

Resources for Military Children and Families

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On Thursday and Friday, May 7 & 8, I attended the Military Child Education Coalition's (MCEC) Institute, "Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve."

This workshop trained educators on ways that communities can support the children and families of those serving in the National Guard or Reserves. It provided resources for parents on how to prepare children for deployment and how to stay involved in their education.

Children of the National Guard and Reserves face unique challenges when parents are deployed. These challenges can be very different than those which families who serve in active duty face.

School Districts sometimes have difficulty identifying who these families and children are. Once families are identified, districts can provide support streamlined to the meet their needs.

www.militarychild.org

www.ong.ohio.gov

www.operationmilitarykids.org

www.extension.osu.edu