



New

Professional Development Certification Program

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas Receive Seal of Excellence

MCEC announces a new Professional Development Certification Program to assist with the identification and response to the complex needs of military and veteran-connected children.

The program offers a systematic approach to professional development through research-driven strategies addressing the academic, social, and emotional needs of the child. The program consists of three levels of certification: bronze, silver, and gold, which represent increasingly advanced thresholds for professional development.

Jon Charles, Chief Personnel Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America – Central Texas (B&GC-CT), has been instrumental in the professional development of the Central Texas chapter. Charles and his team recently became the first recipients of the MCEC Professional Development Certification Program, meeting all the requirements and guiding principles to receive the Bronze level certification.



student 2 student

A Military Child Education Coalition® Initiative

Junior Student 2 Student Alumni Furthers Professional Development with MCEC Programs

If you ever wondered about MCEC programs, just ask 21-year-old, jS2S alumni, Tanny Ogunby. As a child, Tanny participated in the *Junior Student 2 Student*® program at Palo Alto Middle School in Killeen, Texas. As an adult and employee of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Tanny continues to expand her knowledge of military and veteran-connected kids through MCEC's professional development programs.

Tanny grew up as a military child with both her mother and stepfather serving in the Army. Attending almost 15 schools by the 5th grade, Tanny was well aware of what it felt like to be the new kid. When she arrived at Palo Vista she was so grateful for the students in the jS2S program for making her feel welcome that she knew she wanted to be a part of the program. Her biggest takeaway from jS2S was being able to be a friend to a stranger.

“At the Boys and Girls Club there are so many military kids and I want to learn how to better support them. Being a military kid and truly understanding how to cater to one, is completely different. I cater to middle school students who go through some of the most drastic changes. I want to help them understand what they're going through and prepare them for the future,” said Tanny Ogunby, who participated in the Supporting Military Children through School Transitions professional development course.

MCEC is glad to be a part of motivating people of all ages!

