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Our Mission Statement

We believe that every person in the immediate family of a Service Member serves too! Military children face a unique set of circumstances growing up & our program exists to support them through these challenges by providing educational programs and effective resources centered on resiliency and community. Part of accomplishing that mission means creating opportunities for geographically dispersed youth to build positive and lasting relationships with other military youth.



GOALS & SERVICE

Our vision is to implement our mission through educational, recreational, and team building activities centered on resiliency for military youth. Combining these efforts with the Army values of leadership, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage, we enable our youth to overcome the challenges presented to them in military life. In addition, we strive to inform our local community about military culture and its effects on military families with the hope that doing so provides greater emotional, social and physical support for Oklahoma military kids.



2021 Activities

Trunk or Treat Holiday MRT Boxes
Kids Camp Teen Service Project
3 State Teen Panel Symposiums
3 Yellow Ribbons
2 MOMC Events
2 Family Intentionality Events
2 Virtual Events

“Your Child & Youth Program Team did an outstanding job with the Teen Panel Symposium. Ruby had a lot of fun, but more importantly I think she really learned some great leadership and resiliency skills. What an awesome opportunity! Really appreciate what you all do!

- Robert Walker, COL, AV, OKARNG



Teen Panel

Our Teen Panel consists of twenty four leaders who engage with the implementation of CYS events. They provide feedback on program needs & gain leadership skills. This year our Teen Panel packed 360 disaster relief food boxes at Feed the Children for storm relief in Dallas, TX.



300% 2021

INVOLVEMENT INCREASE!

Danielle Webb

- Teen Panel President - 2022 Graduate -

"Being Teen Panel President means being the voice for children of National Guard parents across the state. We give insight into challenges we face as children of National Guard parents and ideas for events to connect National Guard children better. Being President allows me to lead this group and have a more significant impact on National Guard children. I would love for more kids to connect with others who have been through similar experiences."



MASTER RESILIENCY - TRAINING -

Our Teen Panel covered MRT throughout the year, including Hunt the Good Stuff, ATC, Energy Management & Avoid Thinking Traps. We also had activities that coincided with MRT; i.e. energy management was implemented alongside ziplining.

*At Kids Camp, our theme was Resilience, so MRT played a vital role. Our areas of focus were Hunt the Good Stuff and Avoid Thinking Traps.

Best Practices of 2021

- Family Intentionality -

Seeing the value of parents' intentional involvement in their children's lives, we had a **Father/Daughter Dance** & a **Mother/Son Air & Space Museum Day**. The response has led us to increase the program for 2022.



Best Practices of 2021

- In Response to COVID-19 -

Oklahoma allowed us to have in-person interaction with our Service Families while still maintaining healthy boundaries. Mask wearing was encouraged and everyone was conscientious of their own health.

We sent home **MRT boxes** to several families in December, which enabled them to Hunt the Good Stuff in uncertain times. Our February **Service Project** was a socially distanced assembly line. We continued our **MOMC Writing Contest** this year as a virtual option. We also had **MOMC Flames to Hope** as an outdoor event to ensure social distancing while still getting together.

Mother/Son Day

The Tulsa Air & Space Museum was a hit with our boys & moms, who rarely get opportunities just for them. Launching stomp rockets & seeing the flight history of Oklahoma was inspiring. It encouraged aviation studies & further activity at home.



Adult Participation

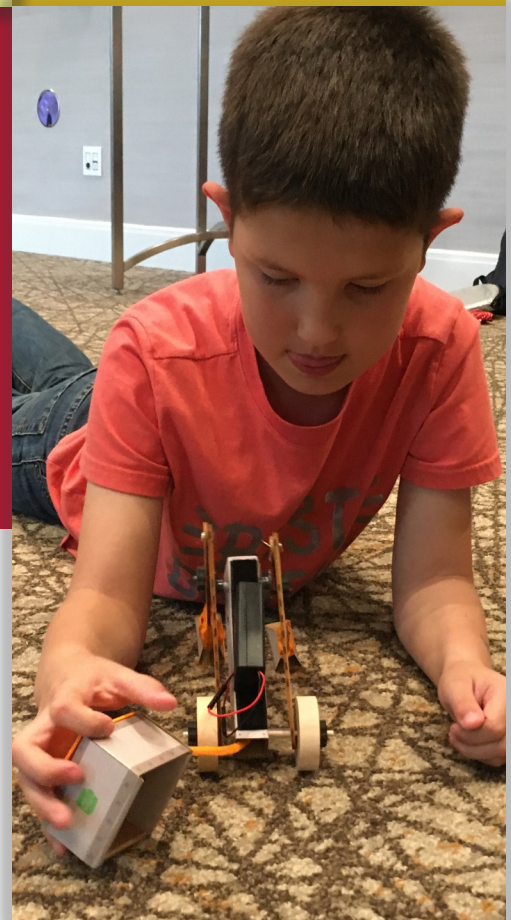
Adult Participants	745
Adult Volunteers	121
Volunteer Hours	2426
Programming Hours	130



Volunteers are vital to the success of our program. This year we had 121 volunteers, supporting Yellow Ribbons, our Teen Panel Events, Flames to Hope, Overnight at the Aquarium, Kids Camp and Trunk or Treat.

Child Participation

	0-5	6-12	13-18	Totals
Army Guard	44	290	81	415
Air Guard	0	56	18	74
Totals	44	346	99	489



In our support duties with the Oklahoma Yellow Ribbon Program, we dove into some exciting STEM projects with our participants, from building robots to making our own play dough. The kids are amazed at what they can do themselves!

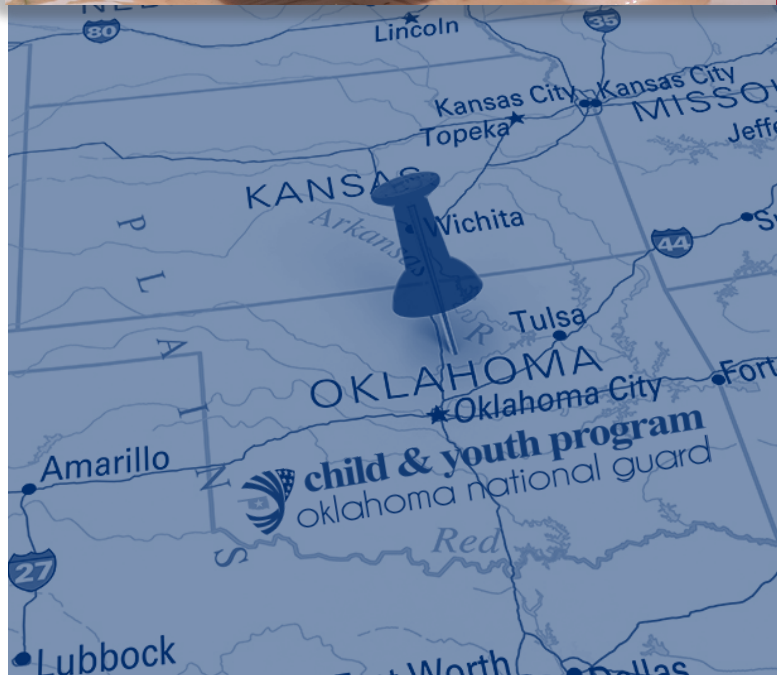
"As parents with dual military status, I am grateful for the Child & Youth Program fostering readiness and imparting master resiliency skills to our children. It has empowered them and brought unity to our blended family. We always look forward to it."

- MSG Shameeka Steele, OKARNG



Kids Camp 21

We had an amazing in-person camp this year with 132 kids (9-18 yrs.) & 38 amazing volunteers. Highlights included a WWII flyover, an OKARNG Blackhawk and Generation WHY who brought dancing, acting & leadership breakouts to our kids. From new programming to renewed relationships, the future looks bright!



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