

# 2021 Guam Annual Report



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A RESILIENT FORCE  
in a Changing  
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# Guam National Guard Child and Youth Program

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Child and Youth Program is to promote and sustain the quality of life and resilience of National Guard children and youth by providing secure,

## Goals:

**Education:** Provide developmentally-appropriate life skills education to NG youth

**Access:** Provide information on access to federal and state/territory benefits that support NG children and families, including counseling, education, child care, and other resources needed to foster a health, stable, and secure family environment.

**Opportunity:** Create partnerships for opportunities to participate in programs, events, and activities geared toward the behavioral and physical health and welfare of children and youth that are available across the spectrum of government, community, and private sector.

**Communication:** Build a sense of belonging to the ARNG community by creating secure opportunities to network with other youth/parents/legal guardians, and youth program facilitators in one's community, state/territory, and across the nation.

**Resilience:** Infuse resiliency and leadership skills and techniques into all ARNG children and youth.



## Volunteers:

**57** volunteers assisted

**62** Total volunteer hours to support the Child and Youth Program with annual Summer Camp, Month of the Military Child Event and Family Days

**379** Volunteer hours

## Children and Teens Served:

- ◆ **1185** ARNG
- ◆ Ages 6-12 **923**
- ◆ Ages 13-18 **262**
- ◆ **212** ANG
- ◆ Ages 6-12 **196**



**Adults served:**

# Best Practices and New Initiatives



**Month of the Military Child** This year's Month of the Military Child Event sponsored by Tommy Hilfinger Guam. The store was exclusively open for Guard families. Different games and activities for provided during this event and prizes were given for all those who participated. USO provided goody bags and had balloon animals

and other activities for the kids. 4-H also had activities and goodies for this event. Parents were able to shop while their kids enjoyed the activities and re-



**Grab and Go Activities** As we continue to practice Social distancing, a new initiative we took part in was a Grab and Go Trunk-a-Treat. Goodies were passed out at different stations. Our kids were able to enjoy Halloween and show off their costumes and



Another event that we held that had to be modified was our Back-to-School event. Face to Face School didn't reconvene until the beginning of the calendar year. Packets were given to school-age guard children to get ready to go back-to-school. Families drove up and retrieved a goody bag of school supplies. PBS

**Virtual Symposium** California was the host for this year's Region 9 Symposium. There were 23 participants from California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and Guam. Each state contributed to the symposium— ice breakers, master resiliency training, and guest speakers were all part of the symposium. Connections and new friendships were made even being miles apart from each other.



# 2021 Child and Youth Program Highlights and Event Summary

- ◆ 3 Yellow Ribbon Events
- ◆ 6 one week Camp sessions with STEM and Life Skills activities for youth with 135 participants
- ◆ 3 Family Days
- ◆ 56 children and youth Month of the Military Child Event
- ◆ 23 youth participated in Region 9 Youth Symposium



## Testimonials

- ◆ Ever since I could remember, I've been part of the Child and Youth Program. I started attending the summer camp when I was about 6 years and haven't skipped a camp since then. Being in camp, I was able to create new friends and have a lot of fun while still learning about drugs, different types of careers, field trips to different place around the island. I recently joined teen council and it has given me the opportunities to help the local community and get closer to other guard kids and make new friends. The Child and Youth Program has helped me expand myself as a military child, make new friends from around the world, trained me to be a role model, and do new things I thought I would never enjoy. The Child and Youth Program has made a big impact on me as an individual and in my family. I am very thankful my father became a soldier in the Guam National Guard as it has helped grow into the person I am today. *Cabrini Taitano– Guard Teen Council Member*
- ◆ The Child and Youth Program has allowed my daughter to meet other Guard kids and learn life skills and resiliency by participating in programs provided by Child and Youth. I hope the program stays around for years to come so she has more activities and events to attend. It helps her cope when she sees me put on my uniform every-day and especially when I'm away. *GUARNG Element– CW2 Shane Aguon.*

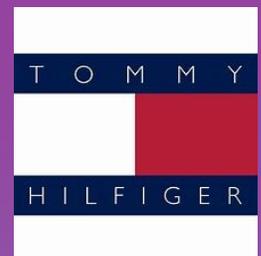
# Building Community Capacity

The Guam National Guard Child and Youth program together with youth, adults, school, civic groups, military and private organizations have created a statewide support network . This collaboration has provided much needed support for our



The 4-H program has been collaborating with the Child and Youth Program for many years. They support all our family events and conduct activities and presentations for our annual summer camp,

Tommy Hilfiger sponsored our Month of the Military Child this year. Over 50 families participated at their main Tommy Hilfiger and Tommy Kids. It was a fun-filled day of activities– games, goody



The USO has been supporting the Child and Youth Program for years. They have been instrumental providing donations and volunteers for all our Family Day Military Appreciation events. They continue to be an advocate for the National

This year was the first year to collaborate with PBS Guam. They donated school supplies for our Back to School Drive and also had Clifford



Westcare is one of biggest community partners. They offer workshops and presentations to our programs and support all and any of our events. The continue to play a big role in

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This year marks 6 years of operation for the Guam State Teen Council. There are 10 active members that are dedicated to support the Child and Youth Program and serve as role models for national guard dependents and are dedicated to developing skills and enhancing life for military children and youth of Guam. 6 Teen Council meetings held for the year both virtual and in-person. Teen Council members supported and assisted with Month of the Military Child event, Family Days and supported this year's camp being Youth Leaders and assisting with the Camp instructors. Four Teen Council members participated in the Region 9 Symposium.

- ◆ Two Master Resiliency trainings were conducted virtually with Teen Council members. The topics for the first workshop was Hunt the Good Stuff and Avoid Thinking Traps, and the second workshop Deliberate Breathing Practice



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