NEW YORK

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

child & youth program
new york national guard

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to prepare our diverse population for success in a dynamic global society by providing leadership, resources, services, and education and to ensure that the structures, programs and services of the child and youth program reflect the unique needs of all military youth.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide intellectual, physical, social, emotional, and educational experiences for military children and youth
- To collaborate with school professionals in order to provide "best practice" and resources that will assist in meeting the needs of military children and youth
- To continually seek and build community support networks for military children and youth
- To provide trainings to civilian and non-civilian professionals and organizations about military culture and the effects on military children and youth

PARTICIPATION

	ARNG	ANG	ARMY ACTIVE	NAVY ACTIVE	COAST GUARD	OTHER
Adult	798	111	76	4	0	631
13-18 Years	81	154	19	1	0	3
6-12 Years	171	193	80	2	3	0
Total	1,050	458	175	7	3	634

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

5 Community and Partner Trainings or Meetings

6 Community Outreach, Briefings and Events

4 Day Camps

2 Education Outreach and School Support Groups

5 Family Days and Military Appreciation Events

11 Family Programs Staff Meetings

4 Joining Community Forces Meetings and Community Events

1 MRT/Teen Resilience

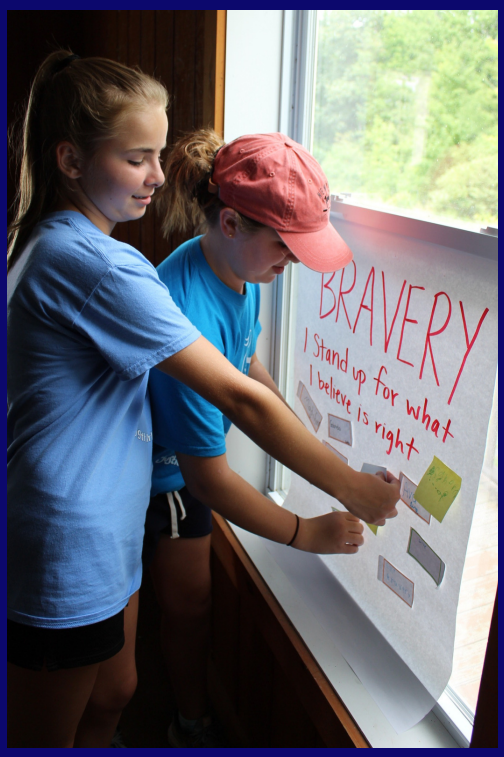
6 Partnered Events or Activities

4 Teen Council Meetings or Trainings

9 Yellow Ribbon Briefings and Trainings

1 Volunteer Training

1 Youth Symposium



Master Resiliency Training

8 Teen Resilience events
50 individual youth participants

The greatest impact was found in helping our youth identify their character strengths. By realizing their strengths, our youth experienced a boost in their self-esteem and confidence. This enhancement directly relates to their performance in activities and to their success in an overall positive experience.

Skills highlighted:

Hunt the Good Stuff - Activating Event, Thought, Consequence (ATC) - Goal Setting - Problem Solving - Real-Time Resilience - Identifying Character Strengths

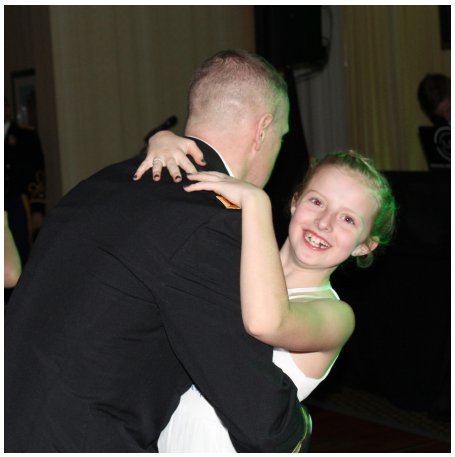
BEST PRACTICES

Teen Council Winter Retreat

In FY18 the NYNG Child and Youth Program added a second Leadership Forum to the calendar. Our first-ever winter retreat was a very cold, three day, two night stay in Ithica, NY. We partnered with Primitive Pursuits, a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension, to introduce our youth to winter survival techniques such as; water purification, campfire cooking, shelter building, and tool crafting. The feedback from the participants was so positive that we are implementing it in FY19!

Month of the Military Child Ball

For two years now the NYNG Child and Youth Program has celebrated MOMC by hosting a ball in honor of our children and youth. This formal event provides an opportunity to strengthen family relationships through creating positive interactions and experiences. FY18 saw an influx in participation, resulting in tripling the numbers from last year!



"Joining teen council was one of the best things for my daughter. Her leadership skills have improved, as have her organizational skills. She has also made some incredible friendships with other military kids, who get what she is going through. This made the deployment so much easier for her to get through!"
-Amy Hibbard, NYARNG

TEEN COUNCIL

FY18 also brought on our 6th annual Summer Teen Council Leadership Forum. Fifteen members of our Teen Council and five volunteers traveled to Lake George, New York. While on this four day, three night adventure, our teens found themselves engaged in, "Hunting the Good Stuff", identifying "ATC", "Goal Setting" and much more! Our youth look forward to this retreat each year! These leadership forums are an excellent catalyst for our geographically dispersed youth to come together and form lasting relationships.

"The Teen Council has provided my daughter with the necessary tools to become a better leader, and more resilient during adverse times. It has also helped my daughter to know that other teenagers have parents that are in the Military, and provides her a healthy peer group to share life and serve the greater community." -TIMOTHY I MILLER, Chaplain (CPT), NYARNG
53d Troop Command Chaplain

The New York National Guard Teen Council
36 total members
2 Comprehensive in person meetings
4 Quarterly conference calls
5 New members
12 Volunteer events
118 Volunteer hours

VOLUNTEERS

The New York Army National Guard Child and Youth Program is truly grateful each and every year for the selfless support of our volunteers. We are fortunate to have a variety of subject matter experts as part of our volunteer team. Our volunteers took on multifaceted roles to assist in meeting our program goals. They were camp counselors, program promoters, team leaders, educators and event coordinators. These individuals are crucial for the success of our program.

421 Hours - 71 Volunteers

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The NYNG Child and Youth Program values our community partnerships! Because of these partnerships we are able to continue to increase the quality of our programing. This year we would like to highlight Blue Star Families, The American Red Cross and 4-H. Each of these organizations have supported our program throughout the year by being a part of events such as Month of the Military Child Celebrations, Yellow Ribbons and Teen Council Leadership forums. We look forward to continuing to build strong relationships and supportive communities for our children and youth.

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