



Military Child and Youth Programs Building Strong Futures Together

Learn how Defense Department-sponsored programs support military children as they journey from childhood to adulthood.

Youth Programs provide safe, developmentally appropriate places for your child to socialize and grow, develop essential skills and make lasting connections. Enriched program experiences and activities are available year-round, including summer breaks, holidays, and before- and after-school hours.

Youth centers

Your youth center staff can link your youth or teen to a variety of installation and community programs and resources. Find youth development programs, youth sponsorship, sports and fitness activities, camps and more. Active-duty service members, National Guard and reserve members, and DOD civilians may take advantage of installation Youth Programs.

Service-specific youth programs

Every branch of the military service, including the National Guard, has its own child and youth program. You'll find affordable full-time and flexible child care as well as instructional, recreational and educational youth programs for ages 5-18.

Camp programs

Discover a variety of camps that provide new adventures for children and teens and help them connect to other military youth. In addition to installation camp opportunities, new experiences are available through DOD summer camps, Operation Purple® Camp, Armed Services YMCA Operation Camp and Military Teen Adventure Camps. Start exploring today.

Military partnership programs

Military partnerships with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, 4-H, National Military Family Association Program and Operation Purple® offer a variety of preteen and teen programs for all interest areas. Discover opportunities with Keystone Clubs, Youth of the Year, STEM, Workforce Development, the arts, leadership and much more – available on and off installations.

Start planning your next youth adventure now.

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