CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Sponsorship

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Did you recently receive PCS orders and have a middle and high school child that's worried about moving? Maybe you've heard them wonder:

Who will my new friends be?
What will my new school look like?
What activities/sports are available?
Will I fit in?
What are the other kids wearing?

The Youth Sponsorship Program connects your child to another youth in the new community to answer these questions and so much more.

Why should my child request a sponsor? A sponsor:

- Allows your child to **get to know their community before they arrive.**
- Provides them with someone who can **show them the ropes** in their new community.
- Helps reduce social isolation, leading to a **healthier transition** with reduced stress and at-risk behaviors.
- Gives youth a **youth perspective** on their new community and school.
- Allows you to focus on other aspects of transition, knowing that your child's needs are being met.

What does the Youth Sponsorship Program provide for my child?

- Their sponsor will provide them a **welcome packet and information** about their new community before they arrive.
- Upon arrival their sponsor will arrange for them to have a **tour of the community** and, once you know which school they will be attending, **provide information about the school** and arrange for a tour there as well.
- Various activities and events will help your child **meet new people, learn about their school and community, and expose them to various activities and events.**

How do I get a sponsor assigned to my child?

- Once you receive PCS orders contact your School Liaison Officer.

What is a Youth Sponsor?

Youth Sponsors are at both the youth center and the school and provide information about the community and school to their sponsee via welcome packets, e-mail, and face-to-face communication

- Youth Sponsors **ensure their assigned sponsees have the right information** to help them learn about their community and school and connect to other youth who have similar interests.
- They plan events that help transitioning youth feel more **connected to their community.**
- They are **leaders** in their school and community.

Why Should my Child Become a Youth Sponsor?

- **Builds a sense of belonging** in their community and to **give back to others**
- Teaches new **coping and resilience strategies** that can assist your child when they transition
- Builds **leadership** experience
- Provides opportunities for **service learning hours**
- Offers opportunities to **participate** in training and programs with other youth across the community
- Provides **adult mentorship**
- **Inspires** youth to be an active part of their community

How can my child become a Youth Sponsor? ***Contact your School Liaison Officer:*** *usarmy.daegu.imcom-fmwrc.mbx.slo@mail.mil*

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