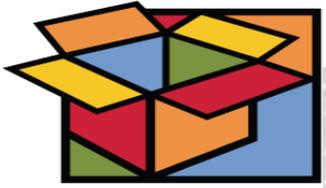


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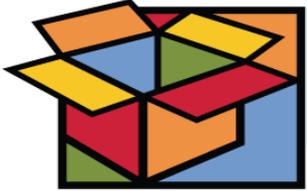
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# School Liaison Program

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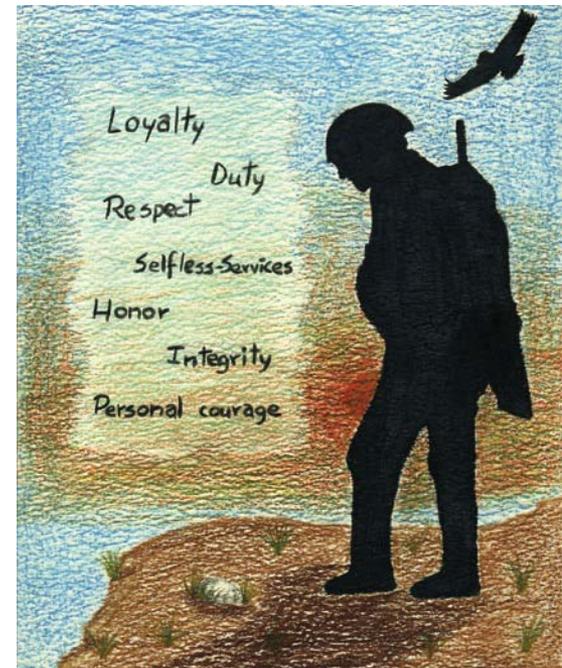
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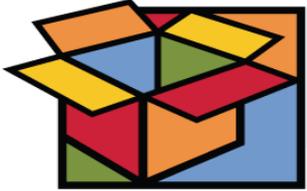




# Who Are the Military Children?

- Almost 2 M children (*Mom, Dad or Both Active Duty, Guard or Reserve*)
- 1.25 Million school-aged children
- 630,000 children of Active Duty
- 480,000 children of Reserve & Guard
- **75% of Active Duty children under age 12**



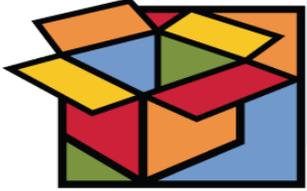


# Why School Liaisons Program?

## FACTS:

- Military families move 3 times more frequently than civilian counterparts (Active Duty)
- Families move an average of every 2.9 years
- Children attend up to 9 different schools by graduation
- Families experience increased stress related to deployment during wartime
- Multiple moves and inconsistencies are amongst the top ten reasons service members leave the Service

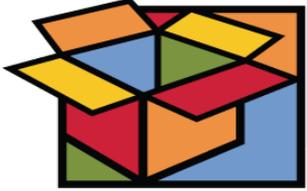
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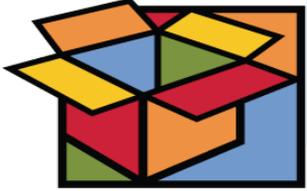
# School Liaison





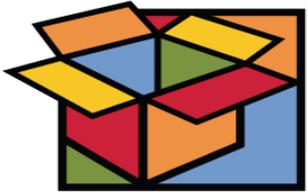
# Education Issues Affecting Transitioning Military Families

- Inconsistencies from state-to-state
- School Calendars
- Course content sequencing
- Grad requirements
  - Credits
  - Courses
  - Testing
- Extracurricular eligibility
- Schedules (block vs traditional)
- Transfer of records
- Credit transfers
  - Grading criteria
  - Honors & AP courses
- Scholarship availability
- Social & Emotional
- Deployment support
- Senior moves
- School quality
- Special Education challenges



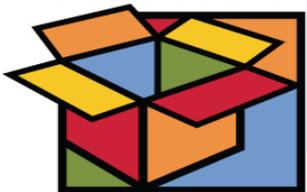
# School Liaison Core Services

- School Transition Services
- Deployment Support
- Installation, School, Community Communications
- Partnerships in Education (PIE)
- Home School Linkage, Support
- Post-Secondary Preparation Opportunities
- Special Needs System Navigation



## How do Families Benefit?

- Better prepared to respond to PCS and deployment issues
- Becoming the best advocates for their children's education
- Assurance that a quality education is a Navy priority through support of systematic change
- Increased awareness amongst Navy leaders about educational impact



# Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

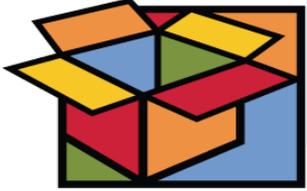
- **PURPOSE:**

- To replace the widely varying treatment of transitioning military students in a unified, comprehensive approach that would provide a uniform policy in every school district in **every state that chooses to join** the compact.
- 36 states have now joined!

- **FOCUS:**

- Address the key issues encountered by military families in four broad categories
  - Eligibility
  - Enrollment
  - Placement
  - Graduation
- Effective as of 01JAN2010. Please be patient with roll-out!

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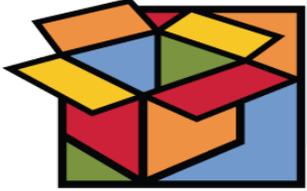
# Educational Support During Transition

**Student  
Online  
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Resources**



**Tutor.com**

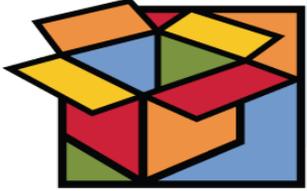




# School Liaison Program Initiatives

## *Air Force*

- Relocation Fairs - families get information about their new location and are connected to the SLO at the gaining base
  - Some locations partner with the Military Family Life Consultants on these events
- Air Force Teen Councils partner with the SLO to host programs in the school one month and the teen center the next; a focus is on support to new students
- SLOs provide parents with a school relocation checklist and teach them how to build a student portfolio designed to organize important school documents/school records school work samples
- Work with with Airman & Family Readiness Centers and participate in base intro /newcomers events
- Provide information on school liaison services and resources to unit Key Spouse volunteers and at Heartlink (new AF spouse orientation)

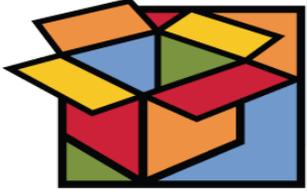


# School Liaison Program Initiatives

*Army*

## Army Education Efforts

- ***The Army School Support Strategic Plan*** is a five-year plan that builds a school support system to address learning environments, academic skills and personal management skills. The plan is research-based and was developed using the collective knowledge of experts.
- ***School Liaison Officer(s)*** is the primary resource on school-related issues on the installation. The Army currently has 141 School Liaison Officers located on installations worldwide.
  - Build positive relationships and facilitate communication among Army leadership, Army Families and the local school community
  - Inform and assist parents and students with school transition and deployment challenges
  - Establish Partnerships in Education programs
  - Facilitate access to homeschool resources for parents
  - Provide information about college and other post-secondary opportunities and preparation materials
  - Serve as primary advisor to installation leadership on education issues

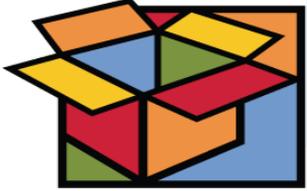


# School Liaison Program Initiatives

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## Army Education Efforts

- ***Army High School Senior Stabilization Policy*** allows Soldiers to delay PCS so students can complete the high school senior year.
- ***In/Out Processing Protocol*** allows Soldiers with children to meet with the School Liaison Officer for an explanation of available services.
- ***Memorandums of Agreement between Garrisons and School districts*** ensure military students are supported through school transitions. The ***School Local Action Plan*** is a result of the signed Memorandum of Agreement and describes how the school district and installation will work together to support students.
- ***Adopt A School Programs*** are unit partnerships with local schools to provide mutual support.
- ***Child Youth & School Services Pre-K Strong Beginnings*** is the Garrison Child Development Center's school readiness program

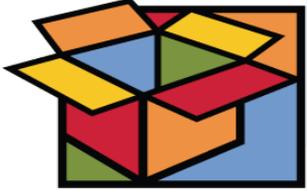


# School Liaison Program Initiatives

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## Army Education Efforts

- ***CYSS Study Strong*** includes CYSS academic support programs
  - ***CYSS Homework Centers*** are after school programs facilitated by teaching professionals
  - ***CYSS Youth Tech Labs*** use established technology curriculum in school-age and middle school/teen programs
  - ***Homeschool Support*** is provided to Families who choose to homeschool their children
  - ***Tutor.com*** provides free online 24/7 tutoring (contact local Garrison SLO)
- ***Community-based Afterschool Academic Programs*** are offered at selected schools and Youth Centers
- ***SKIES Unlimited Instructional Program*** provides instructional enhancement classes
- ***CYSS Youth Sports and Fitness*** programs help children deal with stress and fight childhood obesity

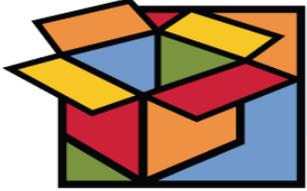


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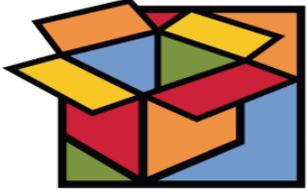
- ***CYSS Youth Sponsorship Clubs*** facilitate adjustment of new students
- ***Junior Student2Student and Student2Student*** are school-based youth sponsorship programs for middle and high school students
- ***Transition Counselor Institutes*** and ***Living in the New Normal*** train school personnel about the strengths and challenges of military students
- ***Parent to Parent Cadres*** train parents as child and youth advocates
- ***DoD Military Family Life Consultants*** are licensed consultants for short-term problem resolution for faculty, staff, parents and children
- ***National Guard and Reserve Institutes*** help communities and schools understand and address needs of geographically dispersed children



# School Liaison Program Initiatives

## *Marine Corps*

- School Liaison at each installation as well as at USMC HQ
- End of Year on-line survey for stakeholders
- Finalizing NAVMC, AIRS Checklist
- Professional Development and Training
- Share Point
  - On-line Reporting Tool
  - Collaborative Site
- USMC / Regional Facebook



# School Liaison Program Initiatives

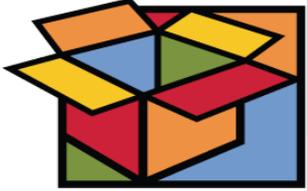
## *Marine Corps*

### SLP MCIWEST Programs

- Tell Me a Story reading program
- Joint Services San Diego SLP

### Initiatives

- Regional Website and Facebook
- Trevor Romain site visits and presentations
- Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg Resiliency conference
- Community & Service Partnership



# School Liaison Program Initiatives

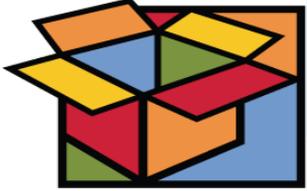
## *Marine Corps*

### SLP MCIEAST Programs

- Cooperative Library for military
- REACH MCNC
- Adopt a School
- Interstate Compact awareness

### Initiatives

- Regional Website and Facebook
- Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg Resiliency conference
- Trevor Romain visits to all bases
- Strong relationships within community

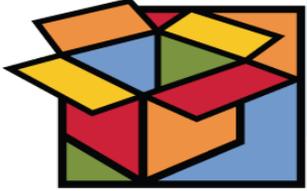


# School Liaison Program Initiatives

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## School Liaison Officer (SLO) Core Components

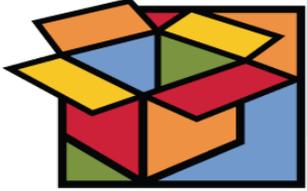
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# School Liaison Program Initiatives

*Navy*

- **Youth Sponsorship** – offers pre-arrival, arrival, and pre-departure services to installation youth and to assist youth relocation to and/or from an installation.
- Online data reporting and analysis collection
- Online training initiatives
- Facebook communication
- Connections- Transitional centers established at installations, partnering schools, SLO and other community agencies.



# School Liaison Program Initiatives

*Navy*

## Resources:

- Service Installation websites
- Service School Liaison websites
- School Liaison HQ websites
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- Dodea Educational Partnership website:  
[www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu](http://www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu)