

Resources to assist in working with Military Families (expanded):

- **Vermont National Guard Family Programs:** <http://www.ngfamily.vt.gov/>
 - VTNG-Child & Youth Program/Family Assistance Centers/Veterans Outreach
- **VTNG Child & Youth Program** (facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/VTNGCYP/>
- **National Guard Child & Youth Services:** <http://www.cyssprogram.com/>
- **National Guard Child & Youth Services-Mobile App** (Android & IOS): Download the “ARNG CYSS” Mobile App for Apple & Android
- **Military Kids Vermont:** <https://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/mkvt/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MKVermont/>
- **Military OneSource:** <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>
- **Our Military Kids**

Is an organization which offers up to a \$500 grant to military dependents of Service Members who are deployed, and also Wounded Warriors. The website is very easy to follow and understand..

Website: www.ourmilitarykids.org
Phone Number: 703-734-6654
Email: OMKInquiry@ourmilitarykids.org
- **Zero to Three**

Is a national, non-profit organization that offers information, support and training for your state/territory to improve the lives of infants and toddlers. Zero to Three has trainers who will come out to your state/territory to and train parents and professional personnel on supporting children under the age of five, although their program is marketed for children three years of age and under. The organization also has an e-training component and a newsletter available on their website.

Possible Issues: None reported
Key Contacts: Colleen Lagasse, Phone: 202-857-2602
Website: www.zerotothree.org
Phone: 202-638-1144
Email: clagasse@zerotothree.org
- **MCEC (Military Child Education Coalition)**

Is a non-profit, world-wide organization that offers training, research and conferences for those in the education field interested in supporting military-connected youth. Additionally, MCEC develops and publishes resources for education professionals and Family Members. Their website is user friendly. The MCEC website has a link called “Ask Aunt Peggie,” it is a useful tool for parents to ask educational and school related questions to a reliable source. MCEC will also come out to your state/territory and train professionals on several different topics; all trainings are available at no cost to the state/territory.

Website: www.militarychild.org
Phone: 254-953-1923
Email: info@militarychild.org
- **National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI)**

The National Fatherhood Initiative offers resources to fathers for little cost; the organization also offers FREE Father-friendly check-ups. The National Fatherhood Initiative also offers on-site training for fathers and service professional. Finally, the NFI offers “Drop Dad a Line,” a service provided on a website to assist youth with emailing their fathers.

Key Contacts: Mr. Tim Red, Director of Military Programming, Phone: 972-296-0451, Fax: 972-296-0498

Website: www.fatherhood.org

Phone: 301-948-0599 (General Information)

Email: info@fatherhood.org

- **DoD Military Outreach Initiative, Armed Services YMCA**

Through the DoD, Service Members on Title 10 orders and their dependents are eligible to receive a 6-month membership to a participating YMCA in their area. To find out which YMCA's in your area, if any, are participating in the program, visit www.asymca.org and click on the YMCA Eagle.

Prospective members must complete a "YMCA/DoD Eligibility Form-(Title 10 Only)" and a "Thank you for joining...YMCA Military Outreach Initiative." These forms, eligibility information, and membership requirements can be found on their website.

The YMCA has very specific rules and membership guidelines which must be followed to be and continue to be eligible for this program. Key points: 1. The Service Member must be on Title 10 orders and have a minimum of 6 months remaining on their deployment. 2. The members on this program are REQUIRED to visit their YMCA a minimum of 8 individual calendar days per month. If this minimum is not reached, the membership will not be eligible for renewal at any time, ever.

**This service is not available at all YMCAs, Families must inquire about the local YMCA in their area to see if it is one of the participating sites.

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Website: www.asymca.org

Phone: 210-466-1322

- **Military Kids Connect:** <http://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/educators/resources>
- <http://dcoe.mil/blog/17-08-09/back-school-resources-available-teachers-military-kids>
- **Department of Defense Educational Activities.**(n.d.) *Students at the Center*. Retrieved May 30, 2011 from <http://www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu/studentsAtTheCenter>
- **Department of Defense.**(n.d.). *Guide for helping children and youth cope with separation*. Retrieved April 18, 2011 from <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/pls/psgprod/f?p=MHF:HOME1:0:::SID:20.80.500.100.0.0.0.0>
- **U.S. Department of the Defense.**(n.d.).*About DoD*. Retrieved April 18, 2011 from <http://www.defense.gov/about>
- **National Center for PTSD.**(n.d.).*Understanding military culture*. Retrieved February 15, 2011 from http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/ptsd101/course-modules/military_culture.asp
- **Wong, M. & Department of Defense.**(n.d.) *Educator's guide to the military child during deployment*. Retrieved March 4, 2011 from <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/homefront/homefront.pdf>
- **Working with Military Children:** A Primer for School Personnel(link is external)*Virginia Joint Military Family Services Board and Military Child Education Coalition*Lesson plans and ready-to-use activities are available, along with a comprehensive "deployment guide."
<http://support.militaryfamily.org/site/DocServer?docID=642>