

Supporting **Veterans' Children** through **Transitions**



One-day course for **youth-serving educators, professionals, and parents**. Learn more about unique **transition issues** children face when their parents separate from the military.



Learning Objectives:

- ▶ **Explore** the academic and social-emotional implications for children and youth when their parents voluntarily or involuntarily transition from the military to civilian life.
- ▶ **Identify** needs for children and youth whose military-connected parents have died, been wounded, or have combat-related illnesses.
- ▶ **Discover** resources and integrate positive strategies to support Veterans' children.

Course Length

This course includes **6 clock hours** of instruction and interactive work time, exclusive of breaks and lunch.

Participants who complete this course are eligible for **6 clock hours of Continuing Education Credits (CEUs)**.

Participants receive the following resources during training:

- *Making Hope Happen: Create the Future You Want for Yourself and Others* by Shane J. Lopez
- *Start Where You Are: A Journal for Self-Exploration* by Meera Lee Patel
- *Grief Support for Military Children: A Guide for School Personnel from Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)*
- "Changes" Growing, Learning, Understanding Kit

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The Military Child Education Coalition® solely exists to help the military and veteran-connected child thrive in the face of transition and separation.

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Participants agreed the course:

Prepared individuals to support children of the transitioning Veteran.



Identified stressors of transitioning Veterans' families



Supplied relevant information providing useful strategies and suggestions to support children of the ill, injured, or wounded.



“MCEC trainers are to be commended for their detail to excellence.”

- Military Family Engagement Specialist

Overall Impact of Training - Before and After Comparisons

Professional Insight



Understanding of the Issues



Personal Insight



Access to Resources



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“I learned so much from the class. I went in knowing hardly anything except to be sensitive to Veterans' children. The books provided were so helpful and new to me. This class really made me aware of the different types of situations that can turn someone from being active military to being a Veteran. I also now know that we don't take care of everyone after they have served our country, and I think that's part of what makes this class relevant for everyone to take, not just people working with Veterans or their children.”

- Community Representative

Percentage of participants who reported the curriculum addressed the following components:

