

## Partnering with the Military

## Services and the DoD



The needs of military children are best met through the partnerships that are focused on common goals; partnerships that share a vision; partnerships that meld talents and resources into a productive path that leads to mission success.

The Military Child Education Coalition is extremely proud of a decade of partnership with the Department of Defense, and the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard. Working together, collaborations have been made to find solutions to the ever evolving challenges that result from an ever increasingly complex world.

This team of partnerships has seen many successes, but the MCEC acknowledges the continuing challenges and commits to finding solutions. The Service partners that have supported the MCEC's innovation in creating programs, institutes, and other venues designed to train enablers to understand the issues children face through frequent transition, separations, and parental deployments. And, together, all have helped military children find opportunities to succeed.

The MCEC is grateful to our Service and DoD partners, their child, youth and family programs, and the many individuals that have stepped forward to support our joint endeavors. This report captures the successes of ten years in partnership. And, together, these partners and the MCEC pledge to continue the diligent work necessary to erase the challenges that face our wonderful military-connected children.

*“Our families are always in transition, and the MCEC is our wingman, helping provide military children with the best education and environment possible.”*

Colonel Stephen Wilson  
USAF, 2005



## Partnering with the Military Services and the Department of Defense

### Contract Opportunities to Extend and Deepen Services to Children

The MCEC is deeply grateful to our partners for the wonderful opportunities that have resulted from the funding available through contracts.

Funded by the Office of the Secretary of Defense contracts received since 2000, military leaders, family support teams, educators, military parents, and children have received the following training, resources, and support:

- Connect with America on Education Round Table Forums
  - ~ San Antonio, Texas - 2000
  - ~ Savannah, Georgia - 2001
  - ~ San Diego, California - 2001
  - ~ Olympia, Washington - 2002
- The MCEC's Student 2 Student
- The MCEC's Chart Your Course series - CD, Academic Passport, Road Map, and Preparing for the Journey

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**Over half of the nearly two million children of Active Duty Military are seven years or younger. Nearly 150,000 are between 15-18.**

Funded by the Office of the Secretary of Defense contracts received since 2008 for the Joint Family Support Assistance Program (JFSAP), the MCEC provided the following MCEC training:

- The MCEC's Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserves Institutes
- The MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Institutes
- The MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Practicum
- The MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Public Engagements



Funded by U.S. Army contracts received since 1999, the U.S. Army has received the following research and support:

- U.S. Army Secondary Education Transition Study
- U.S. Army Secondary Education Transition Study Memorandum of Agreements
- U.S. Army Education Summits (2005 and 2008)
- U.S. Army School Transition Booklets - updated and reprinted four times
- U.S. Army Special Needs Research report
- U.S. Army School Liaison Officer logistics support for annual pre-conference training
- U.S. Army School Transition Specialist training
- U.S. Army Garrison Commanders and Superintendent's Handbook

*“The partnership between Department of the Army and the MCEC represents the unwavering commitment they make to ensure transition challenges are minimized. Their efforts reflect a true and enduring partnership in support of military children.”*

**Van Chaney**  
 HQ Army Child, Youth and School Services School Liaison Program Specialist

Funded by U.S. Army contracts received since 2000, the U.S. Army has received the following MCEC resources, training, and support:

- The MCEC's Transition Counselor Institutes - Phase I, II, and III
- The MCEC's Special Education Leaders Institute - Phase I and II
- The MCEC's Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserves Institutes
- The MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Institutes
- The MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Practicum
- The MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Public Engagements
- The MCEC's Parent to Parent cadre teams
- The MCEC's Student 2 Student



- The MCEC's Junior Student 2 Student
- The MCEC's SchoolQuest - accelerated data inclusion
- The MCEC's Growing, Learning, and Understanding literacy kits
- The MCEC's Chart Your Course resource series - CD, Academic Passport, and Road Maps
- Additional MCEC Resources and Publications

Funded by U.S. Navy contracts received since 2008, U.S. Navy has received the following MCEC training:

- The MCEC's Student 2 Student

Partially funded by U.S. Marine Corps contracts since 2007, the U.S. Marine Corps has received the following MCEC training:

- The MCEC's Transition Counselor Institutes - Phase I and II
- The MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss Institutes

*“The Air Force partnership with the MCEC provides invaluable professional and proactive resources for staff members at our installations and major commands throughout the world. These resources help address military child education issues as well as provide outstanding referral information to the parents and families of our military students. The MCEC publications, training institutes, annual conferences/training and web-based programs – such as Ask Aunt Peggie and SchoolQuest – have significantly advanced Air Force support of military child education in the last 10 years.”*

**Lorraine Neuser**

Deputy Chief, Airman and Family Readiness Policy, AF



As of December 2008, the MCEC has funded and provided professional development training and resources to each of the Military Services and their surrounding school districts. The MCEC has funded the following:

- 202 of the MCEC's Transition Counselor Institutes (TCI)
- 37 of the MCEC's Special Education Leaders Institutes (SELI)
- 36 of the MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children Through Trauma and Loss Institute
- 5 of the MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children Through Trauma and Loss Public Engagement
- 1 of the MCEC's Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children Through Trauma and Loss Practicum
- 279 of the MCEC's Supporting Children & Families of the National Guard & Reserves Institute
- 57 of the MCEC's Parent Initiatives
- 29 of the MCEC's Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program Attendee
- 101 of the MCEC's Student 2 Student (S2S) programs
- 15 of the MCEC's Junior Student 2 Student (JS2S) programs
- 23 Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Outstanding Awards
- 77 Tell Me A Story events
- 30 Senior Spouse Seminar participants to the MCEC Annual Conference

The MCEC resources provided to each of the services include:

- Getting Your Ducklings in a Row: Kindergarten and Grade 1 Eligibility and Vaccinations Requirements
- Chart Your Course: Planning a Successful Journey through High School and Beyond set: Academic Passport, Roadmap to Success, and interactive CD-ROM
- Chart Your Course: Preparing for the Journey - Birth through Second Grade
- How to Prepare your Children and Stay Involved in Their Education During Deployment
- How Communities Can Support the Children and Families of Those Serving in the National Guard and Reserves
- The Military Parent's Guide to No Child Left Behind

