

**Michigan
Army National Guard
Child & Youth
Program
2021
Annual Report**



MISSION

To create, educate, support, promote unity, stability, and community support to the children and youth of Michigan military families.

GOALS

- TO EMPOWER MICHIGAN'S MILITARY CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR PEERS
- CREATE COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORKS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN AND YOUTH
- SUPPORT MILITARY CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT CYCLE
- COLLABORATE WITH AND EDUCATE SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THEY HAVE THE PROPER KNOWLEDGE OF OUR UNIQUE MILITARY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND WAYS THEY CAN SUPPORT THEM

THOSE WE SERVED

Army National Guard (6-12) - 532

Army National Guard (13-17) - 304

Air National Guard (6-12) - 153

Air National Guard (13-17) - 108

Army Active (6-12) - 12

Army Active (13-17) - 3

Army Reserve (6-12) - 1

Army Reserve (13-17) - 2

Air Force (6-12) - 2

Air Force (13-17) - 11

Navy (6-12) - 1

Navy (13-17) -

Army National Guard Service Members/Families - 2,210

Air National Guard Service Members/families - 46

Army Active Service Members - 8

Air Force Active Service Members - 1

Others - 280

Programming Hours - 173

Resource and Referrals - 204

VOLUNTEERS

During FY21, we had 33 volunteers support our events with a total of 1,472 hours. The volunteers supported our MAJ Daniels Memorial Family Fishing event, Month of the Military Child Lock-In, and Youth Leadership Camp.

Without these volunteers, these 3 events would not have taken place, so we appreciate all their time and hard work that went into volunteering, especially during COVID.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Family Appreciation Events - 2
- Month of the Military Child - 6
- Partnered Events - 12
- Youth Council Meetings - 9
- Yellow Ribbon Briefings/Events - 9
- Virtual Day Camps - 5
- Command Briefing - 1
- Community Partner Meetings - 6



**"Thank you for organizing, offering, and hosting the STEM workshops. Ian LOVED the animation and coding segments. His excitement has infected the household. Much appreciation and thanks for the motivation you've inspired and the time you've invested in my son."
Connie McGuire (Spouse, MIARNG)**

BEST PRACTICES

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

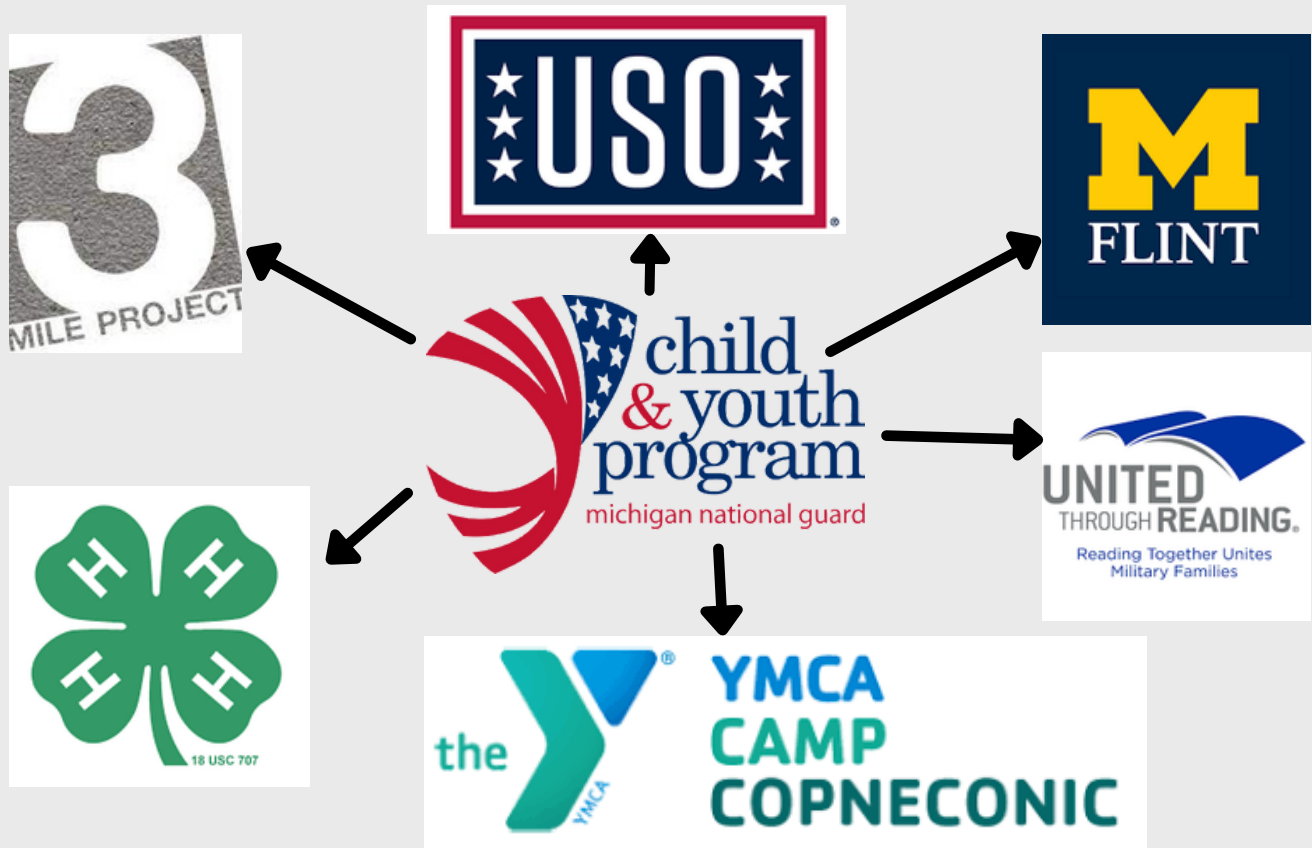
The 2021 Youth Leadership camp took place in July with 88 Army National Guard youth ages 8-13. During the week long camp, the youth were able to participate in high rope, swimming activities, rock wall, zip lining, and many more other activities. Many campers were able to conquer their fears and complete the activities and encourage one another. The campers met other military youth and made lasting friendships.



STEM WORKSHOPS

During the month of June, we partnered with the University of Michigan Flint to offer 20 military youth 4 STEM Workshops. Dr. You-Shin Chen provided workshops in animation, coding, DNA and photosynthesis virtually. Youth were able to work individually and in groups for each workshop. The workshops were hands on and youth were all engaged and participated in group discussions. The youth loved the animation and coding the best and look forward to these workshops next year. The STEM workshops were put together with our partnership with UofM Flint to help the military youth during the pandemic. We worked with Dr. Chen to be able to provide workshops that were educational but also fun for the youth. We utilized the child and youth google classroom platform for the workshops so that the youth could see each other.

FY21 COMMUNITY PARTNERS



During FY21, we were able to partner with outside organizations to continue to provide activities to our military youth virtually and in-person. We partnered with the USO to host a virtual event for youth to participate in and meet other military youth. University of Michigan Flint provided 4 virtual STEM workshops. Michigan State 4-H Military Partnership provided virtual programming for our military youth and a chance for them to interact and participate in events during the year. We look forward to continuing our partnerships with these organizations in FY22.



"We cannot THANK YOU enough for the HUGE impact your program have had on our kids. They talk and laugh all the time about their experiences at camp, fishing event, horse camp, and hunting camp. The experiences you have made possible has left a lasting impact on them, and they have truly been made better because of it." - CPT Rhodes (MIARNG)

STATE YOUTH COUNCIL

The MI State Youth Council was able to meet virtually and face to face 9 times in 2021. The council had 7 active members for FY21 and showed how resilient they are and continued to support our program. They continued to meet virtually throughout the year. The youth worked with USO to provide virtual events for military youth and also promoted Month of the Military Child by working with their schools to support Purple Up Day!!



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