

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



**Nebraska
Child and
Youth
Program**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS SPOTLIGHT: NEBRASKA 4H

The Nebraska 4H is America's largest youth development organization. In 2020 The Nebraska 4H greatly supported the Nebraska Child and Youth program and gave our youth the opportunity to learn the skills they will need to lead for a lifetime.

The 4H has also helped us navigate Covid19 and bring more activities to more households despite the challenges we face during the pandemic. The Nebraska 4h offered virtual camp sessions and camp in a box to bring camp and leadership skills to our youth in their homes.

Megan McKenna

THE CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM HAS GREATLY SUPPORTED US DURING MY HUSBANDS DEPLOYMENT. THEY PROVIDE ENRICHING ACTIVITIES FOR MY TWO KIDS THAT HELP US STAY RESILIENT AND A PART OF THE GUARD COMMUNITY.



CAMP IN A BOX

Lincoln Children's Museum

The C&Y Program partnered with the Lincoln Children's Museum during the fall, Christmas time and spring to bring Day Camps activities to National Guard Families Homes. National Guard Youth between the ages of 5-12 picked up day camp to go boxes from the museum.

Each box was filled with guided STEM activities to complete at home.

Nebraska 4H

The C&Y Program worked with the Nebraska 4H to bring their summer camps to families across the state. With the Covid19 Pandemic the Nebraska 4h has made come more accessible to more families across the state. Families could order a Camp In the Box from the 4H to be sent to their house over the summer. They could pick from a STEM cooking camp in a box or a STEM craft camp in a box.

Over the summer 100 families participated in the Camp In a Box program from all over the state.

In addition to Camp In a Box we also had kids attend residential camp in Halsey National Forrest in western Nebraska with the 4H this summer.



2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Partnered Events and Programs

- Youth Sports: 8 week seasons; Fall, Winter, & Summer
- Lincoln Children's Museum: Fall, Winter, Spring & Summer day camps
- Two Robotics Teams: 12 week season with two tournaments. Our oldest team placed regionally and competed in the state competition.

Summer Camps

- Lincoln Children's Museum - STEM summer camps
- 4h : 3 full week of residential camp in June, July and August

Day Camps

- Fall, Winter & Spring Lincoln Children's Museum Day Camps
- Summer week long STEM Day camps at The Lincoln Children's Museum



Teen Council and Teen MRT

- Hosted and participated in Regional Youth Symposium
- 1 Resilience and MRT Retreat event
- Volunteered at 3 outreach events
- 6 New Teen Council Members
- One community volunteer event: Wreaths Across America

TEEN COUNCIL

This year Nebraska hosted the Regional Symposium! Our youth enjoyed planning and preparing for a week of STEM learning.

We also had 12 active Teen Council members. Which is the largest the Nebraska Teen Council has ever been!

We help quarterly meetings and met for an additional volunteer opportunity with Wreaths Across America in December.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Through partnerships with the UNL Center for Civic Engagement, Campus Red Cross, 4H, and Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, the C&Y Program recruited 14 volunteers in FY20 who completed more than 44 hours of volunteer time.

These volunteers were key to the success of YMCA youth sports and the Robotics Program. They provided many hours of volunteering and technology coaching for our youth in STEM activities.

PROGRAM TOTALS 2021

PARTICIPANTS

Adults Participants: 423

Youth 6-12: 686

Youth 13-18: 191

Program Hours: 417



OUTREACH

4 Holiday-themed events

2 Month of the Military Child
Events

8 Yellow Ribbons & Briefings

1 Commander/1SGT Briefings





Jonathan Musilek

THE PROGRAMS FROM THE CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM ARE A NECESSARY RESOURCE TO ME AND MY FAMILY. THE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT THEY PROVIDE TEACH MY FAMILY MORE ABOUT RESILIENCE EVEN DURING THE PANDEMIC.

MISSION

NATIONAL GUARD (ARNG) CHILD, YOUTH AND SERVICES (CYS) IS TO PROMOTE AND SUSTAIN THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND RESILIENCE OF ARNG DEPENDENT CHILD AND YOUTH BY PROVIDING SECURE, TIMELY, FLEXIBLE, HIGH QUALITY SUPPORT SERVICES AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS.

PURPOSE AND GOAL

CYS IS TO SUPPORT THE READINESS AND RESILIENCE OF GEOGRAPHICALLY DISPERSED ARMY SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH AGE-APPROPRIATE YOUTH PROGRAMMING WITHIN THE PROGRAM CORE ELEMENTS BY REDUCING THE CONFLICT BETWEEN PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND MISSION REQUIREMENTS.

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