

FY20 ANNUAL REPORT



Indiana Army National Guard Child and Youth Program

MISSION

Support children, youth and families of the Indiana Army National Guard during times of deployment, extended separation and normal day-to-day operations.

GOALS

- **Increase** opportunities that foster personal growth, education, citizenship, and leadership for military kids.
- **Advocate** for and raise awareness of military connected youth within state programs and partnering agencies.
- **Activate** statewide networks that can better serve geographically dispersed military populations.



"I appreciate all you do to provide military kids with awesomely fun and engaging programming!"

- Anne Williams, Army National Guard Spouse

VOLUNTEER IMPACT

The Indiana Army National Guard Child and Youth Program would not have the lasting impact on military youth and families without our amazing volunteers. In FY20, 85 volunteers contributed 520 volunteer hours for training, programming and events. These volunteers bring a sense of connection, leadership, and advocacy.



EVENTS, TRAINING, OUTREACH

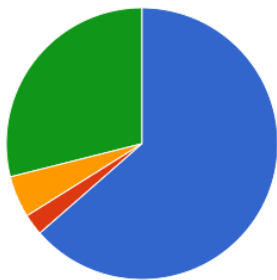
118 Programming Hours
 28 Resource and Referrals
 8 Yellow Ribbon Events
 7 Teen Council Meetings
 5 Teen Resilience Days
 3 MOMC Events
 3 Family Days
 2 STEM Workshops
 2 Gold Star Events
 1 Teen Summit
 1 Health and Wellness Workshop



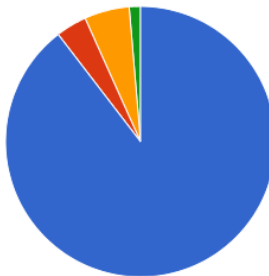
CHILDREN AND ADULTS SERVED

In FY20, Indiana Child and Youth Program hosted events serving 2212 Adults, 1058 Youth ages 6-18, and 179 Children ages 0-5.

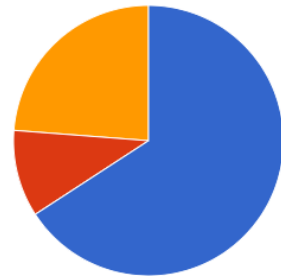
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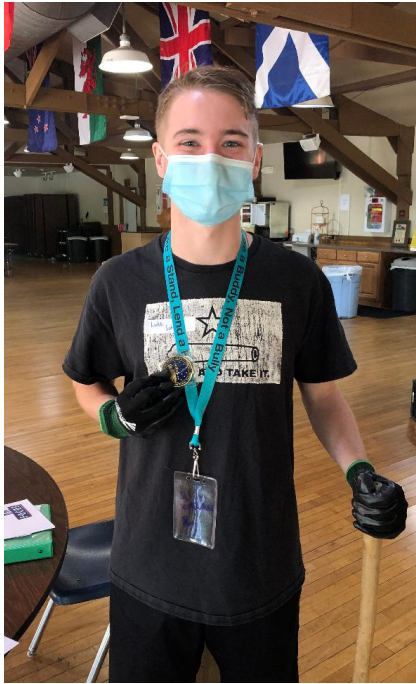


297 Youth Ages 13-18



761 Youth Ages 6-12





INDIANA MILITARY TEEN COUNCIL

The Indiana Military Teen Council (IMTC), comprised of nine teens, worked throughout the year on their Anti-Bullying Initiative, United Through Reading's Teen Council Reading Challenge, and preparing a State Teen Summit.

Luke S., Teen Council President, was presented a coin by Brigadier General R. Dale Lyles, Adjutant General of Indiana, for his dedication to the IMTC and the Army National Guard Teen Panel, and for his continued service as he enters an ROTC program through university.

TEEN MRT PROGRAM

32 Teens received Master Resilience Training. Continued training has strengthened the mental toughness of Indiana's military youth. This year's Master Resilience Training focused on building skills that assist with standing up in bullying situations. Training was presented at five events covering skills and competencies in assertive communication, identifying icebergs, problem solving, goal setting, and real time resilience.

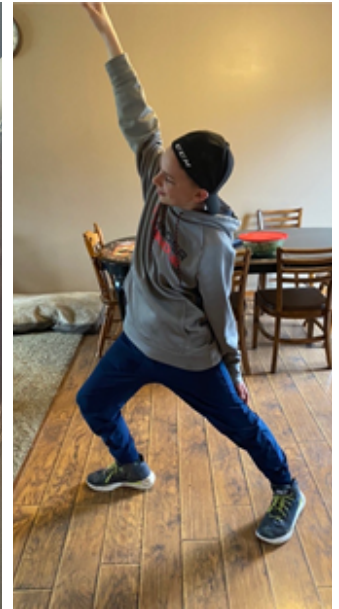


"The Indiana Child and Youth Program has helped my daughter to be more resilient by giving her the opportunity to connect with other military youth while attending INNG Youth Program events throughout the year. By doing this she is able to share with other youth on what is like to be a military kid."

- Paige Wages, Program Analyst, J1 Soldier and Family Programs

QUARANTINE RESOURCES FOR THE FAMILY - NEW INITIATIVE

The COVID-19 Global Pandemic put everyone, especially families in crisis mode. Indiana Child and Youth Program provided families with resources, information, and programming. Indiana Guard Families appreciated the access to youth development resources regarding resiliency, wellness, self-expression, thankfulness, and family bonding. The Youth Program was able to engage with families over virtual platforms reaching families all over the state. Families sent in photos and comments about their experiences.



TEEN CAFES - NEW INITIATIVE

The Indiana Military Teen Council had the opportunity to participate in their first Teen Café with partner organization Collaborative Change. This organization provides a safe place and creative opportunities for people to collaborate and create positive changes. Collaborative Change hosted a Teen Café on Diversity and Teen Bullying. The Teen Council found the Teen Café so beneficial they wanted to share it with their peers at the State Teen Summit. They also asked that Collaborative Change continue to partner in support of Indiana's military youth allowing them a space to openly discuss concerns regarding military youth.

"My experience was outstanding with the Indiana Child and Youth Program. The youth were very engaging and had interesting and insightful ideas about the challenges facing the youth of today. The caring and professionalism of the staff is a model for all youth programs as they provided a great structure for youth without forcing them into one thought or belief. The Indiana Child and Youth Program is a leader for today's youth, and we look forward to our continuing partnership in an effort to make youths' lives better today, tomorrow, and for the future."

- Kyle Fisher MA, LLP, Collaborative Change

PARTNERSHIPS

Statewide partnerships have allowed the Indiana National Guard Child and Youth Program to provide high quality programming while building support networks for military youth throughout the state. These support networks create opportunities for military youth and their families to be involved in the community and the community to be involved in the lives of military youth.



"The Indiana National Guard Child and Youth Program was a delight to work with! The support they offer to the families and children of our service members is invaluable, and an important part of keeping the future of our nation bright. We will always be glad to bring a little movie magic into the hearts of the National Guard families."

- Marcella Snyder, Tibbs Drive-In

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