

Support Our Military Children

- Wear purple. Celebrate Purple Up Day on April 8, 2024, and show your appreciation for our extraordinary MilKids.
- Check out the wealth of resources available to military-connected children and parents. Invite your network to explore and share the podcasts, webinars and other resources available to militaryconnected children, youth and teens and their parents.
- Spread the word about the MilKid appreciation items. Throughout the month of April, free giveaways will be offered for military families.
- **Download the social media toolkit.** Use our sample social media posts to share content and resources on your social channels to amplify our effort to support military-connected youth.

Taking Care of Our MILITARY Military Children ONESOURCE

Get involved. Visit the

2024 Month of the Military Child toolkit page for many ways to participate.

Learn more. Visit <u>militaryonesource.mil/</u> <u>momc</u> or call 800-342-9647.

Month of the Military Child 2024: Taking Care of Our Military Children

To pay tribute to our extraordinary military-connected children, youth and teens this April, the Office of Military Community and Family Policy is collaborating with key partners in an effort to thank and support our children and their parents for the unique and invaluable role they play and ensure that they have access to the support and resources they need.

Support for military children, youth and teens — and their parents:

Military OneSource connects military families to resources and support impacting a range of quality of life issues that affect children, youth and teens, including new parent support, child care, resources for families with loved ones with special needs, youth programs, child and youth behavioral counseling, and resources related to school and education transitions.

<u>Military Youth and Teen Programs</u> — Available on almost every installation where families PCS, youth centers offer continuity of programming on installation and through Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4-H Partnership to help make transitioning to new places smoother for military-connected youth and teens

<u>School Liaison Program</u> — Education support for military-connected children in grades pre-K through 12, including special needs, transitions, deployments and more — anytime it's needed

<u>New Parent Support Program</u> — Resources and support designed to enhance the lives of infants, toddlers, children and parents; promote safety, health and well-being; and help families thrive through empowerment

<u>Child and youth behavioral military and family life counselors</u> — Counseling support for military-connected children for a variety of issues, including performance in school, general behavior, transitions and relationships, and changes at home

<u>Military Child Care Services</u> — Resources and support designed to help you find care, explore child care options and learn about fee assistance

<u>Exceptional Family Member Program</u> — Support for families with special needs including the Special Needs Specialty Consultations, EFMP & Me online tool, Education Directory for Children with Special Needs and more

