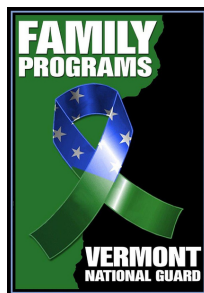


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ANNUAL REPORT FY 21



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MISSION

To positively impact Soldier and Family readiness, resilience, and retention by providing secure, timely, flexible, and high-quality youth development opportunities and resources which promote the overall well-being of Vermont National Guard Children and Youth.



GOALS

Provide life-skills and peer-to-peer connections to increase overall Soldier & Family readiness.

Build community capacity by developing partnerships with education & community resources that support geographically dispersed Military Youth & Families.

Expand access to and awareness of Federal, State, and Community benefits that support Military Youth.

Utilize leadership and service learning opportunities in ARNG Children & Youth.

Capitalize on research based curriculum as a means of increasing the resilience skills in ARNG Youth to promote Soldier and Family readiness & retention.

FORCE IMPACT



2,260 - Adults
452 - 13-18yo
997 - 6-12yo
3,709 pax



61 - Adults
2 - 13-18yo
13 - 6-12yo
76 pax



39 - Adults
6 - 13-18yo
13 - 6-12yo
58 pax



450 - Adults
205 - 13-18yo
433 - 6-12yo
1,088 pax



22 - Adults
0 - 13-18yo
4 - 6-12yo
26 pax



59 - Adults
5 - 13-18yo
15 - 6-12yo
79 pax



7 - Adults
7 - 13-18yo
0 - 6-12yo
14 pax



25 - Adults
3 - 13-18yo
11 - 6-12yo
39 pax



43 - Adults
18 - 13-18yo
53 - 6-12yo
114 pax



14 - Adults
0 - 13-18yo
4 - 6-12yo
18 pax

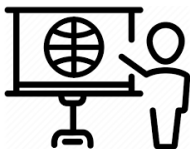
**5,221
SMs and
Dependents
Served**

487 (0-5yo), branches unknown

****Marine, Navy, and Coast Guard numbers listed above are inclusive of Reserve Components****



HOW WE IMPACTED



3 Command, Unit, and FRG Briefings
7 Educational Outreach Briefings
8 Community Outreach Briefings & Events
10 Yellow Ribbon Briefings



2 Partnered Events
3 Overnight Camps
14 Day Camps



3 Unit Family Day Youth Activity Areas
5 Teen Council Meetings & Trainings
10 Month of the Military Child Programs

**371.5
Programming
Hours**



TEEN COUNCIL IMPACT

VT's seven (7) member Teen Council convened a total of five (5) meetings/trainings, and facilitated two (2) Unit Family Days-Youth Programming. This year chose to focus on **Youth Deployment Readiness**. Early in the year they developed the "VTNG Youth Can Thrive, Not Just Survive Deployment-Resource Binder". The intent is to afford Military Youth of VT a one stop resource and activity guide, which reached at least 226 houses of VTNG Children & Youth facing deployment! Further efforts led them to committing to provide youth programming for two (2) large Unit Family Days which took place during Summer 2021.

RESILIENCE IMPACTED

Trainings Provided:

- 1-2hour Curriculum for 19 youth
- 6 Skills provided to 68 households delivered via ARNG-CYS Activity packets

- Character Strength / Real-Time Resilience / Assertive Communication / Mental Games / Put It in Perspective / Avoid Thinking Traps

*Adapted MRT Teen Curriculum for Problem Solving, and Mental Games for the ARNG-CYS Virtual MRT Training Videos.



VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Volunteers are a force multiplier for our Youth Program. Throughout FY21 they remained committed, and flexible throughout the ever changing stages of public health & safety. Here are a few ways they gave back to our youth:



- April Vacation Partner Camp
- Camp-In-A-Box packing and distro
- Conservation Camp
- Hero Bear Distribution
- Unit Family Days

35
Volunteers
committed
411.5 Hours

IMPACT BESTS

2021 ushered in VT's largest deployments since 2010.

Nearly 1,000 VTNG Families are being impacted by deployment; gathering resources, along with creating trainings & activities was crucial to them thriving, and not just surviving deployment. This was realized with the development of a 21 page "Youth Deployment Resource Binder", and a video briefing for families. The binder was made available digitally, and was downloaded 87 times. As well as, 139 hardcopies sent out in the mail; impacting 226 VT homes with Military Children & Youth.



Youth Deployment Resource Binder
Register for yours today!

VTNG Child & Youth Program has created a "binder" full of resources specifically for youth, and families with youth of deploying/deployed VTNG Service Members.

Here is what you will find in the binder:

- * Top Deployment Specific Resources-The best of the best resources for families with children who will be experiencing a deployment
- * Emotional Health Resources-Helping support any age youth with the journey that is deployment
- * School Resources-Ways to help create two-way communication between you and your child's school
- * State Specific Resources-Local resources to connect you to support services that are near you
- * DIY Youth & Family Activities-Activities to better prepare youth and families for deployment and beyond

Register to receive your digital copy by following this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WGLG4HK> or by following the QR Code

To request a physical copy please contact us

Got questions? Please contact Brian Stouffour, Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator
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PARTNER IMPACT

Vermont Teddy Bear stepped up to provide lovable & huggable support for the deployment facing Military Children & Youth of VT by providing 600 "Hero Bears"! As of 30Sep21 427 bears have been issued.



We teamed up with the **Rutland Youth Coalition** in March 2021 to create a 'subscription' camp in a box: "Out Of The Boxes". This afforded 70 VTNG Kiddos coping with deployment 4weeks of STEAM Programming!

PARTICIPANT IMPACT

"I had so much fun at Conservation Camp! I learned how to shoot crossbow, muzzle loader, and even bait my own fishing hook-and I hate worms... The best part was meeting other military kids, and talking about what it's like when my dad goes away with the Army, my other friends don't get it."
~Rayna Kosakowski, daughter of SFC Kosakowski, VTARNG



"Our kids loved the Out of the Boxes, camp in a box subscription! We are one of the deployed families, and these boxes have helped to make them feel special, and loved. The activities inside are always fun, engaging, and educational. Not to mention, the live in-person event to go along with it where they got to make slime, and greeting cards for their dad."
~Ashley Arcovitch, mother of 3 & spouse of CPT Arcovitch, VTARNG



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