Chapter Four: 
OMK Partners

I. Lesson Plan

A. Purpose: Participants will learn about the basic organizational structure and program delivery systems of National OMK Partners.

B. Objectives:
   1. Introduce participants to National Community Partner organizations
   2. Introduce participants to Military Partner organizations
   3. Provide participants with basic point of contact information for Community Partners
   4. Provide participants with basic point of contact information for Military Partners

C. Time: 90 minutes

D. Preparation/Materials Needed:
   ✪ Instructional PowerPoint presentations
   ✪ LCD and screen
   ✪ Computer
   ✪ Partner Organization Informational Brochures

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B. Activity & Directions
   1. Introduce this section by talking about partnerships
      • Importance of knowing the mission and structure of potential partners
   2. Cover information on partner organization PowerPoint slides
   3. Check for participant understanding
      • Questions and answers

III. Evaluation
A. Reflection Questions
   1. What did you learn about OMK Partner organizations that you did not know?
   2. What are the significant differences between Community Partners and Military Partners?
B. Application Questions
   1. What additional information might you need to effectively work with:
      a. National OMK Community Partners?
      b. Military Partners?
   2. What other state or local partners might you want to contact about OMK?
Slide 4-1: National 4-H

Content of this slide adapted from: www.national4-hheadquarters.gov

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

**What to Do, What to Say**

**Do:**  • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce National 4-H as one of those Partners.

**Say:** National 4-H is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one 4-H representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a 4-H representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
National 4-H

Structure and Programs:
- 4-H programs in 3,150 counties
- 700,000 adult and youth volunteers
- 7 million youth reached annually
- National 4-H Headquarters in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services (CSREES)
  - Provides financial support, program policy and interpretation, National 4-H Conference, partnerships, and program leadership
- Land Grant Universities, one in each state, provide:
  - 4-H programming support, research and evaluation, youth development and training, financial support
- Programs in Communities:
  - 4-H Clubs and Projects; residential and day camps; Local, county, and state events at which youths’ 4-H projects are judged; 4-H Ambassador Training.

Slide 4-2: National 4-H

Content of this slide adapted from: www.national4-hheadquarters.gov

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce National 4-H as one of those Partners.

Say: National 4-H is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one 4-H representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a 4-H representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
National 4-H

How to connect:
• Through local 4-H Extension agents
• Through State 4-H Military Liaisons
• Through Land Grant University Cooperative Extension Service
• Through Military Services’ Youth Development Specialists
• Through the OMK Management Team

For more information:
www.national4-hheadquarters.gov

Slide 4-3: National 4-H

Content of this slide adapted from: www.national4-hheadquarters.gov

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce National 4-H as one of those Partners.

Say: National 4-H is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one 4-H representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a 4-H representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
The American Legion

What We Do:
As the world’s largest veterans organization, The American Legion embodies strong American values and forms a grassroots force dedicated to love of country and is committed to veterans, their families, their communities, and the young people of this nation.

Established:
Chartered by Congress in 1919

Location:
Indianapolis, IN

Slide 4-4: The American Legion

Content of this slide adapted from: www.legion.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce The American Legion as one of those Partners.

Say: The American Legion is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an American Legion representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
The American Legion

Structure and Programs:
- The Legion Family: The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion together make up the Legion Family.
- Altogether the American Legion Family boasts over 4 million members (men and women).

Slide 4-5: The American Legion

Content of this slide adapted from: www.legion.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do:  • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce The American Legion as one of those Partners.

Say:  The American Legion is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an American Legion representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
The American Legion

• Local American Legion Posts are organized into 54 Departments, one per state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France (Europe), Mexico, and the Philippines.

• There are approximately 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide.

• The American Legion is comprised of a variety of Commissions and Committees, which provide the following programs:

Slide 4-6: The American Legion

Content of this slide adapted from: www.legion.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce The American Legion as one of those Partners.

Say: The American Legion is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an American Legion representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
The American Legion Auxiliary

- A non-profit organization comprised of 1 million members, empowering women in 10,100 communities worldwide
- Devoted to America’s veterans (current and past), children, and youth.
- The American Legion Auxiliary programs include Girls State, Girls Nation, Freedoms Foundation, Youth Hero Award, educational scholarships, and co-sponsorship of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.

Slide 4-7: The American Legion Auxiliary

Content of this slide adapted from: www.legion.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce The American Legion as one of those Partners.

Say: The American Legion is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an American Legion representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
The Sons of The American Legion

• This arm of the American Legion was established in 1932. It is comprised of 325,000 boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion.

• Organized into Detachments (state) and Squadrons (local), The Sons of the American Legion support all programs of The American Legion.

Slide 4-8: The Sons of The American Legion

Content of this slide adapted from: www.legion.org

Materials Needed: Slides

 Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce The American Legion as one of those Partners.

Say: The American Legion is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an American Legion representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
The American Legion

How to connect:
• Through OMK State Team American Legion representative or OMK Project Coordinator
• Through local American Legion Posts
• Through the local American Legion Auxiliary Units
• Through the local Sons of The American Legion Squadron
• Through the OMK Management Team

For more information:
www.legion.org

Slide 4-9: The American Legion

Content of this slide adapted from: www.legion.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce The American Legion as one of those Partners.

Say: The American Legion is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an American Legion representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)

Mission:
To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Established:
1860—First Boys Club established
1906—Boys Clubs of America signed Public Law 988 of the 84th Congress of the United States, granting a Congressional Charter to Boys Clubs of America
1990—Renamed the Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Location:
Atlanta, GA (HQ)

Slide 4-10: Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)

Content of this slide adapted from: www.bgca.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce BGCA as one of those Partners.

Say: Boys & Girls Clubs of America is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one local Boys & Girls Club representative on the team. State Teams that do not include Boys & Girls Club representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)

Structure:
- 4,300 local clubs in 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and on U.S. Military bases.
- 50,000 trained professionals.
- 4.5 million youth served.
- Dedicated facilities, opened daily, professional staff, available and affordable to all youth.
- BGCA Headquarters in Atlanta, GA develops programs, curriculum, materials, training, and assists with funding. Local BGCAs operate autonomously.
- BGCA Region offices provide technical assistance to help communities establish local BGCAs, monitor membership compliance, and assist military youth programs.
- State Alliances are a group of local Boys & Girls Clubs who come together to lobby state government for funding.
- The National BGCA office in Atlanta has a dedicated military department.

Slide 4-11: Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)

Content of this slide adapted from: www.bgca.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce BGCA as one of those Partners.

Say: Boys & Girls Clubs of America is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one local Boys & Girls Club representative on the team. State Teams that do not include Boys & Girls Club representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)

Programs/Offerings:
- Audience: Children and youth ages 6–18
- Character and Leadership
- Education and Career
- Health and Life Skills
- Sports, Fitness, and Recreation
- Arts
- Special Initiatives: Mission Youth Outreach provides free membership to military youth

Slide 4-12: Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)

Content of this slide adapted from: www.bgca.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do:  • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce BGCA as one of those Partners.

Say:  Boys & Girls Clubs of America is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one local Boys & Girls Club representative on the team. State Teams that do not include Boys & Girls Club representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)

How to connect:
- Through OMK State Team BGC representative or OMK Project Coordinator
- Through military installation youth centers
- Through local BGC Chief Professional Officer
- Through the OMK Management Team

For more information:
www.bgca.org

Slide 4-13: Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)

Content of this slide adapted from: www.bgca.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce BGCA as one of those Partners.

Say: Boys & Girls Clubs of America is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one local Boys & Girls Club representative on the team. State Teams that do not include Boys & Girls Club representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

Mission:
Ensure quality educational experiences for all military children.

What We Do:
Form partnerships and provide for networking of military installations and their supporting school districts to address transition and other educational issues related to the military child. Membership is opened to military installations, their supporting schools, concerned organizations and caring individuals.

Established: Incorporated 1998
Location: Harker Heights, TX

Slide 4-14: Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

Content of this slide adapted from: www.militarychild.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce MCEC as one of those Partners.

Say: The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state education representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a state education representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

Structure:
- Board of Directors provides operational guidance and funding oversight.
- Paid staff develops and delivers curriculum, materials, and training.
- Volunteers provide administrative, logistic, and training support.

Slide 4-15: Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

Content of this slide adapted from: www.militarychild.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do:  • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce MCEC as one of those Partners.

Say:  The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state education representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a state education representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

Programs/Offerings:
- Audience: Adult school personnel and military staff working with schools.
- National Guard and Reserve Institute (GRI)
- Living in the New Normal (LINN)
- Transition Counselor Institute (TCI)
- Special Education Leaders Institute (SELI)
- Parent to Parent Cadre (PtoP)
- Tell Me A Story
- Student 2 Student (S2S)
- Junior Student 2 Student

Slide 4-16: Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

Content of this slide adapted from: www.militarychild.org

Materials Needed: Slides

 Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce MCEC as one of those Partners.

Say: The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state education representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a state education representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

How to connect:

• Through OMK State Team Stated Education representative or OMK Project Coordinator
• Through military Service School Liaison Officers on Installations or at Service Headquarters
• Through the OMK Management Team
• Military Child Education Coalition

For more information:
www.militarychild.org

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Slide 4-17: Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

Content of this slide adapted from: www.militarychild.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce MCEC as one of those Partners.

Say: The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one state education representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a state education representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Slide 4-18: National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRAA)

Content of this slide adapted from: www.naccra.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

**What to Do, What to Say**

*Do:*  • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce NACCRAA as one of those Partners.

*Say:*  NACCRAA is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one child care representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a Child Care representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
NACCRA

Structure and Programs:
• There are 788 independent Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) entities in the U.S.
• CCR&R provides the infrastructure for child care in their communities. They recruit providers, conduct needs assessments, provide training and technical assistance to child care providers.
• Most states’ system of child care services.

Slide 4-19: NACCRA

Content of this slide adapted from: www.naccrra.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce NACCRA as one of those Partners.

Say: NACCRA is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one child care representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a Child Care representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
NACCRA

How to connect:
- Through OMK State Team Child Care Agency representative or OMK Project Coordinator
- Through local Child Care Agencies/Programs/Networks
- Through the OMK Management Team

For more information:
www.naccra.org

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Slide 4-20: NACCRA

Content of this slide adapted from: www.naccra.org

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce NACCRA as one of those Partners.

Say: NACCRA is a National OMK Partner. Each State Team is required to have at least one child care representative on the team. State Teams that do not include a Child Care representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

Mission:
Support Readiness and Well-being of Families by reducing the conflict between military mission requirements and parental responsibility.

What We Do:
Provide child care, before and after school programs, youth recreation and supervision, optional/special programming and school transition support for children and youth ages 4 weeks–18 years old in Centers, homes, and partner spaces, on and off Installations worldwide.

Established: 1982
Location: Alexandria, VA
San Antonio, TX

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Slide 4-21: Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

Content of this slide adapted from: www.armyonesource.com

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services as one of those Partners.

Say: Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services is a National OMK Partner. In states with Army Installations, each State Team is required to have at least one Installation CYS representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an Installation CYS representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

Structure and Programs:
- Headquarters Department of Army CYS Services provides policy, guidance, interpretation, training and technical support, inspections, and central procurement; establishes national partnerships; oversees facility construction; manages special programs, e.g. Army Teen Panel.
- Programs on Installations include:
  - Child care: 100% accredited by NAEYC
    - Full day, part day and hourly care
    - Extended hours care
    - Respite child care
    - School readiness
  - School Age Services: 100% accredited by NAA
    - Before and after school programs, camps

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Slide 4-22: Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

Content of this slide adapted from: www.armyonesource.com

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services as one of those Partners.

Say: Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services is a National OMK Partner. In states with Army Installations, each State Team is required to have at least one Installation CYS representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an Installation CYS representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

Structure and Programs: (continued)

- Programs on Installations include:
  - Youth Programs: 100% DoD certified
    - Homework Centers
    - Computer lab
    - Workforce preparation
    - Youth Sponsorship Program
    - Youth Councils
  - Youth Sports & Fitness
    - Installations must offer 3 team sports, 2 individual sports, and provide gross motor development in young children during regular Center programming
  - Instructional Classes/Lessons
  - School Transition Support:
    - Liaison with local school personnel to resolve issues for military students
    - Support for home-schooled youth

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Slide 4-23: Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

Content of this slide adapted from: www.myarmyonesource.com

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do:  • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services as one of those Partners.

Say: Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services is a National OMK Partner. In states with Army Installations, each State Team is required to have at least one Installation CYS representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an Installation CYS representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

Structure and Programs: (continued)

- Programs on Installations include:
  - Outreach Support Services
    - Onsite child care during parent meetings/events
    - Central enrollment and registration
    - Mobilization and Contingency Operations Plan
    - Parent Support Programs
  - Community Based Programs: (outside the gates)
    - Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood
    - School Age Programs in Your Neighborhood
    - Youth Programs in Your Neighborhood
    - Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood
    - Operation: Military Child Care
    - Operation: Military Kids
- Character Education is integrated into all CYS Services Programming

Ready, Set, Go!

Slide 4-24: Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

Content of this slide adapted from: www.myarmyonesource.com

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

**Do:**
- Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services as one of those Partners.

**Say:**
- Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services is a National OMK Partner. In states with Army Installations, each State Team is required to have at least one Installation CYS representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an Installation CYS representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

How to connect:
- Through Installation Child, Youth & School Coordinators
- Through Installation School Liaison Officers
- Through 4-H/Army Youth Development Project (AYDP) Youth Development Specialists
- Through Army One Source (www.armyonesource.com)
- Through the OMK Management Team

For more information:
www.myarmyonesource.com/ChildYouthandSchoolServices/default.aspx

Slide 4-25: Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services

Content of this slide adapted from: www.myarmyonesource.com

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services as one of those Partners.

Say: Army Child, Youth & School (CYS) Services is a National OMK Partner. In states with Army Installations, each State Team is required to have at least one Installation CYS representative on the team. State Teams that do not include an Installation CYS representative may request assistance from their OMK Project Coordinator or the National OMK Management Team.
National Guard Child & Youth Program
Army & Air

Mission:
To promote and sustain the quality of life and resiliency of National Guard children and youth by providing secure, timely, flexible, high-quality support services and enrichment programs that encourage excellence through education, leadership, and community participation.

What We Do:
Provide youth programming, camps, and school liaison support for children and youth ages 5-18 years old in civilian communities across the 50 states, 3 territories, and the District of Columbia. Provide information and referral support regarding child care, before and after school programs, youth recreation and supervision, special programming (e.g., Yellow Ribbon) available through their respective Service to the National Guard Families with children and youth ages 0-18 years.

Established:  Location:  
2000 (NGB-FP, Joint Program)  Crystal City, VA  
2009 (NGB-SFSS, ARNG program)  Arlington, VA

Ready, Set, Go!

Slide 4-26: National Guard Child & Youth Program

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say: The National Guard Child & Youth program is currently being re-aligned to better meet the needs of our National Guard Families.
Slide 4-27: National Guard Child & Youth Program

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say: While ARNG Families are eligible to use installation-based Child & Youth programs and resources, the vast majority of our National Guard Families live geographically separated from an active duty installation. As such, civilian providers (for child care) and partnerships (for youth programs and volunteer support) are part of the team that serve National Guard Children & Youth. The National Guard State Youth Coordinator, under the direction of the State Family Program Director, facilitates these partnerships and plans and coordinates youth events, camps, and teen panels. The Army National Guard participates in the community-based child care and school-age care programs available through Army CYSS, and, in Joint Family Support Assistance Program (JFSAP) states, the State Family Program Director sits on the JFSAP council.
National Guard Child & Youth Program
Army & Air

Structure and Programs:
- Programs available to ARNG Families within the civilian community include:
  - Youth Programs: Availability of programs depends on the Army and National Guard youth program partners in the local community
    - State Teen Panel/Guard Teen Panel
    - Our Military Kids, Inc.
    - Tutor.com
    - Life, Inc.
    - National Science Center partnership
    - Participating YMCA programs
    - Participating Boys & Girls Clubs
    - Youth Camps
  - School Support Services
    - Liaison with local school personnel to educate them on deployment issues impacting military students

Slide 4-28: National Guard Child & Youth Program

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say: State Family Program Offices also coordinate with Yellow Ribbon staff to support deployment cycle events where Families will be in attendance.
Slide 4-29: National Guard Child & Youth Program

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

**What to Do, What to Say**

*Say:* State Family Program Offices are responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing child and youth events/activities within the National Guard. The State Youth Coordinator is the main POC, but information can also be obtained from the State Family Program office or from Family Assistance Center Coordinators. A list of these personnel can be found at www.guardfamily.org.
Army Reserve Child, Youth & School Services

Mission:
To support the readiness and well-being of Families by reducing the conflict between military mission requirements and parental responsibilities.

What We Do:
AR CYSS fulfills this mission by addressing the child care, youth development, and school support needs through community based programs. AR CYSS provides Soldiers and Families with updated information on services available to them in their own communities, creates activities that are relevant to today’s Army Reserve youth, and educates the community about military youths’ unique needs.

Headquarters:
Atlanta, GA

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Slide 4-30: Army Reserve Child, Youth & School Services

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review contents of slide

Say: You saw earlier that the largest group of AR youth are under the age of five. As we continue to learn about the strategic partnerships that form the OMK State Teams, this demographic demonstrates the importance of including your state CCR&C professionals in your planning. Over half of AR youth are school age: 56%. These are youth that could participate in the programs offered by OMK, as well as those who may need support in their academic environment.
Slide 4-31: Strategies for Working with the Army Reserve CYSS

Content of this slide adapted from: Army Reserve CYSS Website:
http://www.arfp.org/skins/cys/cys_home.aspx

Materials Needed: N/A

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do: • Review contents of slide

Say: The ARTP allows teens an opportunity to develop effective strategies and implement solutions for issues they face as military youth. One of the goals of the ARTP is to increase and improve communication between Army Reserve (AR) teens and AR leadership. Some of ARTP accomplishments include, developing and hosting the launch the AR CYSS web portal during their September 2006 meeting, creating and presenting care packages for youth of deployed units, and redesigning Talkin’ Back, the ARTP Newsletter.

The YLEAD Summit seeks to empower young people to further develop their leadership skills. Army Reserve youth serve as participants from communities
throughout their region, participate in a wide range of activities and learning experiences during the four day Youth Leadership Forum.

The YLEAD curriculum includes training on and development of:

- Life goals
- Leadership skills
- Social skills
- Self-esteem.

Participants benefit from sharing the experience of an energetic and socially enriched environment with other delegates, distinguished guests, mentors and highly motivated volunteer staff.

Classes for Teens Army Reserve Child, Youth and School Services has developed online classes for teens. Each class is taught by CYSS staff over the telephone – all you have to do is register online and then call in at the scheduled time.

The Teen Deployment Class was developed to help you better understand what to expect during a deployment. If you have a parent, sibling, aunt or friend who is preparing for deployment, is currently deployed, or has returned home after deployment – this class is for you! Learn tips for managing stress, understand how deployment may affect your Family and about the programs available for you.

The primary goal of the Army Reserve Enrichment Camps is to provide a fun and rewarding experience for Army Reserve youth ages 8-15 years. We have developed a partnership with accredited camps and national youth organizations to make this unique opportunity possible.
Strategies for Working with the Army Reserve CYSS

- AR CYSS Regional Coordinator—main contact person
- Include AR CYSS in planning and implementation
- Connect with Family Programs staff in the state/region
- Become familiar with the needs of AR Families
- Support unit/command activities
- Provide AR Staff with marketing materials for distribution to AR Families
- Web site: www.arfp.org

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Slide 4-32: Strategies for Working with the Army Reserve CYSS

Content of this slide adapted from: N/A
Materials Needed: N/A
Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say:
Air Force Services

Mission:
Provide support to the families of Active Duty, Air National Guard (ANG), Air Force Reserve (AFR), and geographically dispersed service members to ensure mission readiness.

What We Do:
Offer readily available, quality and affordable child care, school-age, and teen programs in a variety of settings using traditional, nontraditional, and outreach methods to meet the Air Force family and community needs. A diverse array of approaches to provide Airmen and their families the support needed are available.

Location:
Arlington, VA

Slide 4-33: Air Force Services

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say: Airmen must balance the competing demands of parenting and military service, particularly challenging in today’s environment of higher operations tempo, increased mobilization, and longer periods of time away from home. The Air Force is committed to serving Airmen and their families by providing robust child and youth programs wherever the service member resides.
Air Force Services

Structure and Programs:
- Child Care Programs on Air Force Bases include:
  - Child Development Centers (CDCs)
    - Full day, part day, hourly care
    - Expanded Duty Care Programs
    - Air Force Aid Child Care Programs
  - Family Child Care (FCC) Homes
    - Full day, part day, hourly care
    - Respite programs
    - Mildly ill care
    - FCC Subsidy

Slide 4-34: Air Force Services

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say: The Military Child Care Act, DoD policy, and Air Force policy require programs to provide Quality, Available, and Affordable child care spaces that comply with standards designed to protect the health and safety of children and ensure that the care received helps them develop the attitudes and skills related to success as adults.

Air Force Family Child Care (FCC) Subsidy Program currently saves families an average of $143 per month by allowing parents to utilize an FCC home and pay the same weekly fee they would be charged for child care in the Child Development Center or School-Age Program.
Air Force Services

Structure and Programs:
- Youth Programs on Air Force Bases include:
  - School Age Programs (SAPs) housed in Youth Centers
    - Year round before and after school care
    - Seasonal camps—residential, full day, part day
    - Care on school holidays
    - Youth sports and fitness
    - Instructional classes
  - Activities offered in the five core program areas
    - Character and leadership development
    - The Arts
    - Health & Life Skills
    - Youth Sports, Fitness, & Recreation
    - Education & Career Development
- AF Services National Youth Partners include:
  - Boys & Girls Clubs of America
  - USDA/4-H
  - National Alliance for Youth Sports
  - National Afterschool Association

Slide 4-35: Air Force Services

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say: The Air Force operates 82 Youth Programs AF-wide and serves 68,000 youth on all major bases. School aged child care supports employed parents of youth aged 6-12 years and helps youth transition from base to base, military life to civilian life, or high school to post-high school.

AF Services partners with national serving agencies to provide a wide range of program and services for youth and families in the Air Force five core program areas.
**Slide 4-36: Air Force Services**

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

**What to Do, What to Say**

*Say:* Air Force Youth Programs include a variety of opportunities and activities for teens that help develop life skills and promote positive learning experiences for use in adulthood. Some unique opportunities include:

*The Congressional Award program is a national program that recognizes young adults (14-23 years of age) for setting and achieving individual goals in four areas: voluntary public service, physical fitness, expedition/exploration, and personal development.*
Say: Air Force Youth of the Year is a recognition program administered by Air Force Services in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (B&GCA). The Air Force Youth of the Year program recognizes youth’s outstanding contributions to a member’s family, school, community, and youth center, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome.

Air Force Aid Society funds a youth employment program called Youth Employment Skills (YES). Youth are able to “bank” funds (up to $1,000 scholarships) toward post-high school education by doing community service.

The Air Force Youth Camping Program offers a variety of summer camp opportunities that appeal to the varied interests of the youth.
Air Force Services

- Additional service programs to support AF Families include:
  - Expanded Duty Care Programs
  - Returning Home Care (RHC) Program
  - Missile Care program
  - Air Force Mildly Ill Family Child Care (MIFCC) Program
  - Air Force Home Community Care (HCC) Program
- Child and Youth Outreach Program
  - Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood
  - Mission Youth Outreach
- Air Force Aid Society Programs
  - Supplemental Child Care Programs
  - PCS Child Care
  - Give Parents a Break
  - Child Care for Volunteers
- For more information:
  http://public.afsr.net/FMP/

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Slide 4-37: Air Force Services

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say:  Child and Youth Outreach Program usage continues to grow. Air Force partners with national agencies to serve the Total Force and Airmen and their families where they need care the most.
Slide 4-38: Air Force Reserve Child & Youth Programs

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

**What to Do, What to Say**

**Say:** Air Force Reserve Child and Youth Programs’ goal is to reach our youth who do not live within reasonable distance to a military installation and provide them with needed programs and services, as well as provide them with opportunities to develop a connection to the Air Force community. To serve as advocates for AF Reserve families in active duty locations to ensure their needs are identified and met.
Air Force Reserve Child & Youth Programs

- Structure and Programs: Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Child and Youth Programs provides policy guidance and interpretation, training and technical support, and central procurement; actively collaborates with and expands on national partnerships; manages special programs. Staff includes 4-H Youth Programs Specialist.

- Programs include:
  - AF Home Community Care Program
    - Free childcare during drill weekends provided in civilian family child care homes
    - At active duty bases, care provided in AF Family Child Care Homes
  - AF Returning Home Care
    - Free childcare following deployment provided in civilian family child care homes
    - At active duty bases, care provided in AF Family Child Care Homes
  - Child Care–NACCRRRA Partnerships
    - Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood
    - Operation: Military Child Care
    - Child Care Assistance for Families of Severely Injured Military Members

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**Slide 4-39: Air Force Reserve Child & Youth Programs**

Content of this slide adapted from:

**Materials Needed:** Slides

**Trainer Tips:** N/A

**What to Do, What to Say**

**Say:**
Air Force Reserve Child & Youth Programs

- Programs include: (continued)
  - Youth Camps
    - Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summit
    - Air Force Teen Aviation Camp
    - Air Force Space Camp
    - Operation Purple Camps
  - Youth Initiatives
    - MISSION: Youth Outreach
      - Free membership at local Boys & Girls Clubs of America
    - America’s Fun Run
    - Our Military Kids
      - Provides grants to children of deployed and severely injured Guard and Reserve members for enrichment activities and tutoring
    - The First Tee (coming in FY2010)
      - An initiative of the World Golf Foundation to impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf

Slide 4-40: Air Force Reserve Child & Youth Programs

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say: Air Force Reserve families are located throughout the country. While some are located at active duty bases, many are geographically displaced from military installations. Reservists who live near installations can take advantage of all child/youth programs offered on base. Our job at HQ AF Reserve Command is to ensure those displaced Reserve families are getting the programs and services they need (reference the above listed programs).
Air Force Reserve Child & Youth Programs

- Programs include: (continued)
  - Cooperative Extension
    - Connecting youth and families to the endless opportunities available through Cooperative Extension programs in their local community, with emphasis on 4-H and Family and Consumer Science
  - Yellow Ribbon Program
    - Congressionally mandated deployment support programs for Reserve and Guard members and their families

Slide 4-41: Air Force Reserve Child & Youth Programs

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say:  The Yellow Ribbon is a critical program. Yellow Ribbon events occur throughout the year, mostly in civilian locations. The State OMK Teams are invaluable in providing support for youth during these events.
Air Force Reserve Child & Youth Programs

How to connect:
- Through HQ AF Reserve Child and Youth Programs Staff
  - Stacey Young
  - Brandi Mullins
- Through AF Reserve Installation Airman and Family Readiness Directors
- Through AF Reserve Installation Force Support Squadron Commanders

Slide 4-42: Air Force Reserve Child & Youth Programs

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say: The HQ AF Reserve child and youth programs staff can provide the best contacts for individual units throughout the country; however, at our stand alone AF Reserve installations, the Airman and Family Readiness Director and Force Support Squadron can also provide information.
Marine Corps Children, Youth & Teen Programs

Mission:
Children, Youth and Teen Programs support the quality of life for Marine Corps families by providing responsive, affordable, progressive, and developmentally appropriate care and services.

What We Do:
Provide services through Child Development Centers (CDCs), Family Child Care (FCC) homes, School-Age Care (SAC), and Youth and Teen Centers, Resource and Referral (R&R), Extended Enhanced Child Care (EECC), and Outreach Partnerships

Location:
Quantico, VA

Slide 4-43: Marines

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say:
Marine Corps Children, Youth & Teen Programs

Structure and Programs:

- Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) Children, Youth and Teen Programs (CYTP) is the policy oversight and resource office. We conduct inspections, provide guidance and interpretation, training, technical support, establish national partnerships, and manage special projects and programs.

Programs on installations include:

- Child Development Centers and Family Child Care Homes
  - Full day, part day, and hourly care
  - Extended enhanced child care
- School Age Care
  - Before and after school programs
  - Summer, Spring, Winter, and Inter-session Camps

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Slide 4-44: Marines

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say:
Marine Corps CYTP

Programs on installations include (continued):

- Youth and Teen Centers
  - 5 Core Area concepts
    - Character and leadership
    - Health and life skills
    - Sports, fitness, and recreation
  - Self-directed and directed programs and activities
  - Special events
- Resource and Referral
  - Central enrollment and registration
  - Short Term Alternative Child Care (STACC)
    - Onsite child care during parent meetings/events
  - Parent support programs

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Slide 4-45: Marines

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say:
Marine Corps CYTP

Programs on installations include (continued):

- Community Based Programs (outside the gates)
  - Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN)
  - San Diego Quality Improvement Project (QIP)
  - Operation Military Child Care (OMCC)
  - Deployed Respite Child Care (DRCC)
  - Wounded, Ill, or Injured Marine Program
  - Mission Youth Outreach (MYO)

- All CYTP Programs are 100% DoD certified

Slide 4-46: Marines

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say:
Marine Corps CYTP

How to connect:
• Through Installation Children, Youth and Teen Administrators
• Through Installation School Liaison and Family Readiness Officers
• Through Military One Source (www.militaryonesource.com)
• Through Marine Corps Community Services (http://www.usmc-mccs.org/)
• Through Marine Forces Reserve Units (MARFORRES) (http://www.marforres.usmc.mil/)

For more information:
www.militaryonesource.com

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Slide 4-47: Marines

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say:
Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP)

Mission:
Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) provide developmental child care and youth recreational programs and services for eligible children and youth ages 4 weeks to 18 years of age. Programs and services are specifically designed and operated to meet the unique needs of the military mission and Service members and their families.

Location:
Washington D.C.
Millington, TN

Slide 4-48: Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP)

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Do:  • Review the OMK National Partners. Introduce Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) as one of those Partners.

Say:  Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) is a National OMK Partner. In states with Navy Installations, each State Team is required to have at least one Navy School Liaison Officer. State Teams that do not include a School Liaison Officer representative may request assistance from the appropriate Region Navy School Liaison Officer.
Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP)

Programs:

- Child Development Centers (CDC) provide full and part day child care for ages 6 weeks to 5 years of age
- Child Development Homes (CDH) provide full and part day and night and weekend child care for ages 4 weeks to 12 years of age
- School-age Care (SAC) provides before and after school and day camps for ages 6 years to 12 years of age
- Youth and Teen Programs provide sports programs, leisure classes, youth internet labs, and teen programs for ages 6 years to 18 years of age
- Child and Youth Education Services helps “level the playing field” for transitioning students, prepares schools and installations to respond confidently to the complexities of transition and deployment while provide families the assurance that their children’s academic well being is a Navy priority
- Community Child and Youth Services (CCYS) providing families off-installation CYP opportunities

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Slide 4-49: Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP)

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say:
Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP)

Structure:
Our guiding principles and our commitment to the members of the uniformed services:

- **Accessibility.** We support our Service members and families with 227 facilities and 3,000 Child Development Homes world-wide and accredited commercial partnership spaces throughout the continental United States.

- **Affordability.** We are committed to the economic viability of military families. We offer affordable care based on household income.

- **Quality.** Navy Child and Youth programs are among the highest quality in the nation. Navy CDCs are accredited with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our CDH providers are certified by the DOD, applicable state licensing agencies, and are currently accrediting with the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). Navy before and after school programs are currently accrediting with the National AfterSchool Alliance (NAA). And, our Youth programs are affiliated with the 4-A and 4-H.

- **Eligibility.** Developmental child care and youth recreational programs are available to all active duty military, activated reservists, and guardsmen, DoD civilian personnel and DoD contractors. Youth recreational programs are also available to military retirees and DoD civilian retirees.

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Slide 4-50: Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP)

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

**What to Do, What to Say**

**Say:**
Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP)

How to connect:
- Through Installation Child, Youth & Programs Resource & Referral
- Through Installation School Liaison Officers
- Through the OMK Management Team

www.cnic.navy.mil/cyp

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Slide 4-51: Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP)

Content of this slide adapted from:

Materials Needed: Slides

Trainer Tips: N/A

What to Do, What to Say

Say: