



# WASHINGTON

NATIONAL GUARD CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES



ANNUAL REPORT FY2021



## FY 2021 NUMBERS

95

TOTAL EVENTS HELD

Army National Guard

145

0-5

441

6-12

273

13-18

Air National Guard

42

0-5

101

6-12

65

13-18

Other Service Branches

11

0-5

14

6-12

7

13-18

Adult Volunteers

17

Specified

23

Gratuitous

10

YOUTH  
TRAINED IN  
RESILIENCYSOCIAL MEDIA  
CONNECTIONS

8480

2032

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED  
THROUGH EVENTS & MAILERS

## MISSION

To positively impact Soldier and Family Readiness, Resilience, Retention and Quality of Life 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.



## GOALS

- Provide youth-based life skills education and peer to peer connections to increase overall Service Member and Family Readiness
- Build community capacity by developing partnerships with education and community resources that support geographically-dispersed military youth and families
- Expand access to and awareness of federal, state, and community benefits that support military youth
- Provide National Guard children and youth with leadership and service learning opportunities to foster resilience and inspire future growth
- Provide programming which increases resilience skills in youth and promotes overall service member and family readiness and retention

## EVENT SUMMARY

WA National Guard Child & Youth Services conducted mainly virtual events during fiscal year 2021. The program did incorporate activity boxes and mailings into the programming opportunities for youth.

This list highlights the opportunities that were offered to National Guard youth to participate in. Child & Youth Services trained 11 teens on different Master Resilience skills; had an 13 member Youth Council; conducted a virtual Winter Camp Symposium; and expanded our opportunity base in the virtual world.

*WANGY is a great way to connect with others and learn new things. It taught me how to be resilient, responsible, and how to work as a team. - Lily (ARNG Youth Council Member)*



### QUARTER 1

- 3 Yellow Ribbons
- 8 Day Camps and Mailers
  - Creative Forces Art
  - MARS Base Camp
  - November and December Activity Packet Mailers
  - Holiday Adventure Camp
- Trunk or Treat Drive Thru Event

### QUARTER 2

- 3 Yellow Ribbons
- 6 Day Camps and Mailers
  - St Pats Adventure Camp
  - Home Alone Workshop
- Winter Camp Symposium

### QUARTER 3

- 1 Yellow Ribbon
- 8 Day Camps and Mailers
  - Watercolors Workshop
  - Teen Mystery Night
  - Earth Day Mailer
  - Purple Up Box
- Volunteer & Youth Council Recognition Event



### QUARTER 4

- 4 Day Camps and Mailers
  - Home Alone Workshop
  - Summer Scavenger Hunt
  - Bee Awareness Mailer
- 2 WANGY Camp Outs
- R10 Symposium, Oregon
- Volunteer & Youth Council In Person Training



## YOUTH COUNCIL

The WA National Guard Youth Council had thirteen active members who managed a completely virtual year. The council's monthly virtual meetings included resilience training from the Travis Manion Foundation mentors and virtual planning. The Youth Council hosted a virtual Winter Camp, a teen mystery night, managed a regular Hunt the Good Stuff Friday on social media, and supported activities during Month of the Military Child (April).

**615**

**VOLUNTEER HOURS  
COMPLETED BY  
YOUTH COUNCIL**



2020 YOUTH PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: MACKENZIE HALE

*"This program has given me a place to feel connected with others in similar situations as me. It has taught me to be resilient, but also to reach out to others when I need it. WANGY is the best!"*

*-Mackenzie (ARNG Youth Council Member)*



## VOLUNTEERS

Adult Volunteers supported the program during virtual sessions this year. The specified volunteer team were able to come together in June for an in person training session.

- 17 Specified Volunteers
- 23 Non-Specified Volunteers
- 450 Hours Donated

2020 Youth Program Volunteer of the Year: Jabari Guary



## BEST PRACTICES/INITIATIVES

### Introduction to CYS and My Parent is Deploying / Returning Mailers

Connection is a core element of our program and in an attempt to connect with new youth or those impacted by deployment during the pandemic, we created mailer boxes.

- The Intro to CYS mailer provides basic information about what our program offers, activity books, and other resources for families.
- My Parent is Deploying / Returning mailers provide resources for the youth we would normally see at a Yellow Ribbon event. There is an activity packet, resources related to deployment or returning, and other items to help the youth during this challenging time.

### Family Adventure Camps

Virtual camp in a box is the best way to describe the Family Adventure Camps. We created an activity packet and box of supplies for families. We then held a Friday night live virtual session for the whole family to join. The live session included activities, challenges, and camp songs for the family to join.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

This year, our community partners supported the Child & Youth Services within the limited abilities they were able to during COVID.

- The **Travis Manion Foundation (TMF)** supported our youth council during the year by training them on various character strengths, which ties in with our resilience training. **TMF** provided materials for our WANGY Camp Outs and Summer Scavenger Hunt.
- The **American Red Cross** provided workshops for our youth and adult volunteers during the year.
- The **4-H /WSU Extension** supported through event promotion, summer camps for military youth impacted by deployment, and being a resource of support during the year.



Karen (4H), Robbin, & Shalin

*Community Partners for this year included: American Red Cross; Elks; FOCUS; Geico; Give An Hour; JBLM Creative Forces; JBLM MWR; JBLM School Support Services; Military OneSource; National Guard Association of Washington; Operation Homefront; Pierce County Library; Travis Manion Foundation; United Way of Pierce County; UNited Through Reading; USAA; WSU Extension; Washington Emergency Management; Washington State University 4H.*



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