

Opportunities on the Horizon

All sessions begin at
11:00 am ET

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Strategies for Supporting
Caregiver-Child
Interactions That
Enhance Development

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A Primer in Telehealth
Services for Providers,
Caregivers, & Individuals
with Special Needs

MAY
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Considering the
Adolescent Brain When
Addressing Problematic
Sexual Behavior of Youth

JUN
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Ideas for Implementing
Triadic Strategies:
Putting It Into Action!

JUN
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Your Money, Your
Clearance

Coming in July!

Join us and Sesame Street in
Communities on July 27 for
a webinar featuring their
newly launched *Racial
Justice – Coming Together*
activities and resources.

Connecting Communities in Asset-Based Community Recovery

by Bob Bertsch, MFLN Network Literacy



The COVID-19 pandemic has presented some really difficult challenges, but it also has revealed some opportunities for building better systems and communities. The [Asset-based Community Recovery \(ABCR\) Framework](#) can help us recognize those opportunities and take action to create our future.

Inspired by ABCR, the MFLN Network Literacy team organized a series of workshops bringing military family service providers together to share their stories from the pandemic. Eight themes emerged from those stories: ground yourself in your strengths and values; make deep connections; adapt, flex, and be resilient; apply technology to community, and community to technology; invest time in leisure, in learning, and in yourself; share the work (and love); and watch for opportunities to think big and come back later. These themes, along with action steps and stories have been gathered in "Connecting Communities in Asset-based Community Recovery," a [colorful and informative resource](#) for building community assets to prepare for future disasters.



Support for our MILKIDS

During April, Month of the Military Child, we recognize our MilKids – from their resilience to their friendliness. Everything they do is everything to us!

In April we are honoring military children, and you can too. Here are some ways you can participate:

- Check out the [virtual events](#) offered via Facebook: Speakers include best-selling children's book author, noted pediatrician, licensed clinical social worker, national military youth of the year, and more.
- Order an [appreciation kit](#): Encourage the military families you support to log in to Military OneSource to access the appreciation kit that includes a photo frame, reusable face mask, kids passport and more.
- Purple Up: Wear purple in April to show your appreciation for military children. If you're celebrating virtually, use our [downloadable virtual background](#) for online family get-togethers, meetings, etc.



Sign up for the MFLN Family Transitions Newsletter!

The MFRAcademy is now a Course!

by Jennifer J. Chilek, Family & Community Health Program Specialist



Did you know that the Military Family Readiness Academy webinar series has been transformed into a series of self-paced courses? It's true. The Military Family Readiness Academy series events that were offered as live webinars have all been redesigned as self-paced courses that are free for you and for your colleagues! And all of the courses offer Continuing education credit. Each course is presented in a mobile friendly format. That means that you can go through the courses on your phone or tablet. You can start the course and then pick up where you left off as

well. The courses contain content from the live presentations, as well as reflective and interactive activities that make the experience unique to the course. We hope you'll take advantage of these courses.

Courses from our inaugural 2020 series Disaster and Hazard Readiness Foundations are open for enrollment now and the courses from the 2021 Military Family Readiness Academy series Disaster and Hazard Readiness in Action will be open for enrollment very soon. [Enroll in these FREE courses.](#) If you need help, you can get [assistance with enrollment or signups](#) online or email us at milfamln@gmail.com.

Featured Blog Posts

[Extension Disaster Education Network Provides Valuable Resources](#)

[Preparing Your Emergency Food Stockpile Before the Next Disaster](#)

[Preparing for Disasters](#)

Featured Videos for Month of the Military Child

[Month of the Military Child Anthem - We Are Mighty](#)

[You Will Always Be Our Military Kids](#)

[Military Kid Mackenzie](#)

Featured Recorded Webinars

[Food and Nutrition Before, During, and After Disasters](#)

[Preparing for a Disaster During a Pandemic](#)

[Surviving the 2020 Pandemic: Lessons Learned on How to Best Support our EI/ECSE Communities](#)

Featured MFLN Podcasts

[Community Capacity Building podcasts](#)

[Family Development Anchored. Series](#)

[Military Caregiving Mindfulness Series](#)

Our Sesame Street partners have some awesome resources related to health emergencies that you can use with the military families you work with. Click on the graphic.



Meet Our Team

