

## Minnesota National Guard Child, Youth & School Services

# Parent Resources for Military-Connected Youth

## Children

#### **Child Care Aware**

Provides Army families with affordable child care that suits their specific needs. Covers full-day, part-time, before and after school, summer and respite care.

#### www.ChildCareAware.org

#### **Operation Military Child Care (OMCC)**

Deployed Service members are eligible for subsidies.

#### Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood

For Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) Service members on Title 10 and Title 32 orders, includes before and after school care.

#### **Respite Services**

16 hours of free child care by licensed providers for Service members, active and reserve during deployment.

#### Zero to Three

Provides parents and professionals the knowledge to nurture early development. www.ZerotoThree.org

#### **Parents As Teachers**

Provides information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop during the crucial early years of life. www.parentsasteachers.org

#### **YMCA**

Free membership during deployment at participating facilities. www.ymca.net

#### Military Families Near and Far

Sesame Street's military families initiative provides resources for military families with preschool children experiencing the effects of deployments and more. https://sesamestreetformilitaryfamilies.org/

### **Youth & Teens**

#### Teen Panel & Teen Summit

Teen leadership group meets four times a year and plans the Teen Summit, an opportunity for up to 50 teens to develop leadership, team building and communication skills.

#### **Teen Leadership Forum**

An opportunity for teens in grades 6-12 to challenge, grow and develop leadership skills by participating in a group project, volunteering for a community service project and connecting with other military teens.

#### **Tween Overnights**

Camps for tweens ages 9-12, including activities that enhance networking and communication skills, peer support and resilience-building.

#### **Youth Camps**

Purple Camp, National Guard Youth and Teen Camp and more! Follow us on Facebook MN National Guard Youth Programs.http://www.mngyc.org/

#### Military Kids Connect

Military Kids Connect is an online community for military children (ages 6-17) that provides access to ageappropriate resources to support the unique psychological challenges of military life.

www.militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/

#### Military OneSource

Free resources for families and military-connected youth ages 0-18. www.MilitaryOneSource.com

#### **United Heroes League**

Provides military kids with sports equipment, tickets, grants, and skills camps.

www.unitedheroesleague.org

## **Student Support**

#### K-12 Military Kids Toolkit

A free online curriculum for school counselors to lead a military kids club for military-connected students. The curriculum is broken down for K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade. https://mnarngfamilyprograms.wufoo.com/forms/application-for-military-kids-club-toolkit/

#### Tutor.com

Free online tutoring for Service members and their families - for all ages and education levels.

www.tutor.com/military

#### Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

Offers free training for youth professionals that work with military-connected youth.

www.MilitaryChild.org

#### Month of the Military Child

April is the month of the military child, which highlights the contributions that mil-connected youth make for our nation. Look for events in April: Purple Up @MOA, photo contest, letters from the Governor, and more!

#### SAT/ACT Prep Course

Free SAT/ACT prep course. www.eknowledge.com/operationmilitarykids

#### Our Military Kids

Offers a one-time, monetary grant, up to \$500, for National Guard and Reserve children ages 5 to 18 to support extracurricular activities during a loved one's deployment. www.OurMilitaryKids.org

**Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Support to Families**Child, Youth and Services provides support to military families at Yellow Ribbon reintegration events.

www.jointservicessupport.org/YRRP/ familymembers.aspx