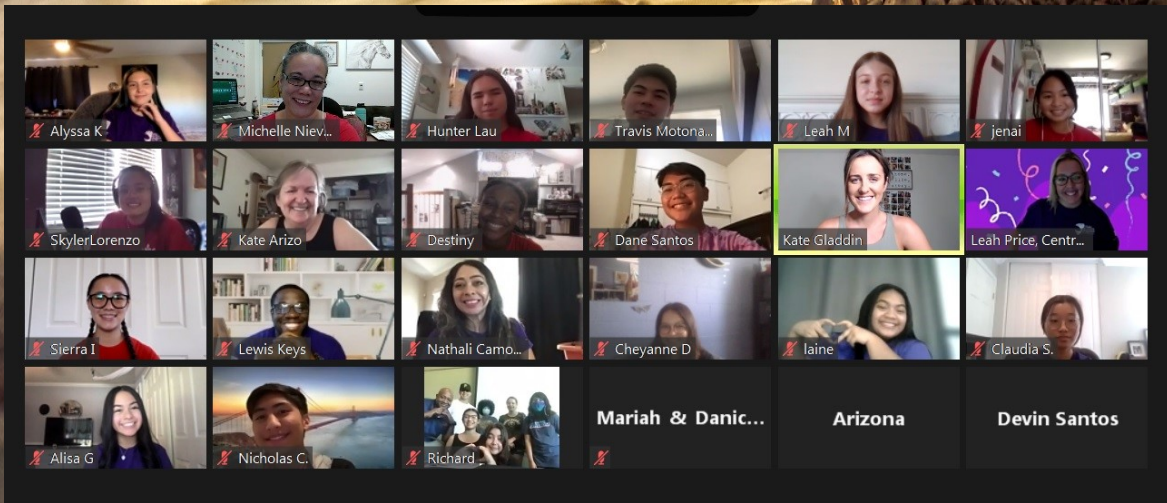




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- Top Photo: 2021 MOMC MAIL OUT
- Bottom Photo: REGION 9 SYMPOSIUM VIRTUAL EVENT WITH GUEST SPEAKER KATE GLADDIN

Note: Photos in this annual report have been photo released by said participant's parents and are currently on file with the Lead Child Youth Program Coordinator



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Mission

To foster great leaders of the future through enrichment activities that develop their resiliency, self-esteem and personal growth amid the unique and challenging environments of military life.

Goals

- Provide, educate and sustain a healthy platform of resources to reach all National Guard Children and Youth, on their respective islands.
- Create a robust support system within the community, on all islands, that will not only foster, but actively engage in the recreational, social and educational needs of military youth within their respective communities.
- Work directly with families, volunteers, active and reserve military components, government agencies, employers, veterans, and private businesses to achieve the overall success of the Program's requirements.
- Collaborate and educate the Department of Education in the State of Hawaii on the needs of the military child and the importance of their roles in the overall success of a military youth's future.

Volunteers

8 Volunteers assisted with the planning and execution of 4 events in FY 21 totaling 35 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers assisted in various administrative duties, chaperoning, and marketing of the program.

Youth Serviced	Army Guard	Air Guard	Total
Ages 6-12	214	104	318
Ages 13-18	189	118	307
Army Guard Members	Air Guard Members	Other	
308	3	289	

2020-2021 Child and Youth Program Highlights

Event	Count	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18	Recipients
Unit Briefing	6			314
Master Resiliency Training	1		26	26
Day Camps	6	153	93	246
MOMC Mail Out	1	165	135	300
Teen Council Meetings	4		36	36
Regional Symposium	1		26	26
S.T.E.A.M Events	2	60	35	95
Volunteer Training	2			8
Community Partners Meetings	8			221



State Teen Council Highlights

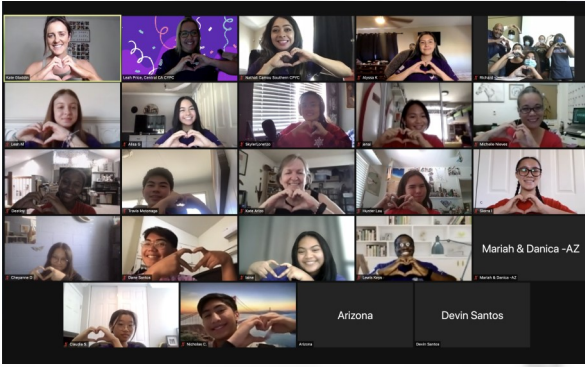
- Packed and labeled 300 boxes for the Month of the Military Child Farm to Table mail out
- Packed and labeled 120 boxes for STEM events
- Contributed and researched CYP event schedule for FY 22

Testimonial Statements from Participants, Guard Members and State Leadership

- My children have formed POSITIVE relationships with peers of similar life experiences, and have bonded in ways that helped their personal growth as an individual. Membership on the teen council has increased self-confidence in them and provided much opportunity to develop leadership experience.
- We live on a different island so it was great when they were able to send supplies for the various programs they have during the CO-VID pandemic to allow our child to learn and experience different things than what we would normally have done as a family
- My children love seeing their friends that they have made through the Child Youth program activities and always want to participate so they can see them.
- The activities attended/provided have always had a positive affect on our children, and they are always excited for the next event (especially the overnight camps). The "virtual" activities shared during the pandemic has provided our family with many opportunities to engage/interact as a family. Even if not actively participating, we (as a family) still interacted through discussions about how the children enjoyed each activity.
- My children love the Child & Youth Service activities, Auntie Michelle Nieves and love to participate whenever they can!

* *Remarks taken from FY 21 Solider Parent Survey*

VIRTUAL REGION 9 SYMPOSIUM



The 2021 Regional Symposium took place on September 11th of this fiscal year. The day started off with a short moment of silence in remembrance of that tragic day. However, once the event started the teens were committed to the experience. Arizona had a group of teens hold up welcome posters for all the states and territories. We played some ice breaker games and got to talk with each other for a bit before

our guest speaker Kate Gladdin joined us. Her inspiring story was amazing to listen to. She shared her struggles and how she overcame the loss of her sister. Teens learned about A.N.T (Automatic Negative Thoughts) and how by using a strategy known as the 3 R's (Recognize, Reflect, and Redirect) that they can "Squash their ANTS". The focus of the symposium was Mental Resiliency. The CYP Leads felt that it was important for the teens to have multiple tools in their resiliency tool box, especially during this difficult time for them. We wanted them to know that we are here for them.

VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP

For the first time in Hawaii CYP history we conducted the first ever Virtual Camp. Hawaii contracted Happy Camper Live to help with the task. This 2 day event was filled with many interactive events for the kids. We had a hip hop class, build a monster, positive expression drawing and a magic show! The parents enjoyed it as well as we saw some of them joining in with some of the activities (Hip Hop Dance). We kept the day camp to a minimum of 3 hours a day to not wear out the kids. But the great thing about the virtual camp was that kids ages 6-12 from all islands participated in the event. Happy Camper Live extended the camp experience another 3 months for those that joined in. Parents

enjoyed having their kids do "Camp Like" activities at home during the summer.

Although the kids and parents wanted an In-Person event it worked out for the best as we could have more outer-island kids participate in this event. We are hopefully that In-Person events will be back in FY 21.



Hawaii

National and State Partners

The Hawaii National Guard Child and Youth Program, with a robust community of adults, volunteers, schools, military and private organizations, have created a sustainable statewide support network. In collaboration with these community partners, the Hawaii National Guard Youth Program has not only been able to exceed its program expectations, but has expanded its reach to those children and youth that live in the remote areas on the neighbor islands. Together, with these partners, we are able to provide resources to youth on Maui, Kauai, Molokai, and the Big Island.

Building Community Capacity

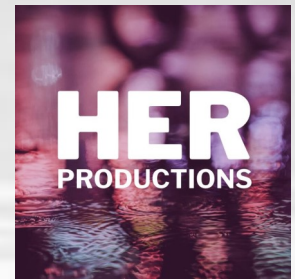


Kate Gladdin

- An award-winning youth resilience expert based in Princeton, New Jersey, Kate helps teens learn new ways of adapting to the unpredictable challenges of modern times. Her powerful life lessons, sparkling on-stage energy, and unique Aussie accent create one-of-a-kind personal development experiences teens can't stop talking about.

Say it with Music and Her? Productions

- A STEAM camp where students create, write and produce their very own song and film a MUSIC VIDEO! During this one day event students record poetry, rap, and sing to their favorite beat and receive their very own CD to take home.



Happy Camper Live

- Happy Camper Live provides a safe and INSPIRING environment with comprehensive and inclusive storytelling sparking discovery and building the confidence of a new generation of Happy Campers.

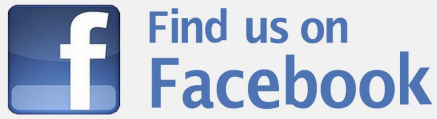
American Red Cross

- A community partner that CYP utilizes yearly to assist with certifying CYP staff and Teens in First Aid, CPR and Emergency Pet Care.
- CYP works directly with the AMC to participate in resources events hosted by State Family Programs.

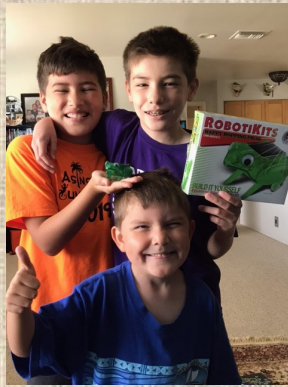


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Top Right Photo: Teen Council Members packing for the MOMC mail out Event

Top Left Photo: Children ages 6-12 unwrapping their STEM Kits

Middle Left Photo: Army child receiving his Farm to Table MOMC Kit

Bottom Left Photo: Air child participating in the Expressions Workbook event in September.



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