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The Military Child Education Coalition is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, world-wide organization that identifies the challenges facing the highly mobile military child, increases awareness of these challenges in military and educational communities, and initiates and implements programs to meet the challenges. The MCEC's focus is on all military installations, their supporting schools, concerned organizations, and caring individuals. For more information, please visit www.MilitaryChild.org.

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Professional Development Institutes ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●



Transition Counselor Institute (TCI) Phase I

Description	The MCEC Transition Counselor Institute (TCI) Phase I is an interactive professional development institute focusing on the military-connected child's experience with transitions. TCI Phase I strives to create an environment for education, installation, and community professionals to have access to professional networks, technologies, resources, and support systems to help them stay up-to-date on the dynamic and diverse K-12 school experience that impacts the transitioning student. Military lifestyle and culture, school transition perspectives, and identifying local transition challenges are some of the modules addressed.
Audience	Area public, private, parochial, and home school and Department of Defense guidance counselors and other educators; installation and community leaders; transition specialists; military parents
Terminal Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe school transition concerns impacting mobile military students.• Interpret data from MCEC and other research and institute networking that addresses school transition.• Design methods to ease the challenges of transition using current data.
Prerequisites	None



Transition Counselor Institute (TCI) Phase II

Description	The MCEC Transition Counselor Institute (TCI) Phase II is the second interactive professional development institute and focuses on the social and emotional implications as they relate to the transitioning student. Deployment and separation, building confidence and resiliency, and supporting children through trauma and loss are some of the modules addressed in TCI Phase II.
Audience	Area public, private, parochial, and home school and Department of Defense guidance counselors and other educators; installation and community leaders; transition specialists; military parents
Terminal Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the social/emotional needs of military children.• Analyze data from the MCEC and other research and institute networking that addresses sensitivity, transition, predictability, fitting in and resilience.• Propose school-specific professional development based on social and emotional needs of military children.
Prerequisites	Successful completion of TCI Phase I

 For more information about this program, e-mail Info@MilitaryChild.org.



Special Education Leaders Institute (SELI) Phase I

Description	The MCEC's Special Education Leaders Institute (SELI) Phase I has the overall goal to promote awareness and increase the availability of professional educators who understand the amplified challenges associated with transitioning mobile military-connected students in special programs such as special education, §504, or gifted education. SELI Phase I includes modules such as navigating the different state requirements, program policy implications, practical application and ideas for schools, and supporting children through trauma and loss.
Audience	Area school district special education educators and other professional educators; installation leaders; transition specialists; Exceptional Family Member Program staff; parents with special needs children
Terminal Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote awareness of the amplified transition challenges for children with special needs.• Outline options and processes that support transitioning children with special needs.
Prerequisites	None



Special Education Leaders Institute (SELI) Phase II

Description	The MCEC's Special Education Leaders Institute (SELI) Phase II is the second of two institutes focusing on the amplified social and emotional implications for the transitioning child with special needs. SELI Phase II includes modules such as technical support and advanced resources, social and emotional needs in military life, and supporting children through trauma and loss. Participants network, exchange ideas, collaborate and develop models that assist local schools in the transition of students in special programs such as special education, §504, or gifted education.
Audience	Area school district special education educators and other professional educators; installation leaders; transition specialists; Exceptional Family Member Program staff; parents with special needs children
Terminal Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the amplified social/emotional implications to students with special needs.• Analyze data from MCEC research and institute networking that addresses sensitivity, transition predictability, fitting in, and resilience.• Propose school-specific professional development based on the social and emotional aspect of military-connected students with special needs.
Prerequisites	Successful completion of SELI Phase I

More Information about TCI, SELI, GRI, and LINN-I:

Requirements: Participants must attend 95% of all classroom sessions, complete all group assignments, participate in all learning activities, and complete an end-of-course evaluation. No partial credit will be awarded. Those who fail to meet MCEC Institute requirements will not receive a course completion certificate or any CEUs.

- **Class Duration:** 2 Days (12 seat hours with working lunch [provided])
- **Credit:** 12 clock hour course completion certificate issued (no fee)
- 1 graduate hour, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M System (\$175.00)
- 1.2 MCECTM/IACET Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) (\$25.00)
- **Fees:** If applicable, fee specifics will be noted on registration form.
- **Materials:** All materials are provided.

Continuing Education Credits:

Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800, McLean, VA 22102. In obtaining this approval, the MCEC has demonstrated that it complies with the ANSI/IACET Standards which are widely recognized as standards of good practice internationally. As a result of their Authorized Provider membership status, the MCEC is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the ANSI/IACET Standards. Furthermore, the MCEC is a National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) and may offer NBCC approved clock hours for events that meet NBCC requirements. The MCEC solely is responsible for all aspects of the program. These multiple avenues of accreditation make the recognition of the MCEC Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) widely accepted. Several state agencies have also given their approval. The MCEC charges \$25.00 per institute for CEUs. In addition, the majority of the MCEC institutes offer the opportunity for graduate credits through Texas A&M Central Texas. If you have any CEU or accreditation questions, please call the MCEC office at 254.953.1923 and ask for the Registrar.



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Student and Parent Programs



The MCEC's Recipe for Success: Parent to Parent

The MCEC Parent to Parent is a program that empowers parents to be their child's strongest advocate on educational and social issues through the MCEC's Parent Workshops. More than 77,665 parents have connected with the program since its beginning in 2006.

The MCEC Parent to Parent program offers workshops specifically designed to meet the needs of National Guard and Reserve parents across the country.

Traveling to your unit, Yellow Ribbon Event, or Reserve Center, the MCEC's professionally-trained cadre members lead participants through a series of workshops specifically designed to meet the needs of National Guard and Reserve parents.

The focus of the Parent to Parent Program is to share strategies that will help all parents to become their child's best, positive, and prepared advocate – especially during the amplified challenges associated with school transitions and the current deployment schedule faced by National Guard and Reserve families.

Funded by the Department of Defense, the MCEC Parent to Parent Program brings high-quality, informative workshops to the families of the National Guard and Reserves at [NO COST](#) to any National Guard or Reserve Unit, regardless of branch or location.

Workshops for All National Guard and Reserve Parents

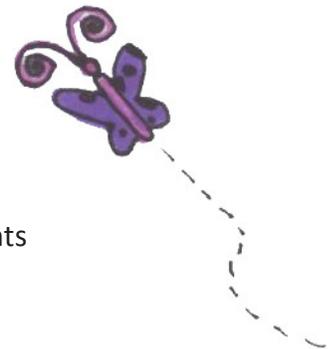
- Resiliency and Deployment
- Parent Involvement: Your Child's Key to Academic Success

Workshops for National Guard and Reserve Parents of Young Children

- Preparing for the Journey
- Keys to Success in Elementary School

Workshops for National Guard and Reserve Parents of Middle and High School Students

- Chart Your Course to Academic Success
- The College Application Process and Financial Aid



 For more information about this program, e-mail ParenttoParent@MilitaryChild.org.



Tell Me A Story (TMAS) and tell me a story for young children (tmas fyc)

These programs use literature as a way to open family discussions on potentially difficult topics such as family separation, deployment, and transitions. Each participating family receives a copy of the book used during the TMAS or tmas fyc event.

 **For more information about this program, e-mail ParenttoParent@MilitaryChild.org.**



Student 2 Student (S2S) and Junior Student 2 Student (JS2S)

These programs train civilian and military-connected high school and middle school students, respectively, to establish and sustain peer-based programs in their schools that support mobile children as they transition from school to school. There are over 220 S2S programs and 130 JS2S programs world-wide.

 **For more information about this program, e-mail S2S@MilitaryChild.org.**

“This is the first time I’ve moved to a school with [the MCEC’s] Student 2 Student program, and it made a world of difference. You had someone right there to laugh with, make you feel comfortable... to eat lunch with... which is the scariest thing on the first day of school.”

- S2S Student



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Additional Resources and Support



Living In the New Normal: Helping Children Thrive through Good and Challenging Times

Everyone has a role in supporting military-connected children, and each component of the Living in the New Normal initiative is designed to reach a distinct audience. Training topics include supporting children dealing with issues such as a sick or injured parent, trauma and loss, cycles of deployment, developing resilience skills during good times. (For more information about the two-day training of the MCEC LINN Institute, see the *Professional Development Institutes* section.)

Practicum

This one-day session provides parents, childcare practitioners, educators, Family Readiness Group leaders, and other concerned adults with the knowledge and tools to develop resilient children who will be better able to meet the challenges of deployment and separation.

Public Engagement

For state and community leaders, a day-long session that invites state and community leaders to collaborate in identifying their capabilities, synchronizing their resources, and planning homefront responses to support children during times of uncertainty due to deployments, transitions, and other challenges.

Website

The LINN website encourages conversation, provides additional resources, and highlights the latest news and events concerning the Living In the New normal initiative and the families we support.

 [LINN.MilitaryChild.org](https://www.linn.militarychild.org)



The MCEC SchoolQuest

Designed for military students, their families and the caring professionals who support them, SchoolQuest is an educational resource tool from the Military Child Education Coalition. Although the primary audience includes military children/teens and their parents, SchoolQuest is well-suited to anyone who is “questing” information about schools, college and workplace readiness, transition, etc.

It is meant to facilitate the search for new schools and centralize resources. It’s also a secure storage site for students’ educational, extra-curricular, award, volunteer and work information.

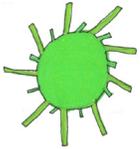
 [www.SchoolQuest.org](https://www.schoolquest.org)

Do you have a question?



A valuable researcher, Aunt Peggie answers questions about all things military and education, and

Aunt Peggie can be contacted directly at Peggie.Watson@MilitaryChild.org.

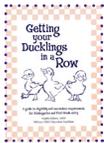


The MCEC Online Store

The MCEC Online Store features books used in training and our conference, as well as unique resources for military-connected families. Money raised through the MCEC online store goes back into programs for military-connected children.

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The MCEC Publications Available at the MCEC Store:



Getting Your Ducklings in a Row:
Kindergarten and Grade 1 Eligibility and Vaccination Requirements



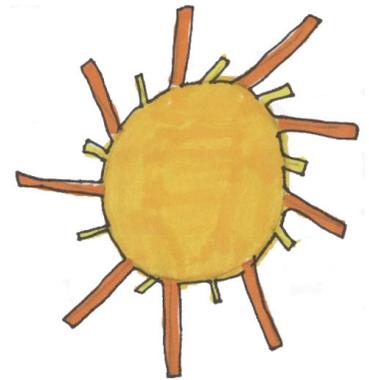
How Communities Can Support the Children and Families
of Those Serving the National Guard and Reserves



How to Prepare Your Children
and Stay Involved in Their Education During Deployment



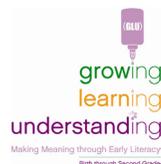
The Military Parent's Guide to No Child Left Behind



The MCEC Kits Available at the MCEC Store:



Chart Your Course Kit: Academic Passport, Roadmap,
and "The Complete Guide to College Financing and Admissions" DVD-Rom



Growing, Learning, Understanding GLU kits: Infants through Early School-Age

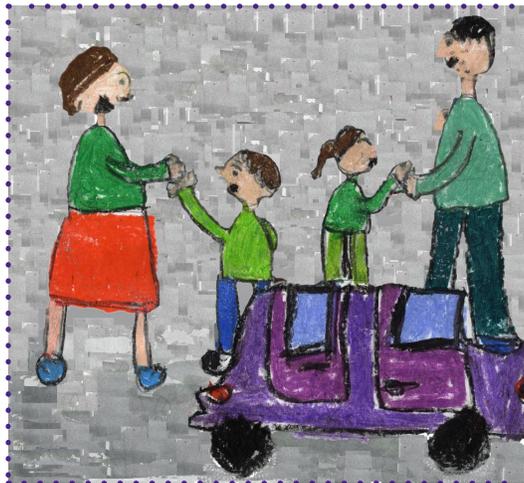
Each GLU kit includes an activity book for parents and teachers to use to reinforce the lessons learned in the several children's books also included in the kit. GLU kit topics include Resilience, Deployment, Healthy Choices, and more!



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