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Unified Support for Military-Connected Teen Well-Being: A Panel Discussion



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES



- 1 Understand definitions and key principles of positive youth development
- 2 Identify the unique experiences of military-connected youth
- 3 Demonstrate an understanding of the demographics of military youth
- 4 Identify how professionals within the Military Family Readiness System can support the well-being of youth
- 5 Discuss successful youth programs, initiatives, and resources

UNIFIED SUPPORT FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED TEENS' WELL-BEING: PANEL DISCUSSION



Supports for youth across the MFRS domains of well-being: **social, financial, career, health and community engagement.**

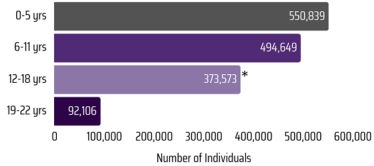


Military-connected families include active-duty, guard, reserve, retired, and civilians.

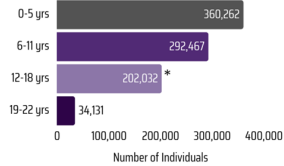
Youth engagement in the local military community promotes well-being and belonging.



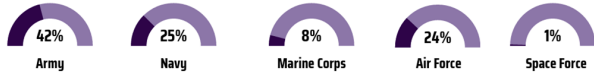
Ages of Military-Connected Children & Youth



Ages of Active-Duty Military Children & Youth



Percentage of Adolescents (12 - 18 yrs) of Active-Duty Members by Service Branch



Academic Considerations

Active-duty youth have a higher risk of academic disruption during deployment.

83.3% of active-duty youth reported they changed schools because of parents' relocation due to deployment.

Relationships and Youth Resiliency

Military families move, on average, **every 2-3 years.**

Strong, positive relationships with peers, family members, and supportive adults are closely linked to youth's capacity to cope with life stressors.

Youth in 4-H Programming

- 1** **2x** more likely to feel positive about their well-being
- 1** **2x** more likely to make healthier choices
- 1** **4x** more likely to make a positive contribution to their communities

SNAPSHOT OF MILITARY-CONNECTED YOUTH

This *1-Page Infographic* has been designed to be a companion to this conversation.



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***EMPOWERING TEENS,
STRENGTHENING THE FORCE***

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"Youth services contribute to the readiness, retention, and lethality of the Total force by helping families balance the competing demands of work and family life."

DODI 6060.04, "Youth Services (YS) Policy," December 4, 2019



Today's Moderator



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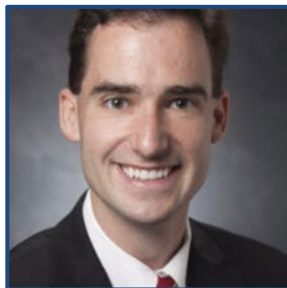


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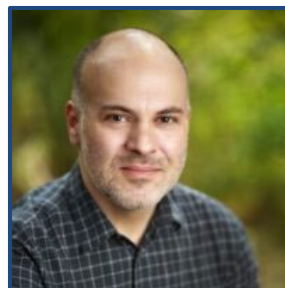
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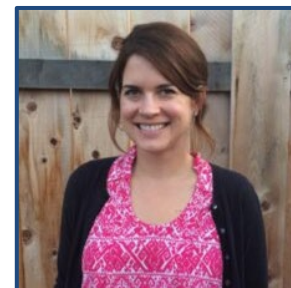
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TRANSLATING DATA INTO IMPACT



What trends have been identified from recent data regarding **who these teens are, their experiences, and their needs?**



EDUCATION TRANSITIONS



How do **military school liaisons support** the academic, social, and emotional well-being of **military-connected adolescents**?



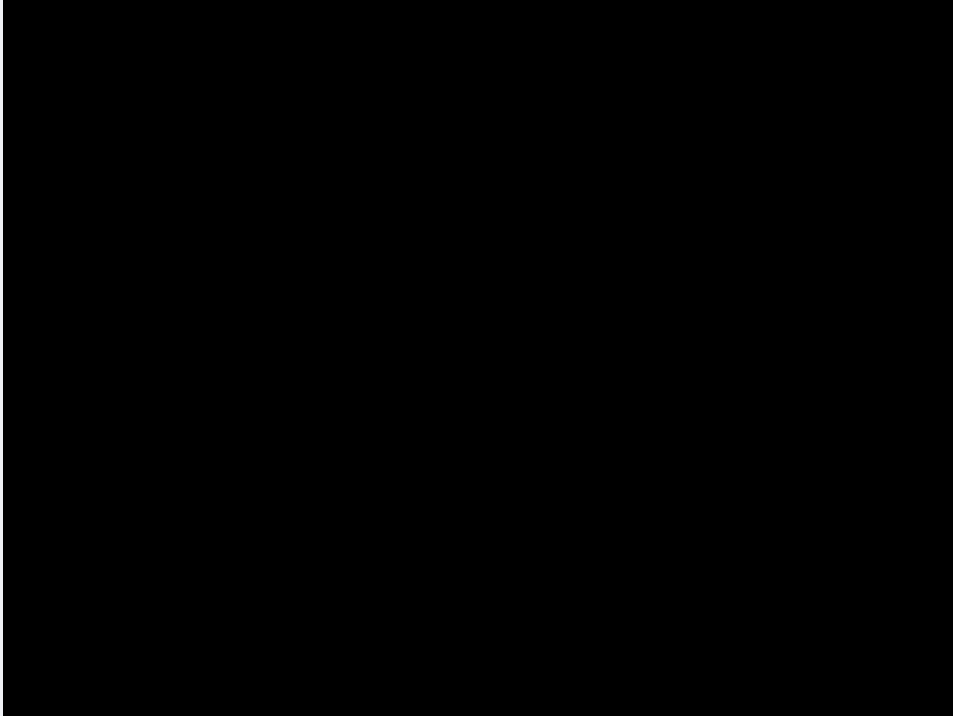
EDUCATION TRANSITIONS



How can service providers **promote continuity of support and care for youth who frequently relocate** due to military assignments?

Are there applications, programs, or services that can **reduce the academic disruptions military-connected teens may experience due to a PCS?**

**Joint Service Teen Council:
Renee, Youth Director**



SUPPORTING MILITARY TEENS AROUND THE WORLD



What does **geo-dispersed** mean?

What **specific gaps exist** in the current support systems for geographically dispersed youth and families?

**Joint Service Teen Council:
Evelyn and Keyanna, Military
Youth**



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What does **the research** show us in terms of successful Positive Youth Development (PYD) programs?

What **improvements** have you seen during your time supporting PYD?



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What role does **peer connection and community belonging** have in the well-being of military-connected youth?

How can youth programs and providers **foster these connections?**



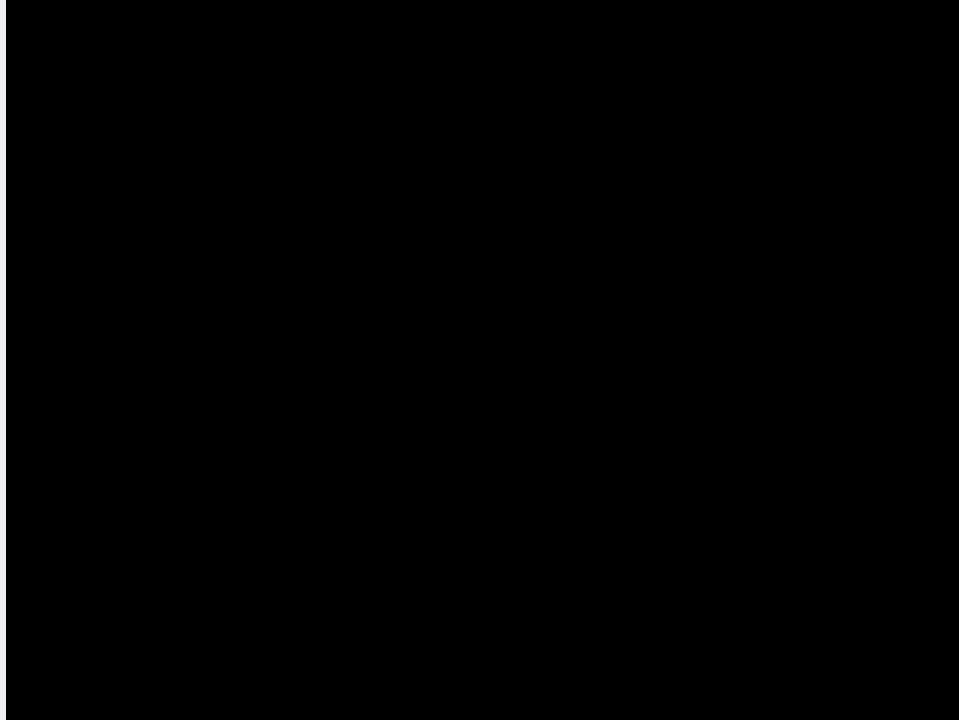
COMMUNITY



How can **collaboration across different domains of the Military Family Readiness System (MFRS)** strengthen protective factors for military youth?

MFRS Domains of Well-Being = social, financial, career, health, community engagement

Joint Service Teen Council: Avaley, Military Youth





UPLIFTING YOUTH VOICES



How can PYD professionals **ensure all military-connected teens, and their families, have a voice** in shaping the programs and services meant to support them?



TAKEAWAYS



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