

Success at a Glance

“Military families have done their duty and we, as a grateful nation, must do ours. We must do everything in our power to honor them by supporting, not just by word but by deed.”

- First Lady Michelle Obama, 2009

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on the academic and school-related needs of the military-connected child. Addressing the transition and other educational challenges faced by the military child, the MCEC serves as an incubator of innovative approaches, a conduit of promising practices, and an information source for organizations, educators, and parents. Toward this end, the MCEC performs research, develops resources, sponsors professional institutes, conducts conferences, and publishes information for all constituencies. Just as our brave men and women of the U.S. Military serve our nation, the MCEC strives every day to serve them by taking care of their most prized possessions: their children.

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On average, 96 cents of every MCEC dollar is used directly for military-connected kids.

“This is my fifth year as chairman and I’m proud of the growth, proud of the difference that MCEC has made for children of all services... we’re growing by leaps and bounds because what we’re doing is right, it’s good. There are needs being met; we’re changing young people’s lives and making them better.”

General Schwartz
Military Child Education Coalition Chairman, 2004 to present

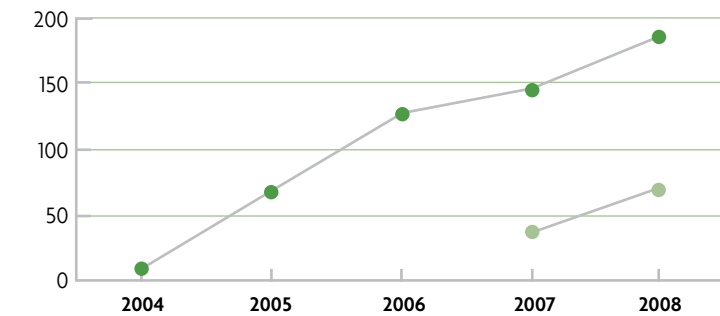
The Military Child Education Coalition supports military children, youth, and their parents with services and initiatives.

(Find the complete report on page 16.)

- Student 2 Student (S2S)
- Junior Student 2 Student (JS2S)
- Parent to Parent
- Tell Me A Story (TMAS)
- tell me a story for young children (tmas-fyc)

S2S AND JS2S GROWTH

	S2S	JS2S
2004	6	
2005	68	
2006	126	
2007	146	37
2008	185	71



PARENT TO PARENT, TMAS, AND tmas-fyc (EVENTS/ATTENDEES)

	2005 Events Attendees	2006 Events Attendees	2007 Events Attendees	2008 Events Attendees	Total Events Attendees
Parent to Parent		649 4,209	1,334 13,511	1,248 17,209	3,231 34,929
Tell Me A Story	2 353	12 1,449	29 2,958	38 4,169	82 8,929
tell me a story for young children			5 295	8 467	13 762

The MCEC supports the professional communities that serve military families through our Professional Development institutes.

(Find the complete report on page 26.)

- Transition Counselor Institute (TCI)
- Special Education Leaders Institute (SELI)
- Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserves Institute (GRI)

NUMBER OF PROFESSIONALS TRAINED, BY INSTITUTE, BY YEAR

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
TCI	25	104	240	635	412	915	1324	808	558	5021
TCI II		16		78	113	271	355	168	165	1166
TCI III				11	17	26	94	61	106	315
SELI I					45	62	202	143	108	560
SELI II							15		24	39
GRI					24	269	876	684	578	2431
Totals	25	120	240	724	611	1543	2866	1864	1539	9532



The MCEC supports military-connected children through trauma and loss.

(Find the complete report on page 34.)

- Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Institute
- Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Practicum
- Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Public Engagement

NUMBER OF PROFESSIONALS TRAINED, BY INSTITUTE, BY YEAR

	2007 Events Attendees	2008 Events Attendees	Total Events Attendees
LINN Institute	2 90	21 840	23 930
LINN Practicum		2 96	2 96
LINN Public Engagement	3 300	2 200	5 500

The MCEC maintains a high standard of educational excellence and the MCEC is endorsed by highly respected accrediting agencies.

(Find the complete report on page 42.)

The MCEC has been approved as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education Training (IACET), 8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800, McLean, VA 22102. Furthermore, the MCEC is a National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) and may offer NBCC approved clock hours for events that meet NBCC requirements. The MCEC is solely responsible for all aspects of the program. To receive the MCEC CEUs, participants are required to complete the CEU Application during the training event.

Twelve (12) clock hours are required for each 1.2 credits. For CEU credit, participants are required to attend 95% of the training institute and fill out an end of course evaluation.

Accreditation



International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET)



National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners (TSBSWE)



The MCEC recognizes the amazing accomplishments of those we serve with different award programs. (Find the complete report on page 46.)

- Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp Scholarship
- Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program
- LTG (Ret) H.G. "Pete" Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award
- Call for the Arts contest

The Military Child Education Coalition provides direct support through technology tools. (Find the complete report on page 56.)

- The MCEC website www.MilitaryChild.org, plus the helpful resources provided there:
 - ~ Education Resource Center
 - ~ Aunt Peggie
 - ~ SchoolQuest (www.SchoolQuest.org)

The MCEC also engages in social media through a blog (www.voiceforthemilitarychild.org), video and interview display (www.youtube.com/MilitaryChild), constant communication (www.twitter.com/MilitaryChild), and through a social network, (FaceBook.com "Military Child Education Coalition").

The MCEC researches ways to better support military children.

(Find the complete report on page 60.)

- The U.S. Army Secondary Education Transition Study (SETS) (2001)
- "What Transitioning Military Families with Children who have Special Needs Currently Experience" (2005) and "What Transitioning Military Families with Children who have Special Needs Currently Experience: Communication and Continuity of Care" (2009) - both studies for the U.S. Army Family & Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command
- U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) School Transition Study (2004)
- Post-Hurricane Katrina Education School Site Review for the U.S. Navy (2006)
- "Pre-K for Military Families: Honoring Service, Educating Children," for Pre-K Now (2007) www.preknow.org
- Ongoing Research



The MCEC provides direct support through publications.

(Find the complete report on page 64.)

MCEC publications include booklets and texts specifically designed for students, parents, teachers, counselors, legislators, and communities, and all celebrating military-connected children through their artwork. These items can all be found in the MCEC bookstore, store.MilitaryChild.org.

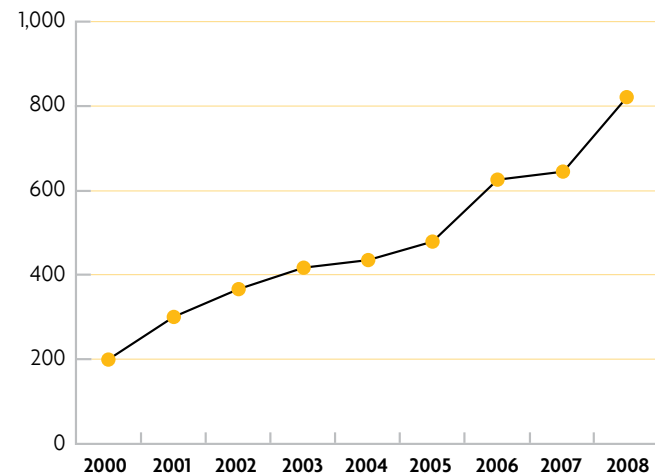
The MCEC community learns together at the MCEC's Annual Conference.

(Find the complete report on page 70.)

The MCEC's Annual Conference is held at different locations across the nation, and has increased in attendance every year. Programs and speakers offered have grown to meet the needs of the educators, members of the military, and the military-connected parents who attend the conference.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

2000	200
2001	305
2002	365
2003	410
2004	438
2005	484
2006	619
2007	642
2008	815



The MCEC values the membership family. (Find the complete report on page 74.)

Members not only help to continue the mission of ensuring quality educational experiences for all military children, but also gain access to a bounty of resources, research, and professional development. Members include all of the U.S. service branches.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008



The MCEC is proud of its fiscal history. (Find the complete report on page 108.)

FUNDING FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES THROUGH THE YEARS

1999	\$ 43,501.00
2000	\$ 226,501.00
2001	\$ 401,556.00
2002	\$ 668,835.00
2003	\$ 464,975.00
2004	\$ 700,554.00
2005	\$ 1,028,817.00
2006	\$ 1,363,819.00
2007	\$ 1,643,116.00
2008	\$ 1,953,927.00

