

Fast Facts

- There are nearly 20,000 youth living in Indiana with a parent or guardian serving in the military.
- Military youth live in all 92 counties of Indiana.
- Programming is conducted in partnership with a number of organizations including:
 - ⇒ American Legion
 - ⇒ American Legion Auxiliary
 - ⇒ American Red Cross
 - ⇒ Army Reserve Child, Youth, & School Services
 - ⇒ Child Care Aware
 - ⇒ Indiana 4-H
 - ⇒ Indiana National Guard Youth Programs
 - ⇒ Military Family Research Institute at Purdue
 - ⇒ Purdue Cooperative Extension Service
- Indiana does not have active installations where military families live and receive resources. Our communities are the sources of support for military youth in Indiana.

The Indiana Operation: Military Kids partnership is a shared initiative of the US Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services and funded by the Army National Guard and Army Reserve in collaboration with Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service.

Successes

Military Kids Dunes Discovery Camp

OMK hosted the 4th annual military kids summer camp with 52 military youth from 4 states and all 5 branches in July 2014. The Indiana Dunes Learning Center provided a natural setting for military kids to build resiliency and have a fun time at camp!

Geocaching Extravaganza!

Military youth spent a day on the campus of Purdue University learning about global positioning systems. After a short time in the classroom they completed a Purdue themed geocache course!

YLEAD

OMK welcomed Army Reserve youth from all over the Midwest in July 2012 as they spent a day on Purdue's campus learning about everything from wind energy to plant science.

Military Kids Science Day Camp

Indiana's military youth spent a day in Johnson County learning about science. From soy ink to robotics the kids experienced the world around them in a fun, hands-on way.

Speak Out for Military Kids

Military and non-military youth learned how to develop a message and prepare it in a digital format in a weekend workshop at Purdue. These video messages are used as they present about being a military kid to groups in their local community.

How Can I Help?

OMK activities are successful because of **community organizations and volunteers.**

Volunteers are needed who can:

- Lead fun, educational activities
- Plan events like workshops and day camps
- Promote the work that OMK does

Contact Indiana OMK today to learn how you can help!

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INDIANA OPERATION: MILITARY KIDS



Indiana OMK has been providing support for Indiana's military youth since 2005.



Life Skills, Citizenship & Leadership Activities

For youth to serve their communities, develop leadership skills, experience the democratic process, and acquire skills needed to become productive, caring, and contributing members of society. Programs facilitate on-going workforce preparation, entrepreneurship experiences, and opportunities for peer-to-peer mentorship and computer competency.

Youth Sponsorship
Resiliency Skills
Leadership & Citizenship Development
Workforce/Career Preparation
Indiana Military Teen Council
Mobile Technology Labs
Speak Out for Military Kids

Who Are We?

Operation: Military Kids is part of a nationwide collaboration with the U. S. Army to provide support to youth who have a loved one serving in the military.



Academic Support, Mentoring & Intervention Services

Services and assistance in the areas of homework help, tutoring, study, goal-setting, and research skills. Program options promote health and prevention education, and teach conflict resolution and peer mediation.

Homework Assistance Resources
Risk-Management & Prevention
Bullying Prevention
Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) programming

Where Are We?

Indiana Operation: Military Kids is located at Purdue University in the **Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education**. Specifically we are part of the **Indiana 4-H Program** and **Purdue Cooperative Extension Service**. This gives us a presence in all 92 Indiana's counties.



Sports, Fitness & Health Options

Options for youth to engage in fun physical programs, to develop life-long healthy habits, and to acquire the life skills needed to achieve a balanced lifestyle. Options introduce youth to a variety of traditional and non-traditional sports or games through which youth learn sportsmanship, team-building, goal-setting, and self-discipline in a positive setting.

7 Habits of Healthy Teens
Up for the Challenge
Get Fit-Be STRONG

What Do We Do?

OMK works with organizations and communities in Indiana to provide opportunities and services for military youth to gain skills that will allow them to navigate the deployment and reintegration of a loved one.

Activities we've hosted or supported include:

- * A four-day camp at the Dunes Learning Center
- * Family Geocaching Workshop
- * Speak Out for Military Kids at Purdue
- * Military Kids Science Day Camp
- * The Month of the Military Child



Arts, Recreation & Leisure Activities

Activities and programs in the area of fine arts, to include performing arts, visual arts, and literary arts. Recreation and leisure program options promote an appreciation for hobbies and the importance of relaxation in daily life.

Month of the Military Child
Camps (Residential and Day)