

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 so you could ask them the million and one questions you have? Well, you can! Your Youth Sponsorship Program is designed to help you connect with another teenager who is already on the installation or in your community and who can answer any questions you might have.

Here's how it works. Before you move, you'll get paired up with another teen 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. Just think about all the possibilities.

First of all, you can make a new friend before you even get to your new location. Then you can ask your sponsor a ton of questions. Figure out all about your new school and installation from someone who actually knows about it. Your sponsor can tell you what the other teens are wearing, what the teachers are like, and what fun things are going on there.

You could also ask your youth sponsor for a tour. Ask him or her to take you around the installation or around school to get an idea about what things are like. At the same time, he or she can introduce you to a bunch of new people. Having a familiar face or two can be really comforting in those first few weeks.

Besides getting a youth sponsor, start thinking about all the other ways you can get involved in your new community. For example, you could research your new location's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Program. These programs have a ton of great activities like social events, intramural sports, and much more. You should also check out your new location's Teen Center for a fun place to hang out, use a computer, or get some exercise.

Of course, there are options outside the programs designed for military families. You should research all about the new location and see what you discover. Find a new coffee shop where you can study or a park where you can relax or skateboard. There are endless possibilities to get involved if you just give your new community a chance.

To read more 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.

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