

**Research & Extension Programs
Supporting Military Service Members,
Families, Youth
Family and Consumer Sciences
Leaders National Meeting
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The Nature of Military Life

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





The Nature of Military Life

Increases

- Divorce rate
- Alcohol abuse
- Drug abuse
- Spousal abuse
- Child abuse
- Suicide
- Vehicle accidents/death



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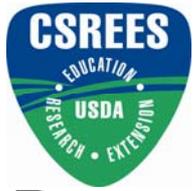
- Fort Hood
- Fort Bliss
- Fort Sam Houston
- Fort Riley
- Fort Leavenworth
- Kansas State Air Force Family Advocacy Program
- Kansas State Air Force Family Violence Prevention
- Cornell, Texas FMWRC Exceptional Family Member Program Services
- Cornell FMWRC Army Integrated Family Support Network
- Cornell FMWRC Army Family Advocacy Program
- UMD Walter Reed Army Medical Center ACS UMD
- Operation READY
- Texas FMWRC Wounded Warriors



Wounded Warriors and Army Community Service Opportunities







4-H Military Partnerships

Purpose

- Provide 4-H Youth Development Opportunities to military children and youth both on installations and in the communities where they live
- Provide military staff at installation and HQ level with training and technical assistance in youth development and technology
- Support children and youth of deployed military personnel by developing community support systems where military families live



4-H Military Partnerships

Overview

- Lead Land Grant Universities: Kansas State, Washington State, Virginia Tech, U of Maryland, U of Georgia, Auburn University
- Interagency agreements with Army, Air Force and Navy (Marines will be on board in 2010)
- Approximately \$20 million annually
- 4-H Military Liaison in each state and territory



4-H Military Partnerships

Outputs

- Military Club Grants in 46 states to provide 4-H Clubs on installations and in communities (includes overseas)
- 20 University Faculty on assignment to Services
- More than 150 faculty and staff with significant time allocated to partnership
- Operation: Military Kids Programs in all 50 states and DC
- More than 10,000 children and youth participated in OMK camps in 2009 (at no charge)



Extension System-Military Partnership

- Overall purpose of this partnership is to cultivate collaborations with educational institutions, non-governmental and community-based organizations.
- Focus on family support programs, workforce development, and child care and youth development.
- Programs are mutually beneficial to DoD and Cooperative Extension.



- Approximately \$28.0 million investment from the Office of the Secretary of Defense.
- Purdue University will provide overall leadership for the partnership in collaboration with DoD (MC&FP) and USDA (CSREES).
- Approximately 15 Land-Grant Universities have been identified and engaged in discussions and planning for the initial year of the partnership.



Lead Projects

- Military Community, Family, & Youth Programs
- Communications & Outreach
- Internship Program
- Youth Extension Service – Project Y.E.S.
- Child Care Lab School System
- University Passport Program
- Multi-Disciplinary Partnerships for Strengthening Child Care & Youth Development Programs
- eXtension



Additional Programmatic Efforts

(not all are represented below)

- Family Readiness Clearinghouse
- Youth Citizenship
- Out-of-School Youth Programs
- Training & Materials for Youth Camps
- Community Gardening
- Community Capacity Building
- Health Literacy Education



Future

- Anticipate making non-competitive awards to institutions in late 2009.
- Continue to identify priorities in collaboration with the Department of Defense based upon strategic plan that will be developed.
- Develop strategies to identify current efforts in states that will support priorities.