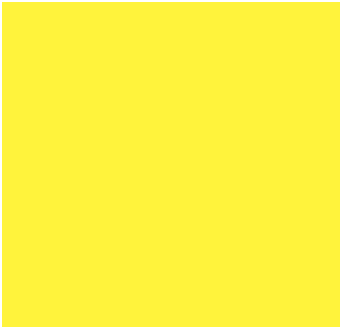


INDIANA Army National Guard

Child and Youth Services

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MISSION AND GOALS

MISSION

Support children, youth, and families of the Indiana 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



“The Child and Youth Program was a major influence when I was a camper and continues to influence me today, mostly because of camaraderie. It creates long lasting connections with relatable people.”
- Tony Foster, Adult Volunteer and former Teen Council Member

VOLUNTEERS



In FY17, 159 Volunteers contributed an incredible 4818 Volunteer Hours to programs such as: Kids AT Summer Youth Camp, Yellow Ribbon Events, Teen Summit, and more. Volunteers served as chaperones, camp counselors and support staff, program assistants, and drivers. All of the programs are impacted by volunteers, but none so much as the 2 week-long over-night camps. Each adult volunteer gives an amazing 88 hours of their time.

159 Volunteers

4818 Total Hours

Estimated Value \$116,306.52 (Independent Sector)

PROGRAM SUMMARY

- 4 Over-Night Camps
- 5 Teen Council Meetings
- 1 State Teen Summit
- 1 State Youth Symposium
- 8 Yellow Ribbon Events
- 1 Christmas at the Museum
- 4 Partnered Events
- 6 Briefs
- 12 State Childcare Task Force Meetings
- 1 Research Initiative
- 294 Program Hours
- 149 Resource Referrals



Youth 6-12 Years	National Guard	Reserves	Other
Army	461	21	
Air	68	2	
Navy		9	
Marines		2	
Other			43
		TOTAL	606



Youth 13-17 Years	National Guard	Reserves	Other
Army	243	4	
Air	35		
Navy		3	
Marines		5	
Other		19	19
		TOTAL	309



Adults	National Guard	Reserve	Other
Army	1072	12	
Air	36	1	
Navy		8	
Marines		3	
Other			900
		TOTAL	2032

RESILIENCE TRAINING

Indiana Youth Programs trained 31 teens over 20 hours of the Teen Resilience Curriculum. 8 teen council members received repeated training on important modules such as Effective Praise, Character Strengths, Problem Solving, and Put It Into Perspective to name of few. Feedback from continued exposure to the curriculum has been positive and teens have been observed using the language and techniques.

“This camp lets me talk to other kids that know how it is when my dad leaves.”

- YouthCamper at Kids AT

TEEN COUNCIL

“I want to be in the military when I’m grown up because I want my family to have the experiences I got through the Youth Program.”

- Maddie Butler, 16, Teen Council Member



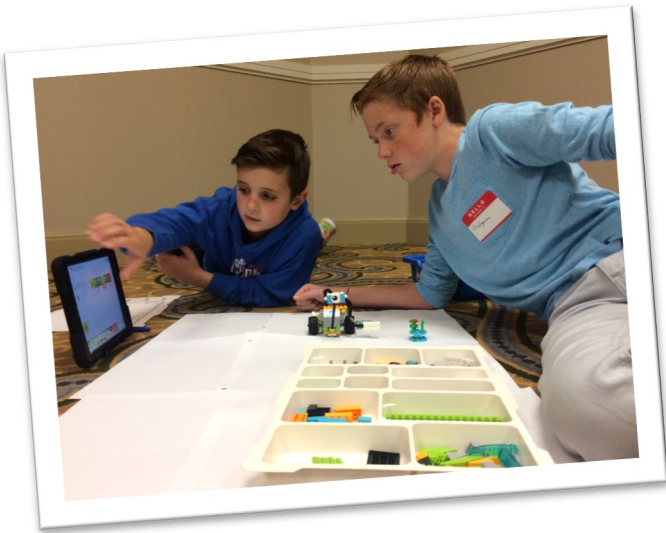
In FY17, the State Teen Council was comprised of 8 members who conducted monthly conference calls and met quarterly in Indianapolis. At meetings, the council underwent Resilience and other leadership training, presented to military leaders, and planned the annual State Teen Summit. The summit was hosted in May at a nearby YMCA Camp. Teen Council members facilitated training, presented in front of their peers, and managed the logistics and operations of the event. They covered such serious topics as: Stereotyping, Stress Management, and Understanding Core Values. 4 Teen Council members also attended the Region V Teen Summit in Michigan.

PARTNERSHIPS

One of the things defining Indiana Youth Programs is our willingness and passion for integrating our programs with those provided by our community partners. Throughout FY17, Youth Programs continued existing collaborations with the Salvation Army, local YMCA’s, Indiana 4H, and began new partnerships with Indy Lightsaber Academy, Coburn Place, Arts for Learning, and more. Partner organizations have funded events, co-hosted events with Youth Programs, completed research and program analysis, created youth-led training and curricula, and provided service learning. Our featured partner for FY17 is the Military Family Research Institute. MFRI provided a team of graduate students to conduct nutrition training at our Kids AT Summer Camp.



BEST PRACTICE: ROBOTICS CURRICULUM



INNG Youth Programs took the plunge this year and started incorporating Lego Robotics curriculum into Yellow Ribbon Programming. Not only were the youth ecstatic to experiment with such dynamic and interactive STEM equipment and curriculum, but youth leaders and mentors emerged who were able to showcase their problem solving, flexibility, and initiative to help translate complex engineering concepts and robot programming aims. In the next year, Coordinators plan to expand robotics offerings around the state!

BEST PRACTICE: SERVICE LEARNING

Indiana Youth Programs has a strong culture of service, not only to the military but also to community organizations. Youth participants give back to the community while also learning about the environment, engineering, and citizenship. In FY17, youth gave 1014 Community Service Hours working on projects for the Jackson Street Veteran's Home, Coburn Place, The Caring Place, the Salvation Army, youth experiencing deployment, and the YMCA. Selfless Service at it's best!

"I believe that Youth Programs opens the eyes of kids and shows them how to be young adults."

- Adult Volunteer and Army National Guard Service Member, Volunteer Survey



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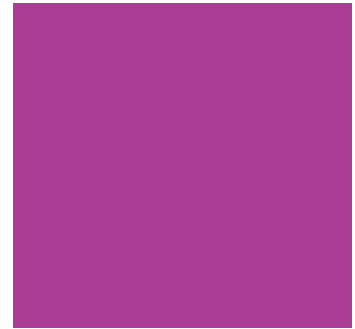
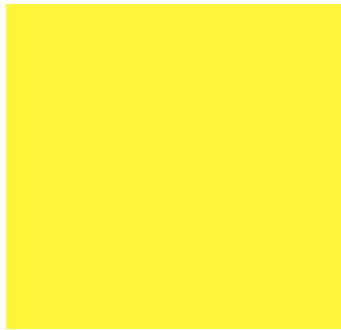
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