

Youth Sponsorship

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Wouldn't it be great if you could talk to someone who lives in your new community and goes to your school before you got there? Well, you can! Your Youth Sponsorship Program can help you connect to another teenager who is already on the installation or in your community and who's ready to answer any questions you might have.

Here's how it works. Before you move, you'll get paired up with another teenager your age who becomes your youth sponsor. He or she already lives where you'll be moving to and goes to the school you'll attend. There are lots of good things about youth sponsorship. You can make a new friend before you even get to your new location.

You can also use your sponsor as a resource. Your sponsor can tell you what people are in to, which teachers to watch out for, and what fun things are going on.

You can also ask your sponsor for a tour. Ask him or her to take you around the installation or around the school to get an idea about what things are like. It's a great way to meet a bunch of people and maybe even some new friends.

On top of getting a youth sponsor, start thinking about other ways you can get involved in your new community. You could research your new location's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Program. These programs have lots of great activities like social events and intramural sports. Check out your new location's Teen Center for a fun place to hang out, use a computer, or get some exercise.

Try to learn about the community outside the gate. Research the new location and figure out what to explore. Find a new coffee shop where you can study or a park where you can relax and skateboard. There are endless ways to get involved in your new community.

To read about youth sponsorship, be sure to visit Military Youth on the Move! Our website has great tips and resources written just for you—not only about stuff related to moving, but also about things like writing a resume, getting active, and much more. So visit Military Youth on the Move today at <http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/myom!>

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