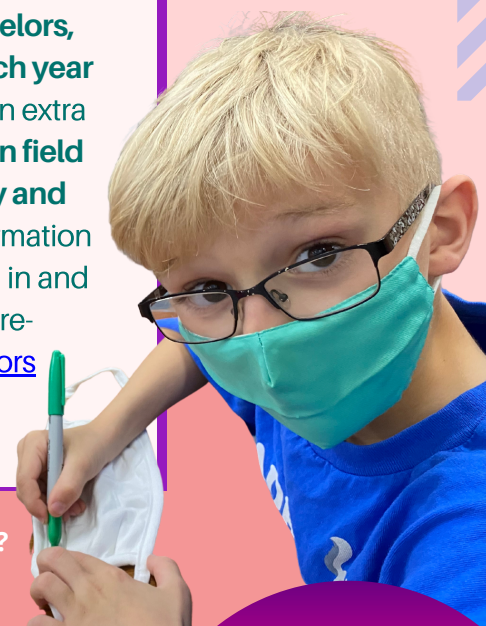
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Download the
"ARNG CYS" APP





HAPPENINGS

ARNG CYS Salutes Our Military Community: May

The ARNG CYS Program would like to extend its greatest appreciation and thanks to our military, and those serving across the branches of the United States Armed Forces, in observance of Military Appreciation Month. Thank you for all you do in service to our country, and the sacrifices you make to ensure the safety of all citizens. We also pause this month to recognize all military spouses and significant others, as you serve alongside your Service Member as part of our extended military community... Thank you! As the month of May draws to a close, we honor and remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country - gone but never forgotten.

Please join the ARNG CYS Program in recognizing all military observances this month.

- All Month: Military Appreciation Month
- 7 May: Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 15 May: Armed Forces Day
- 31 May: Memorial Day

[Connect with your local CYS Team to learn about upcoming events and activities scheduled for this month!](#)

TEENS ON THE MOVE

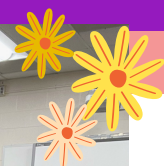
Oregon NG Child & Youth Military Teen Panel Community Service Project

The Oregon Military Teen Panel participated in a community service project at the AC Gilbert Children's Museum. As part of the reopening festivities, fun sidewalk art welcomed families back - and the **OMTP delivered**.





TEENS ON THE MOVE



Kansas NG Child & Youth Military Support Group

Submitted by: Kimberly S. Worley
Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator
Kansas Army National Guard

This is our 1st in-person Military Support Group since being out of the schools for 13 months due to Covid. We invited 2 Service Members, (CSM Jared Worley & SGT Tasha Cross), to come and speak to the group about **Month of the Military Child** and **thank them** for their service and sacrifice as military youth.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out the latest
May Activity Packet

developed by the:

L/CYPCs in CT, MA, ME, NV, NH, RI, & VT!

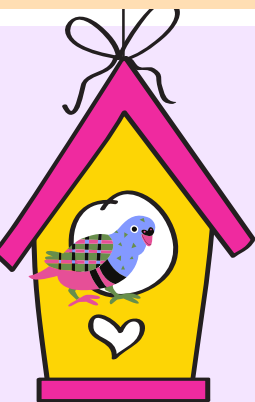
[Ask your State ARNG CYS](#)

[L/CYPC for a copy.](#)



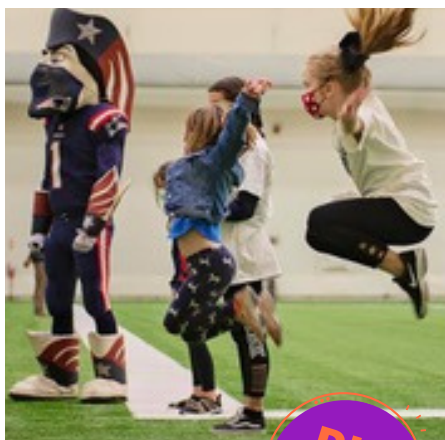
We're an Awesome TEAM!

Connect with your
local CYS team to
learn how you can
VOLUNTEER!



<https://arngcys.com/my-local-cys-program>

MA - Youth
workout with
New England
Patriots
Alumni &
current
Cheerleaders



IN THE KNOW

Follow your local CYS
social media accounts to see
the weekly **In the Know (ITK)** posts,
OR reach out to your
CYS Program for a copy.
#ARNGCYSITK

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?

Let us know at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShareYourCYSstory

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TRAINING OPS



MCEC Parent workshops are available via webinar to support
parents who are remote or not located near a major military
installation. Webinars are presented live usually on Tuesdays and
Wednesdays at Noon EST.

**** Participants must register in advance for the live webinar presentation ****

www.militarychild.org/webinars

- TUE 05/04 - Coaching a Homerun Reader
- WED 05/05 - Kindergarten Readiness
- TUE 05/11 - Preventing the Summer Slide
- WED 05/12 - Mindfulness
- TUE 05/18 - Transitions: What Every Parent Needs to Know
- WED 05/19 - Transitioning Your Family Out of the Military



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WRITING CHALLENGE

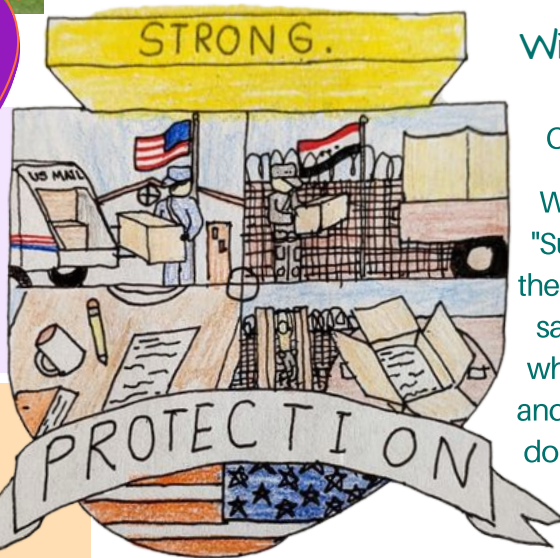
Compositions submitted by youth are reviewed by those working within the
ARNG CYS Program, with some being included in future ARNG CYS Monthly
Newsletters or even uploaded to the ARNG CYS Website.

If you have a youth interested in participating in the **ARNG CYS Youth Writing
Challenge**, be sure to check out the ARNG CYS Website for the latest topics
and information on submitting their composition.

YOU HAVE HEARD THE PHRASE, "BE THE CHANGE." HOW WILL YOU "BE THE CHANGE?"

All writing compositions for this month must be submitted by
Sunday, May 23, 2021, for consideration and review.

For details and how to submit your child's creative piece go to:
<https://arngcys.com/youth-writing-challenge>



Wisconsin NG Child & Youth

Submitted by: Emily Sorenson,
Child & Youth Program Coordinator

We had some kiddos draw their own
"Superhero Medallion" that represents
themselves as military children. Jackson
said he loved sending care packages
when one of his parents was deployed
and it made him feel better being able to
do something for them while they were
doing so much for our country.



"It took me four years to paint
like Raphael, but a lifetime to
paint like a child".
- Pablo Picasso