

2021

Annual Report

UTAH NATIONAL GUARD
CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES



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Activities & Metrics

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Best Practices,
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UTNG Kids

CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM MISSION AND GOALS



OUR MISSION & VISION

Provide, quality, relevant programming focuses on life skills, critical thinking, resilience and leadership. Teaching these skills allow the military family to be mission ready and resilient.



PROGRAM GOALS

- ✓ Build confident, resilient youth through quality, relevant programming.
- ✓ Connect with partner organizations to expand our reach to geographically dispersed youth, virtually and in person.
- ✓ Offer programs that add to and multiply family readiness and resilience.
- ✓ Have diverse program offerings to appeal to more youth.
- ✓ Provide leadership and mentoring opportunities

Annual Summary

ANNUAL SUMMARY AND METRICS

23 STEM CLASSES

8 LIFE SKILLS ACTIVITIES

5 MENTORING

8 JR MASTER GARDENING CLASSES

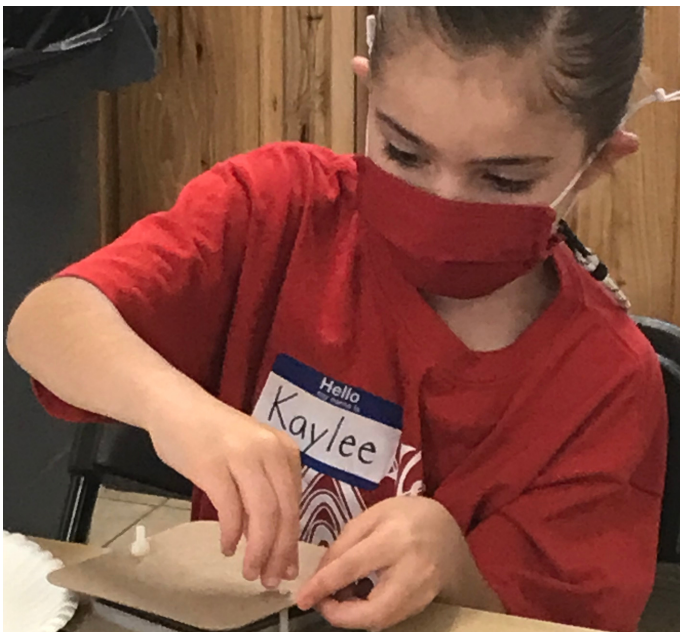
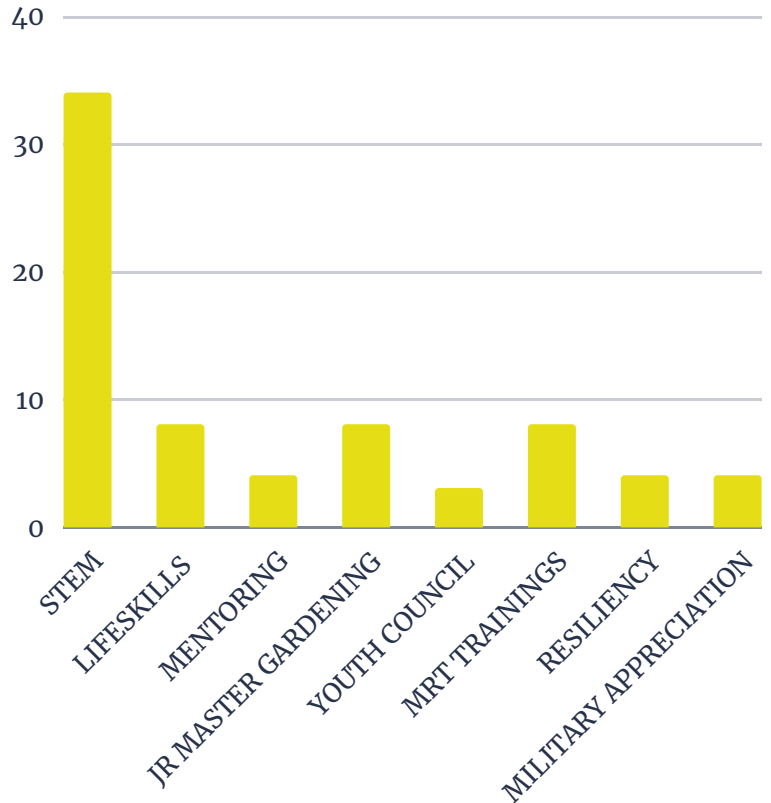
3 YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS

8 MRT TRAININGS

4 RESILIENCY ACTIVITIES

3 MILITARY APPRECIATION

EVENTS



57

Total events held in 2021

208

Program Hours



463

6-12 yr old's impacted

71

13-18 yr old's impacted

BEST PRACTICES

UTNG KIDS ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST



VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

We weren't able to hold in person classes until July of this year. In order to meet the needs of the kids without being together, we held a variety of virtual classes. One of our favorite virtual things that we did was a virtual family campout. We were able to do this through the help of our 4-h military liaison. They set up the zoom platform, explained the competition that would be taking place between the families and then mailed out prizes. This activity was so much fun and really brought up moral within the group and within the families.



“ We have really loved the youth program at Camp Williams. They have done so many fun activities. My kids always ask when the next one is. They have made some new friends and learned many new things. My older kids loved getting to spend the night and being leaders. My youngest loves garden and cooking classes.
-Marie West, wife of SFC Jonathan. R. West”



STEM CLASSES



Our STEM program allow youth to build and program working robots, write useful code and use their hands to build functional items from instructional curriculum. Youth learned problem solving and critical thinking. Focusing on problem solving, we saw growth in confidence and in turn, mentoring opportunities arose. Youth were given challenges and obstacles, which worked through as a a team member to be successful. Our newest partner Stone Fly Society taught a series of classes not only teaching fly tying skills, but also teaching about fish characteristics (ie, eating habits and river conditions) to provide insights on the best practices to catching a fish. Through our Junior Master Gardening classes we learned about planting, cultivated and harvesting seeds and crops. We also learned about hydroponics and the efficiency of that method of planting.



TEEN RESILIENCE



As many youth faced challenges across the state, as a program we faced challenges as well. We were so excited to finally get together in August with our teens. Thanks to our MWR for sponsoring this event, a day at the ropes course and repelling was just what we all needed. It brought an awesome sense of camaraderie as they cheered each other on to help them face their fears.

UTNG TEENS

YOUTH COUNCIL & TEEN MRT PROGRAM

YOUTH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Our Youth Council is a resilient and selfless group of young people. We were only able to hold three in person Youth Council meetings focusing on resilience, mentorship and service to others. We were only able to meet together for one in-person teen council meeting, but we had the best time getting to the know the strengths of each of our teens and using those strengths to get input in planning our annual trunk or treat event, future MRT skills, as well as youth camp for next summer.



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"The Utah National Guard Child and Youth Programs is one of Central Utah Water Conservation District's most valued education partners. They have been an immense help to us as we develop new STEM curriculums and programs and for statewide rollout, providing both opportunities to partner for activities and provide valuable feedback. We have also found a lot of joy as we have watched the youth we have served in this program expand their interest and enthusiasm for STEM. I know that my full education team looks forward to working with Utah National Guard Child and Youth Programs to continue and expand our partnership in coming years."

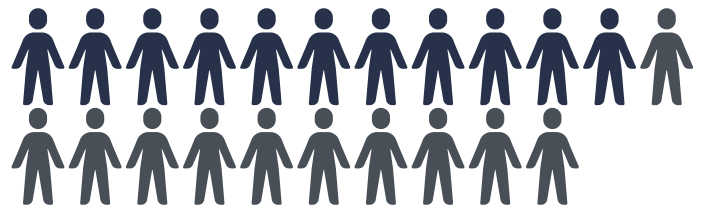
-Shannon Babb -Central Utah Water Education Outreach Specialist

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4 RESILIENCY TRAININGS HELD

Resilience trainings included problem solving, real time resilience, keeping things in perspective and goal setting.



22 YOUTH COMPLETED RESILIENCY TRAININGS

Youth attended the resiliency skills workshops and are encouraged to incorporate these tools at home and school.

PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND VOLUNTEERS



4H

4 H partnered as well as sponsored stand alone events that benefited the UTNG CYP. 4H sponsored activities for our geographically dispersed families and youth.



TROUT UNLIMITED-STONEFLY SOCIETY

Partnering with us to help provide in- person classes teaching STEM classes on fly tying.



CENTRAL UTAH WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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Partnering with us in multiple STEM events, virtually and in person. Their programming was interactive with an emphasis on the environment. Our program has changed for the better with the assistance of Shannon and Monica.



REEF ON

Partnering with us to provide support for future military kid events.



THE UTAH DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Providing curriculum and training for our fishing program.



WASATCH
COMMUNITY
GARDENS

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Partnering with us to provide seeds for our Junior Master Gardening classes.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers have donated over 210 hours to UTNG CYP. Parents, youth and outside organizations assisted us with teaching virtual STEM classes, learning about the environment and life skill activities. These hours represent a dedication to the UTNG and youth. The impact of these organizations is immeasurable.



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