INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH PROGRAM

Annual Report 2012



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MISSION

Provide support to children, youth and families of all branches of the military during times of deployment, extended separation, and normal day-to-day

operations.

Increase emphasis and opportunities to educational and fun activities that foster personal growth, lifelong learning, renewed citizenship, and leadership, qualities within Indiana's military youth.



Purple Camp, Dunes Indiana, 2012 **VOLUNTEERS**

Youth Served

- Over 300 Adults, College Students, and older Teens support the Indiana National Guard Child and Youth Program through volunteering during events throughout the year. Directly they have provided support in chaperoning camps, volunteering for local events, and supporting Yellow Ribbon events. Indirectly support was furnished through marketing, campaign development, and delivery of information concerning Child and Youth Programs. Support was provided through our community partners such as, MCEC, USO, Family Readiness Groups, and many more.
- Yearly the volunteers are recognized by, The Adjutant General, General Umbarger, at the Indiana State Workshop held in the state capital, Indianapolis.

- Direct contact with youth by the Child and Youth Team reflects over 1500 direct contact through a variety of programs throughout the year.
- Indirectly through a variety of joint, unit and community programs we had contact with over 3500 youth.



Adjutant General of Indiana, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger being welcomed to the First Indiana National Guard , Fall Camp, 2012

2012 Highlights

- 13 Yellow Ribbon Events including Pre-deployment and Reunion events
 - 250 campers attended the 20th Annual Kids AT camp in the summer
 - 49 campers attended the first Fall Camp at the YMCA Camp Carson
- 210 campers attended other camps supported through partnerships throughout the state
 - 200 backpacks donated through USO partnership were distributed to Guard families
 - 32 Youth participated in the annual TAPS program
 - Annual Youth Symposium 80 youth were in attendance
- We anticipate a great turnout for the annual Zoo event once again this year in December
 - Spice youth Challenge training for over 15 youth preparing for KIDS'S AT 2012
- Annual Blue Star Alumni Family Wellness Community Partnership 200 youth were in attendance.
 - Linked Military Youth With ISFAC strategic priority
- 500 youth were reached at the first Air Show out of the Fort Wayne 122nd Air National Guard Base
 - 80 EFMP youth were directly reached at the Fort Wayne Air Show Sensory Hour
- 3 MCEC events took place to educate individuals in the community of the unique needs of today's military youth.
- The Indiana Department of Education was brought on to assist in training the Educational Faculty on the M.K.I.S.S. Program and this program was taken into the multiple schools..
- Extended assistance and support to local FRG's in planning Family days and providing resources that would reach over 1200 youth.



Fall Camp, YMCA, Camp Carson, 19-21 OCT 2012

This year was the First Fall Camp for the Indiana National Guard Youth Program. We had so many youth that were unable to be part of the Annual Kids AT Camp in the summer, that it was decided to open another camp specifically for Indiana National Guard Youth. The purpose of this camp was to increase resilience, personal confidence, teambuilding for National Guard Military Youth, and build long lasting friendships among Indiana National Guard Youth who are sharing the same experiences.

KID'S AT 2012



This is a camp hosted at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center that provides boys and girls, ages 9-17, of Indiana Air and Army National Guard, to include youth of our fallen service members one free week overnight camp. The campers stay in barracks supervised by adults so they can share in the experience that their loved one in the military take part in.

Activities include archery, swimming, rappelling, self defense, crafts, conditioning course, flag etiquette, and a special platoon over night stay outside of their barracks where they participate in water activities. The older group, 14 and older, left Camp Atterbury to visit another camp, Springhill for their night out. They stayed one night in tents and utilized the activities at Springhill. Some of these events included a zip line, water activities, canoeing, and a paint war. They then returned to Camp Atterbury to finish out the week. This last year we hosted another team that came in and put on a Olympic day for our 20th Annual Field Day event.

This year the camp was held June 17-23, 2012. This is a fun way for your child to interact with other military children, work on team building skills, and increase their independence! The camp increases wellness, resilience and leadership through a focus on military tasks service members. perform while away on military duty.



Annual Youth Symposium

This program teaches: goal setting, speaking and writing skills, resilience training, leadership training to the youth of the Indiana National Guard, ages 9-17. During this event we bring in guest speakers to speak with the youth and develop activities that present relevant information to their lives. We also educate them in areas that pertain to leadership, self awareness and developing a strong character. It is our goal for the youth to take what they have learned from the weekend and transform their friends, school, and community. The Youth Symposium is a great place for youth to interact and make friends with other military youth. Youth Council –voting on council takes place during the State Youth Symposium. This opportunity provides a voice for the youth, while equipping the youth with knowledge and a chance to be heard.



Youth Symposium, 2012



Some of the vendors included:

EFMP Conference

This is an event hosted by Family Programs of Indiana to provide information through speakers, classes and multiple resource tables from a variety of vendors that specialize in benefits focused on Exceptional families. Attendees had ample occasion to visit vendor displays and make connections with many community resources situated throughout the State of Indiana.

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NATIONAL AND STATE PARTNERS

The Indiana National Guard Child and Youth program works in collaboration with adults and youth volunteers, national programs, state programs, collegiate programs, community and private organization to create state wide support. We work together to develop and put on programs that reach the youth of Indiana to provide the much needed support throughout the state.



Find The Indiana Child and Youth Programs on the World Wide Web!!

Keep up on the next activity and get the most recent addition of the newsletter at <u>http://www.in.ng.mil/FamilyPrograms/YouthProgram/</u>

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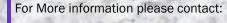
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