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## CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES (CYS)

### School Support Services

Assist Families with transitioning to new schools, advocating within local school districts for student services and training educators on the challenges of an Army Reserve Family. CYS offers assistance in locating homework and academic tutors, special needs services and post-secondary scholarships and grants.

### Childcare Solutions

Assist Families in finding affordable local community childcare solutions and resources to help reduce care-related expenses.

### Unit and Command Support

Provides support to command teams with briefings, needs assessments, resources and referrals, and support to command Battle Training Assemblies, Family Days, command Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Events and other command- and community-sponsored events. CYS Specialists also provide youth volunteer training and assist youth in connecting with volunteer opportunities.

### Community-Based Partnerships

With 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Military Kids Connect, Our Military Kids, the YMCA and others, help meet the needs of Army Reserve Families.

### Youth Development Opportunities

#### ► Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT)

MCT provides Army Reserve youth with weeklong residencies that include full-scale musicals and workshops. MCT residencies include professional tour actor/directors, marketing/advertising material, professionally designed scenery, costumes, props, make-up, sound, and lighting equipment. MCT residencies can be implemented on-base, off-base, in school auditorium, gymnasiums, or base theaters.

#### ► Trevor Romain Company

The Trevor Romain Company provides Army Reserve youth with transition and resiliency programs, socio-emotional development curriculum, professional development, and technical support. Kits are made available for children experiencing a transition: Welcome kits, PCS/Moving kits, Deployment kits, Together Again kits, Divorce kits, and Grief kits.

#### ► Kids Included Together (KIT)

KIT is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting acceptance of differences by teaching people how to meaningfully include children with disabilities and complex needs. The KIT provides Army Reserve youth with

technical assistance, on-going virtual and call center support, professional development, and consultation on policy development to ensure military programs are working within the framework of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Military Childcare Act of 1989, and other applicable laws.

#### ► Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

MCEC is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that solely exists to help the military-connected child thrive in the face of transition and separation. MCEC supports all military-connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve education challenges associated with the military lifestyle. MCEC believes that enabling students to thrive and succeed in our education system by providing them the tools necessary to become college-, work-, and life-ready, is of the highest importance. Student 2 Student® programs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels bring military and civilian children together to welcome new students, support academic excellence, and ease transitions as students pass in or out of schools.

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