



National Institute of Food
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Innovative Research, Extension, & Academic Programs
Supporting Military Families, Youth,
Service Members and Veterans

*2010 FCS State Program Leaders Meeting
September 23, 2010*

A Snapshot of the U.S. Military in 2010

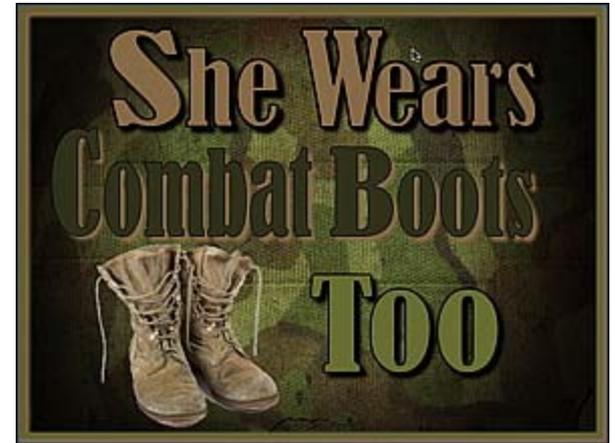
	Active Duty	National Guard	Reserves	Total
Army	547,400	358,200	205,000	1,110,600
Navy	328,800		65,500	394,300
Marines	202,100		39,600	241,700
Air Force	331,700	106,700	69,500	507,900
Coast Guard	49,954		10,000	59,954
Total				2,314,454

Overseas Contingency Operations



Walk a Mile ...

- Frequent training exercises
- Long duty days
- Weekend duty
- Frequent relocations
- Family separations
- Distance from extended family
- Financial strain
- Death and/or serious injury
- Frequent military deployments & backfill



Military Life Impacts

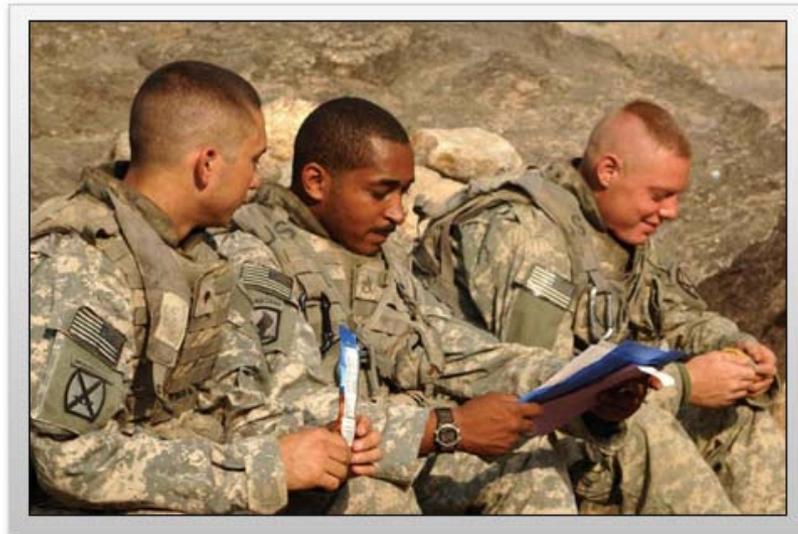
Increases

- Divorce rate
- Alcohol abuse
- Drug abuse
- Spousal abuse
- Child abuse
- Suicide
- Vehicle accidents/death
- “Invisible Wounds”



NIFA's Leadership

- Three Primary Components
- Operating within the three mission areas
- Partnering with LGUs, the Cooperative Extension system, and Federal agencies



Rationale for Partnership

- Why USDA NIFA, the Land Grant Universities (LGU) and Colleges, and the Cooperative Extension System (CES)?

- **Capacity**
- **Credibility**
- **Quality**



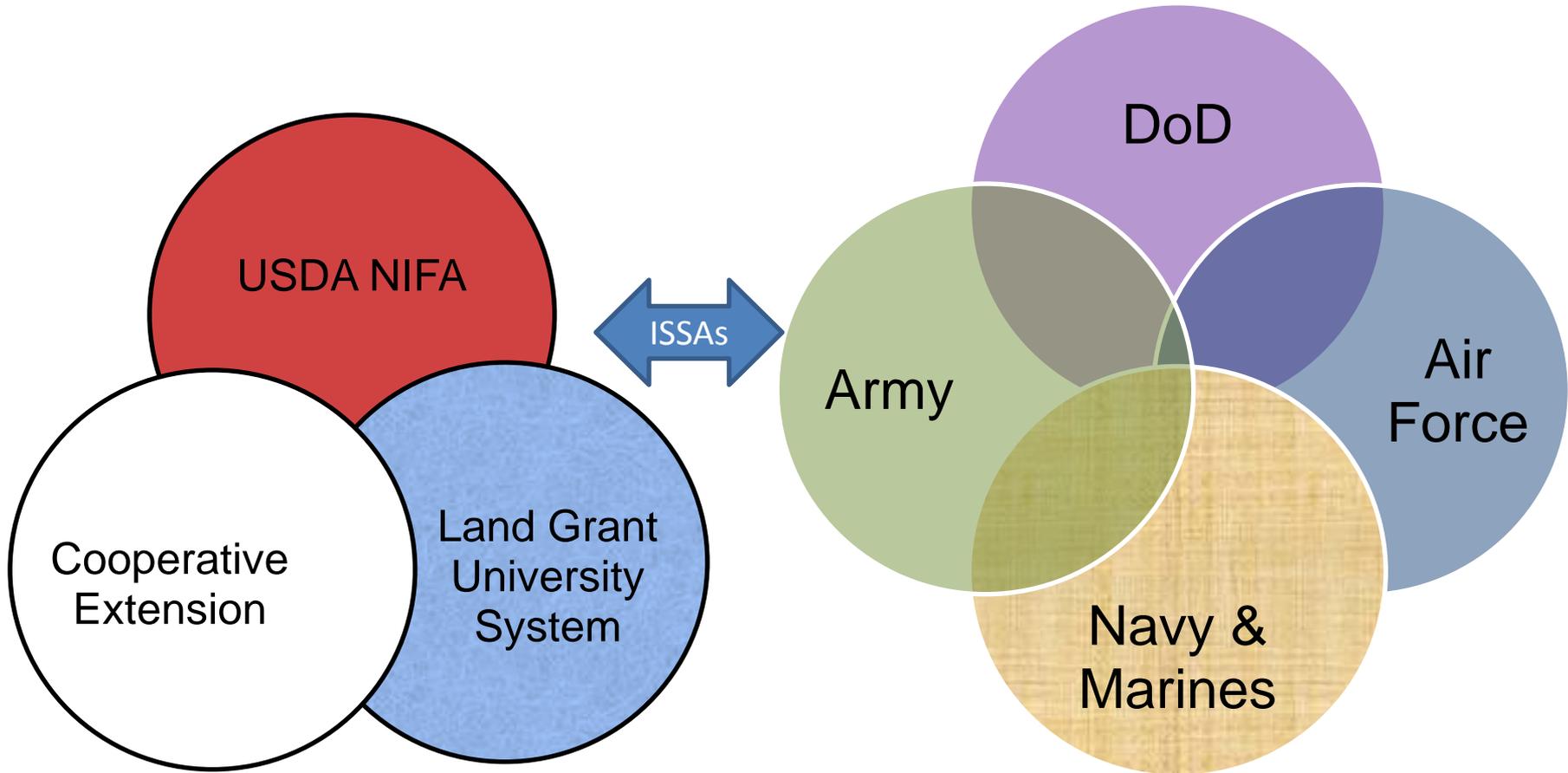
Background

- Over 2 decades of partnering,
 - USDA NIFA (formerly CSREES)
 - Military Services
 - Office of the Secretary of Defense, &
 - Land Grant Universities



have entered into 5-year Interagency Service Support Agreements (ISSAs) to provide military Family support, program evaluation, and research

DoD – USDA Partnership



4-H Youth Development



4-H Military Partnerships

“This is also a challenge across the federal government, where there are so many programs and policies and potential partnerships that could benefit military families.

For instance, at the Department of Agriculture, the 4-H program, which can be found in every county in America -- from cities to rural communities -- has forged partnerships with the armed services to help military kids when their parents are deployed.”

Michelle Obama, National Military Family Association Summit, May 12, 2010

4-H Military Partnerships



- National 4-H Headquarters has formal partnerships with:

- Army
- Air Force
- Navy



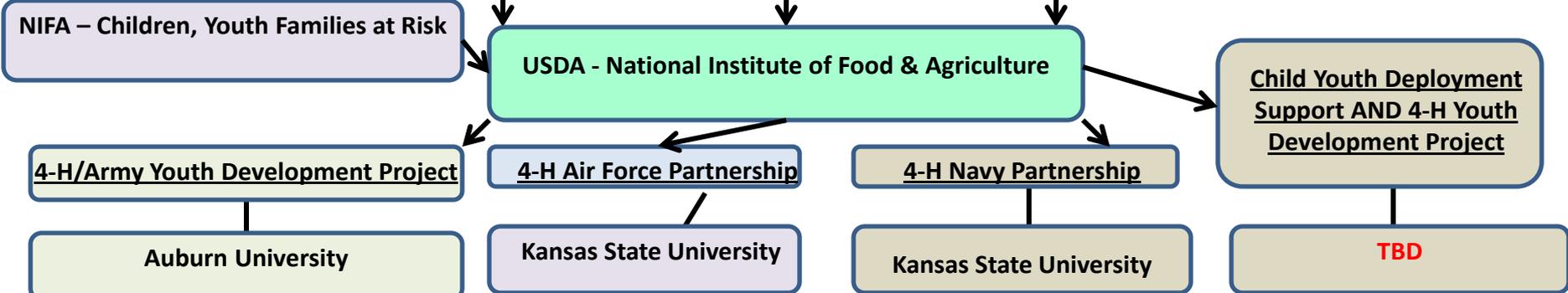
- Marine Corps in development

Operation: Military Kids

- Ready, Set, Go! (RSG)
- Speak Out for Military Kids (SOMK)
- Hero Packs
- Mobile Technology Labs



4-H Military Partnerships



Kansas State University
 KSU serves as the overall lead University in the 4-H Military Partnerships. KSU awards more than \$9,000,000 to 52 State LGU's that provide direct programming and support for military children/youth through the Military 4-H Clubs and Operation: Military Kids grants.

Military 4-H Club Grants: - Funding for these grants is provided by Army, Navy, Air Force and NIFA (CYFAR). These grants serve to establish 4-H clubs on military installations world wide and provide 4-H opportunities to geographically dispersed military children/youth. In 2010, 47 states, DC & Guam applied for and received grants

Operation: Military Kids Grants: – OMK grants are funded by Army and serve all military children/youth who experience a loved one being deployed. These grants focus on building local support networks where these families live. In 2010, 49 states and DC applied for OMK grants.



- 4-H Military Partnerships
www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org
- Operation: Military Kids
- www.operationmilitarykids.org



FCS Programming Funding Sources

- Garrison-level funding
- Service Components
- Department of Defense

- *A Guide to Cooperative Extension System and Military Collaborations in Family Support* posted at http://www.nifa.usda.gov/nea/family/pdfs/guide_CE_S_Military_Collabs_Family_Support.pdf

FCS Programming Areas

- Family Advocacy
- New Parent Support
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Financial Readiness
- Exceptional Family Member
- Mobilization and Deployment
- Relocation Assistance
- Employment Readiness
- Family Action & Volunteers



Research & Extension Programs

- Operation READY (Resources for Educating About Deployment and You)
 - Developed following Desert Storm
 - University of California Riverside & Texas A&M
 - 3rd Revision by Cornell
 - In use on Army installations worldwide

ARMY OneSource

Powered by MyArmyLife¹⁰⁰ Your connection to the Army Integrated Family Support Network



- Home
- Family Members
- Staff
- Soldiers
- Civilians
- Commanders



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Wednesday, October 22, 2008

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 Log In

- Find ACS Programs -

- Go To
- Army Basics
 - Child, Youth & School Services
 - Getting Involved
 - Home and Family Life
 - Lifelong Learning
 - Making a Move
 - Managing Deployment
 - Money Matters
 - Virtual Soldier & Family Assistance Center
 - Work and Careers
 - Family News
 - Senior Spouse Bi-Weekly Update

Operation READY

Operation READY is a training and information resource which was developed after the Persian Gulf War from lessons learned in deployment.

Operation READY Videos

- Introduction to Army Community Service**
 This is a short video to familiarize you with ACS and all it has to offer. Runtime: 5:19
- Introduction to Operation READY**
 This video introduces you to the Army's Deployment Readiness Program for soldiers and families. Runtime: 6:00
- Practical Readiness**



Operation READY Files

Family Assistance Center Module Training Materials

Healthy Parenting Initiative

- Collaboration with DoD to create military specific resources for parents and professionals working with military parents and their children.
- Available at every installation worldwide and through Military OneSource.
- Includes:
 - Command Briefing Resources - *Cornell University*
 - Parent-Teen Communication Materials - *Auburn University*
 - Parenting Toolkit - *University of Missouri*



Military HOMEFRONT

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Supporting our Troops & their Families

Troops & Families Leadership Service Providers Search

- Parenting Home
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 - Deployment Issues
 - Relocations Issues
 - Dangerous Work Issues
 - Parenting FAQs
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 - Parent-Teen Activities
 - Guide for Professionals
 - Parent-Teen Resources
 - Command Briefing Resources
 - New Parent Support Program
 - Zero to Three

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What is the Healthy Parenting Initiative?

The Healthy Parenting Initiative represents a collaborative effort between DoD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service to create a number of military specific resources for both parents and professionals working with military parents and their children.

The wide variety of resources available through this initiative were developed in response to needs identified by parents, family support programs staff and Commanders and include:

- [Step Into Your Children's World](#), a developmentally oriented parenting tool kit that is designed to take advantage of "teachable moments" and to inform parents about topics related to parenting in the context of deployment, relocation, and dangerous work, as well as general parenting information.
- [Stay Connected](#), resources to improve parent-teen communication
- [Command Briefing Resources](#)

Healthy Parenting Initiative resources are available at every installation through the Family Advocacy program, Family Center, Chaplain, Pediatric/Family Practice Clinic or Child Development/Youth Program; through State National Guard and Reserve coordinators, and through Military OneSource.

The above noted materials are all easily accessible through the left hand navigation bar entitled "In this section". Also available to service providers are links to a Guide for Professionals with Airmen's Support and use these materials to work with military families on your installation.

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1-800-342-9647
Available 24/7

Military INSTALLATIONS
Locate services and installations

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- QOL Resources
 - Casualty Assistance
 - Glossaries
 - Heroes to Hometowns
 - Legislation, Policies & Guidance

More Research & Extension

- Cornell
 - Strong Families, Strong Soldiers
 - Army Community Service and Family Advocacy Program
 - Provide technical assistance, evidence-based research briefs, standardized training materials
 - Address diverse needs of Active Army, National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers and families to ensure soldiers and family are fully aware of relevant family support programs and services

MILITARY PROJECTS: Evidence-Based Solutions For Military Families

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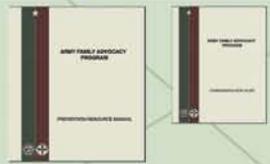
STRONG SOLDIERS, STRONG FAMILIES

FAMILY READINESS SUPPORTS MISSION READINESS

REAL LIFE SOLUTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL ARMY LIVING



U.S. Army Community Service, U.S. Army Family Advocacy Program, DoD Healthy Parenting Initiative, U.S. Marine Corps Family Advocacy Program, U.S. Army, U.S. National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve



FAMILY LIFE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Military Projects: Evidence Based Solutions for Military Families 1992-2009. Family Life Development Center, Cornell University

MILITARY PROJECTS: Evidence-Based Solutions For Military Families

2005

2006

2007

2008

STRONG SOLDIERS, STRONG FAMILIES

*OPREADY: GETTING PREPARED,
STAYING PREPARED*

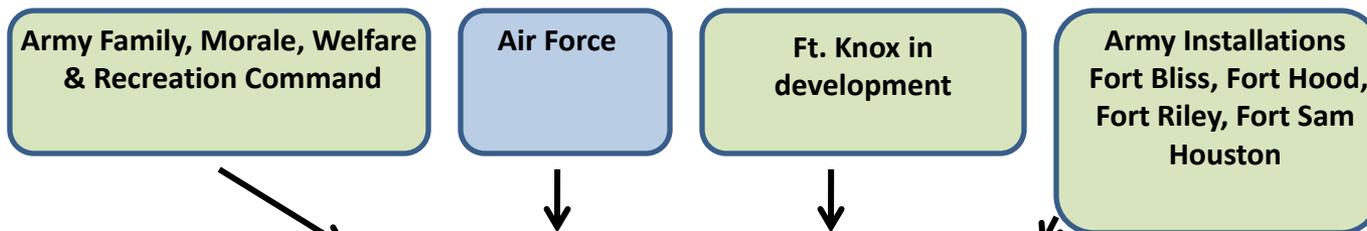
*AIFSN: YOUR CONNECTION TO FAMILY
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES*

U.S. Army Community Service, U.S. Army Family Advocacy Program, DoD Healthy Parenting Initiative, U.S. Army, U.S. National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve

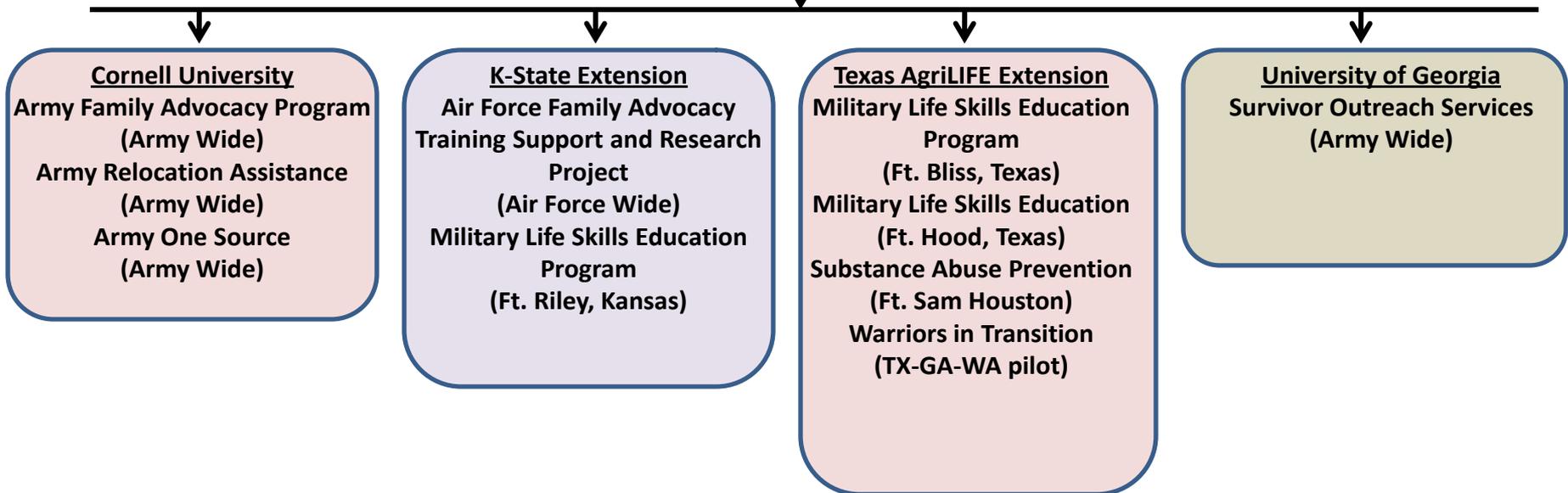


FAMILY LIFE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Military Family and Consumer Science Programs



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New FCS Programming

- Wounded Warriors
 - Caregiver Assessment
 - Caregiver Education
- Survivor Outreach
 - Loss & Grief Curriculum
 - Training



USDA – DoD Programming Examples

- **Family strengthening**
 - The Basic Meal Preparation initiative provides military families with know-how to plan and provide nutritious, healthy meals.
- **Child and youth development**
 - The Child Care Lab School increases the professional competencies of trainers and front-line youth workers in military child care centers and non-military youth development programs
- **Economic vitality**
 - The University Passport Program increases the opportunity for students to complete their college/university degrees, regardless of where they live.



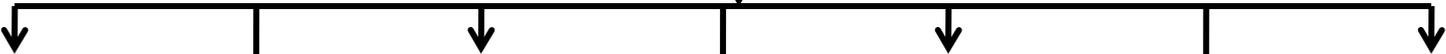
DoD – USDA Partnership - 2011



Office of the Secretary of Defense – Office of Military Community & Family Policy



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Purdue University
Overall Partnership Leadership
Internship Program
Project Sub-Awards

University of Arizona
Multi-Disciplinary Partnerships

North Carolina State University
Project Y.E.S.
(Youth Extension Service)

Ohio State University
Virtual Child Care Lab School

Kansas State University
University Passport Program

TBD
Child Care Training and Technical Assistance

TBD
Family Readiness Clearinghouse

Cornell
EFMP Benchmark Study
Ohio State
Autism Study – Phase II
West Virginia University
Medicaid Project

Washington State University
Communications & Marketing

eXtension (U of Nebraska)
Online Resources & Training

Universities / Sub-Awards : Cornell / Community Gardening; Michigan State / Youth Fitness; Ohio State / Basic Meal Preparation; Purdue / Heartlink & Key Spouse Program Support / Personal Worklife Skills; Southern / Out-of-School Connections; West Virginia State / Health Literacy Education; University of Arizona / Deployment Curriculum & Resources; University of Georgia / Community Capacity Building / Database for Annual Report / JFSAP Program Evaluation

Federal Collaborations

- USDA Veterans Initiative
- Federal Partners Priority Work Group on the Reintegration Needs of Returning Service Members and Families
- Interagency Policy Committee on Military Families



Moving Forward Together

- **Shared Commitment:** to mission, Service Member, and Family readiness.
- **Quality:** access to research and faculty from over 109 land-grant universities and colleges
- **Reach:** the Cooperative Extension System extends to every county in the U.S., and abroad
- **Responsiveness:** timely and flexible
- **Leverage:** Federal assistance, agencies, & NGOs

Transforming NIFA

- Ideal opportunity to address military and veteran-related concerns at the Federal level as it relates to the new Institute's unique priority areas:
 - Global Food Security and Hunger
 - *targeted nutrition education*
 - Climate Change
 - *reducing carbon footprint on installations*
 - Sustainable Energy
 - *powering military transport vehicles*
 - Childhood Obesity and Food Safety
 - *military readiness*

USDA NIFA's Ongoing Commitment

- Dedicated staff that leads military Families & Youth efforts within the agency
- Visibility for the work being done by NIFA, LGUs, Cooperative Extension and partners
- Interagency efforts
- Shared conferences and trainings
 - Trauma Spectrum with DCoE and NIH (7-8 December 2010)
 - Combined DOD – USDA Family Readiness (25-29 April 2011)

Thanks & Q&A

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