

# ILLINOIS YOUTH PROGRAM



## **Illinois National Guard State Youth Coordinators**

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The Illinois National Guard Youth Program is here to help provide the support and resources Youth need to deal with the separation from a parent, child care issues, difficulties with school and many other problems. Children of all ages can be affected at any phase of military life; we have programs to help one and all. We also provide children and youth ages 6-18 with various opportunities to develop their physical, social, emotional and cognitive abilities and to experience achievement, leadership, friendship and recognition.

## Programs



### **Education Outreach**

Reaching out to School Officials, Educators and Counselors through In-Service Classes, Conferences and State Wide Training Opportunities



### **Coming Home Packages**

Activity Books, a Kid Sized Flag, various patriotic items and a Letter the youth congratulating them on the upcoming return of their parent. Mailed directly to each Youth at home or delivered to the FRG Group



### **Youth Newsletter**

Youth Newsletters – Mailed directly to youth during special times of the year. Providing information, announcements and resources to Military Kids throughout the State.



### **Parent Resource Bags**

Resource Bags are provided to Parents during Mobilization Briefings or upon request. The Information is designed to assisting parents in caring for children during the deployment of a spouse.



### **Youth Camps**

Teaming up with Operation Military Kids to provide quality Youth Summer Camps and Day Camps for all of our Military Kids throughout the State.



### **Youth Briefings**

Provide Youth Briefings at Mobilizations , FRG Meetings, Unit Events and at the Regional/State Conference s. Brief available youth resources and distribute youth material.



### **Youth Backpacks**

Preparing Youth for the Deployment of a Parent. These Backpacks are filled with Activity Books, Coloring Pages, Markers, Crayons, Pens, Pencils and other great stuff that relate to the Military Family and Deployment... Just for Kids!!



### **Grief Packs**

Backpacks filled with books, videos and Information to help youth cope with the loss of a parent at home or while on deployment. A Parent pack also is enclosed to assist parents