



Military Community and Family Policy Fact Sheet



Data



Department of Defense resources and youth programs are available to the more than 1.1 million children, ages 6 - 18, of active-duty and Reserve Component members.

Additional information

Military OneSource

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/pfm>

Jump\$tart Coalition

<http://www.jumpstart.org>

Background

The ability for military youth to plan for their future and make sound financial decisions contributes to the overall readiness of the service member and the entire family. As part of its ongoing financial readiness campaign, the Department of Defense educates military audiences about various financial readiness topics and raises awareness about available financial readiness services and support, including information and resources to help military youth make smart financial decisions as they move into adulthood.

Highlights

The Department of Defense provides resources and support to help military youth plan for a positive financial future to include:

- Financial planning tools, such as Jump\$tart Coalition's Reality Check, self-assessments and interest surveys to help teens discover their strengths, interests, and the education and training certain jobs require
- Personal financial counseling through Military OneSource and installation Military and Family Support Centers, helping families learn about budget development, financial planning, spending plan development and the financial considerations for life after high school
- Web resources, such as Military OneSource articles and podcasts, to provide information and resources on topics, such as choosing a career, selecting a college or joining the military
- Youth programs that offer a wealth of financial resources, such as Money Matters: Making It Count, to help youth gain financial knowledge and skills, like managing a checking account, budgeting, saving and paying for college

