

Helpful Links for Military Families

- www.MilitaryKidsConnect.org is a Department of Defense-sponsored website to help military kids support one another and learn coping and resilience-building skills. MilitaryKidsConnect.org recognizes that when parents deploy, kids deploy too.
- www.militaryonesource.com 24/7 resource and referral for all kinds of topics. 1-800-342-9647
- www.nmfa.org Search “Operation Purple Camps”, a free week of summer fun for military kids with parents who have been, are currently, or will be deployed. Locations are throughout the United States and U.S. Territories. Check in February for a listing of camp locations.
- www.naccrra.org Search “Operation Military Child Care”. Child care fee assistance for National Guard and Reserve who are activated or deployed and whose children are enrolled in non-DoD licensed child care programs or call Child Care Aware at 1- 800-424-2246 *M-F 8:30a.m.-7:00p.m. EST.*
- www.operationhomefront.net Operation Homefront provides emergency assistance and morale assistance for our troops, for the families they leave behind, and for wounded warriors when they return home
- www.operationmilitarykids.org Organizing volunteers in local communities to support military youth by presenting free Ready, Set, Go! workshops to increase awareness of community members of the impact of deployment on military youth and families; organizing and training teams of teens to “Speak Out for Military Kids”; packing and delivering Hero Packs to military youth to show our appreciation for their sacrifices; providing support at a variety of activities for youth; and hosting camps.
- www.ourmilitarykids.org Grants for enrichment activities and tutoring for military youth.
- [Real Teens Connected](#) Web page is for teenagers 13-18 years old. The site offers a variety of services to all Army-affiliated youth, including news updates, information and stories written by Army

kids. It is hosted through the Boys and Girls Club of America YouthNet Web site, www.bgcyouthnet.org -- first-time users must register there before accessing the Real Teen Connected page. Returning users then just click on the "Army Teens" menu tab and type their user name and password to enter. Eligible youths must also have an Army Knowledge Online account that is sponsored through a parent or guardian.

- www.sittercity.com/dod new program to help all military servicemembers find in-home care providers: babysitters, nannies, elder care companions, even pet sitters.

- www.tutor.com/military free around the clock tutoring in 16 subjects

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