



Oregon Child and Youth Program 2021 Annual Report



Our Mission:

To positively impact Service Member and Family readiness, resilience, and retention by providing secure, timely, flexible, and high quality youth development opportunities and resources which promote the overall well being of National Guard Children and Youth.

Expand access and awareness of Federal, State, and Community benefits that support military youth.



Utilize leadership and service learning opportunities to foster resilience in National Guard children and youth.

Child and Youth Program Goals



Provide life-skills education, and peer-to-peer connections to increase overall Service Member and Family readiness.



Utilize research-based curriculum as a means of increasing resilience skills in National Guard youth to promote Service Member and Family readiness and retention.



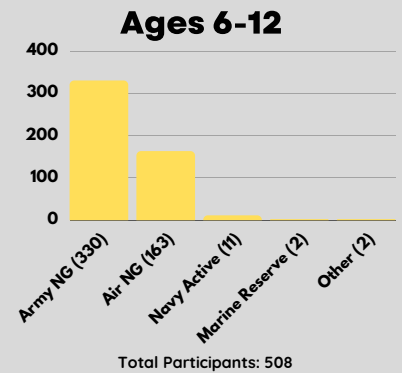
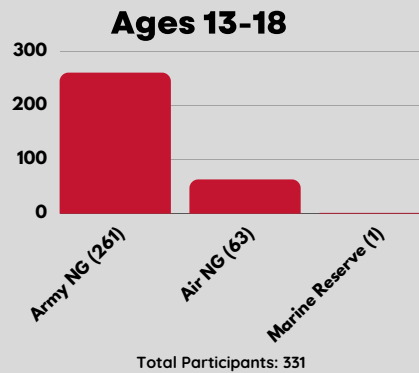
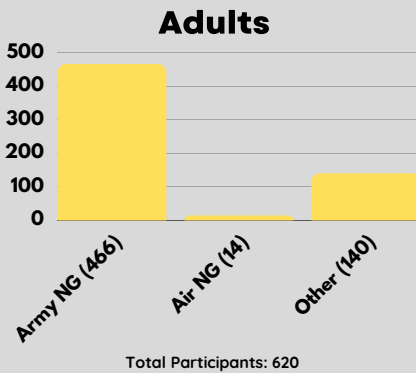
Build community capacity by developing partnerships with education and community resources that support geographically-dispersed military youth and families.

Event Summary

- 8th Annual Youth Military Ball
- 7th Annual Back to School Bash
- 1st Annual Holiday Hoopla
- 1st Annual Month of the Military Child Picture BINGO
- 1st Adulting 101 Training Series
- 1st Winter Camp in a Box
- 1st Virtual Spring Camp
- 1st Virtual Summer Science/Art Camps
- 13 - Teen Panel Conference Calls
- 9 - Virtual Military Kids Club Meeting
- 4 - Teen Panel Retreats and Meetings
- 2 - Virtual Story and Craft Events
- 1 - Virtual Family Game Night
- 1 - Father's Day Virtual Event
- 1 - Mothers Day Virtual Event
- 1 - Virtual Youth Symposium

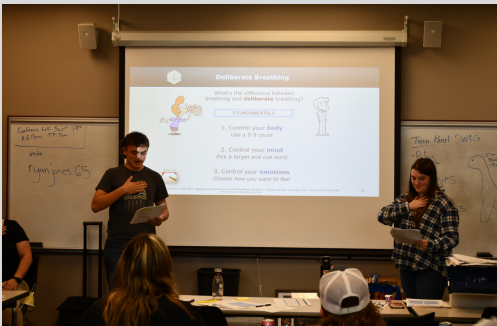


Program Participation



Program hours: 237.5

Youth Ages 0-5: 139



Teen Master Resilience Training (MRT)

- A total of 63 teens participated in MRT including: Avoiding Thinking Traps, Hunt the Good Stuff, Real Time Resilience, Energy Management, Put It In Perspective, Active Constructive Responding, and Effective Praise
- Master Resilience Training was utilized at 4 events: Virtual State Youth Symposium, April Teen Panel Retreat, Region 10 Youth Symposium, and August Teen Panel Retreat

I have personally met with the youth going through this program and seen firsthand how it instills leadership skills and builds confidence and resiliency in the participants. It's an incredible opportunity for our youth to cultivate lifelong friendships and create bonds that will affect the retention of Oregon's military Service Members.

- Maj Gen Stencel, Oregon Adjutant General



Teen Panel

- The Teen Panel comprised of 17 members, provided 1548 hours of service to Oregon National Guard families and communities
- The Teen Panel planned and implemented two large events and provided videos to support both Winter Camp in a Box and Spring Camp Around the World
- Six teens hosted the Region 10 Youth Symposium at Camp Rilea in Warrenton, Oregon. Region 10 attendees faced their fears on the 65 foot repel tower, demonstrated their skills on the obstacle course, showed their community spirit by doing a beach clean up, and completed the FY22 regional goals and Bi-Law revisions. Tatum P., Region 10 Guard Teen Panel, provided an Out Brief to the Oregon Adjutant General and other leaders from both Army and Air National Guard
- Developed five committees, Leadership, Secretarial/Parliamentarian, Spirit, Historian, and Public Affairs, to implement successful projects and initiatives



Our children and lives wouldn't be the same without the Child and Youth Program. The Teen Panel has been a HUGE positive influence on our son, helping him to develop confidence and leadership skills along with big leaps in his social development.

Tyra Baird - Teen Panel Member Parent



Youth Military Ball

- Over 90 adults and youth attended the western themed event
- After the event, 100% of the adults responded said the Youth Military Ball strengthened their family connection and increased their children's pride in being a military family
- Dinner was provided by Adam's Rib Bar-B-Que with support from the Lake Oswego VFW, Sandy VFW, and Michael's Precast Concrete
- Oregon State University Dance Club instructed families in country line dancing throughout the evening
- DJ Dan played country western hits but also threw in some well-known dance songs as well
- Activities included: western themed games and crafts, a photo booth, a candy bar, best dressed competition, and a coloring contest

My girls absolutely love being military kids because of this program and how well they are made to feel a part of the group.

Jen Lestaht - Youth Ball Event Survey Response



Virtual Military Kids Club

- 23 youth participated in the monthly virtual meetings
- Partnered with Marion County 4-H to provide STEM activities for each meeting
- Virtual Military Kids club included activities that focused on building resiliency, problem solving, growth mindset skills, and included a specified time for Hunt the Good Stuff

I truly appreciate all that the Child and Youth Program has done to bring projects, activities, and learning opportunities to our kids. It means so much and they have really had a great time participating in the different events you have planned.

- Lt Col Dawn Choy - 142nd Air National Guard Wing



Virtual Camps - New Initiative

- Hosted four virtual camps
- Winter Camp in a Box had 150 youth participants (72 families). Winter Camp in a Box was a two week family camp and included recorded "how to" videos by the Teen Panel, a recorded story, The Little Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly by COL McDonald, two virtual events, and lots of family activities. Families shared pictures via Facebook especially for the family competitions
- Spring Camp Around the World had 42 campers that "traveled" to China, Mexico, Australia, India, and Italy, where they had daily STEAM activities related to each country. Marion County 4-H provided recorded videos on Coding and Virtual Reality lessons
- Serious About Science (SAS) Summer Camp had 38 campers. Partnered with Gilbert House Childrens Museum to provide three videos for hands on science experiments including making Lava Lamps and Jitter Bots
- Paint With All The Colors Art Camp had 49 campers. During the week long camp we had a local artist, Nicole Poole, who provided daily live instruction on how to use watercolors, which ended with a completed watercolor painting



I enjoyed so much watching my sons learn and have a good time this summer with the science and art camps. Being able to interact with other kids was awesome.

Emilia Balderas - Summer Camp Response Survey



MOMC Purple Up! Picture Bingo- New Initiative

- 53 youth participated
- Participants were provided a box of MOMC purple items to assist them in completing the Bingo card
- Picture assignments on the Bingo Card were designed to increase pride in being a military youth, bring attention to Month of the Military Child, and to increase family connection
- Some of the picture assignments included taking a picture with your service member, take a fun family picture, sharing your story, and taking a Purple UP! day photo. Pictures were shared via Photo Circle



Community Partners

- Financial Counselor, George Katsinis, attended one event as a community resource and led the Adulthood 101 - Managing Your Money virtual classes
- Renee Hill, Jim Booker and David Martinmaas, Oregon Education and Employment Counselors, led the Adulthood 101 - Becoming Job Ready virtual classes
- USO was a community resource for one event and provided snacks for Region 10 attendees at the Portland Airport
- Military One Source attended two events as a community resource
- Lake Oswego VFW attended one event as a community resource and provided support for the dinner at the Youth Military Ball
- Sandy VFW and Michael's Precast Concrete provided support for the dinner at the Youth Military Ball
- State Youth Outreach Coordinator supports all military branches, increases community connectivity, and strengthens the Oregon Military Teen Panel
- Oregon National Guard Recruiting provided instruction and support for the obstacle course and repel wall at the Region 10 Youth Symposium
- Marion County 4-H provided monthly STEM activities for Virtual Military Kids Club and also Coding and Virtual Reality videos for Spring Camp Around the World
- Milwaukie Marketplace Starbucks provided iced tea and iced coffee at the Back to school Bash
- Gilbert House Children's Museum provided instruction videos for the Serious About Science Summer Camp and arranged a community service project for the Teen Panel - sidewalk art to celebrate their post lockdown reopening



Volunteers

- A total of 56 volunteers (includes repeat volunteers), for a total of 1060 volunteer hours
- Paul Rushing - photographer for three events
- Francisco Colon, Taylore Donaldson, and Shirley Rempelos - assisted with and drove for four events
- Kristin Aalto - assisted with Teen Panel Retreats, Youth Ball, and Back to School Bash
- Vicki Farnsworth - provided MRT for the Virtual Youth Symposium and suicide prevention training at the August Teen Panel Retreat
- Steven DeLuna - provided MRT for the Virtual Youth Symposium

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