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**Leveling the Playing Field for Military
Connected Students**

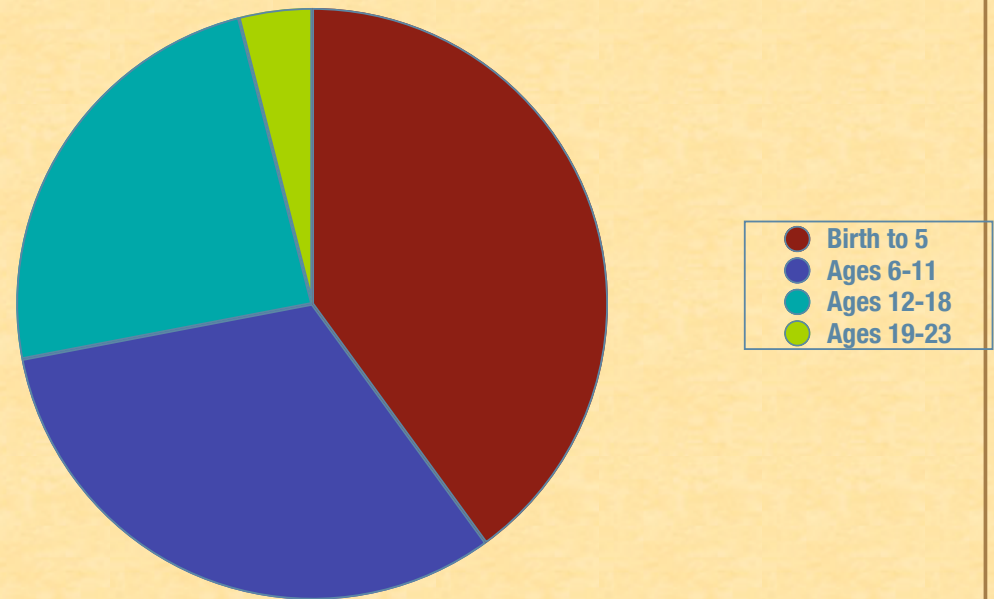
DISCUSSION POINTS

- Who do we serve?
- What is deployment?
- What have we learned?
- What are the challenges?
- What do we know about teaching and learning?
- What are the implications?
- Where can we get more information?



WHO DO WE SERVE?

- 1.4 MILLION ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS
- 700,000+ spouses
- 1.2 million children
- 40% birth to 5
- 32% ages 6-11
- 24% ages 12-18
- 4% ages 19-23

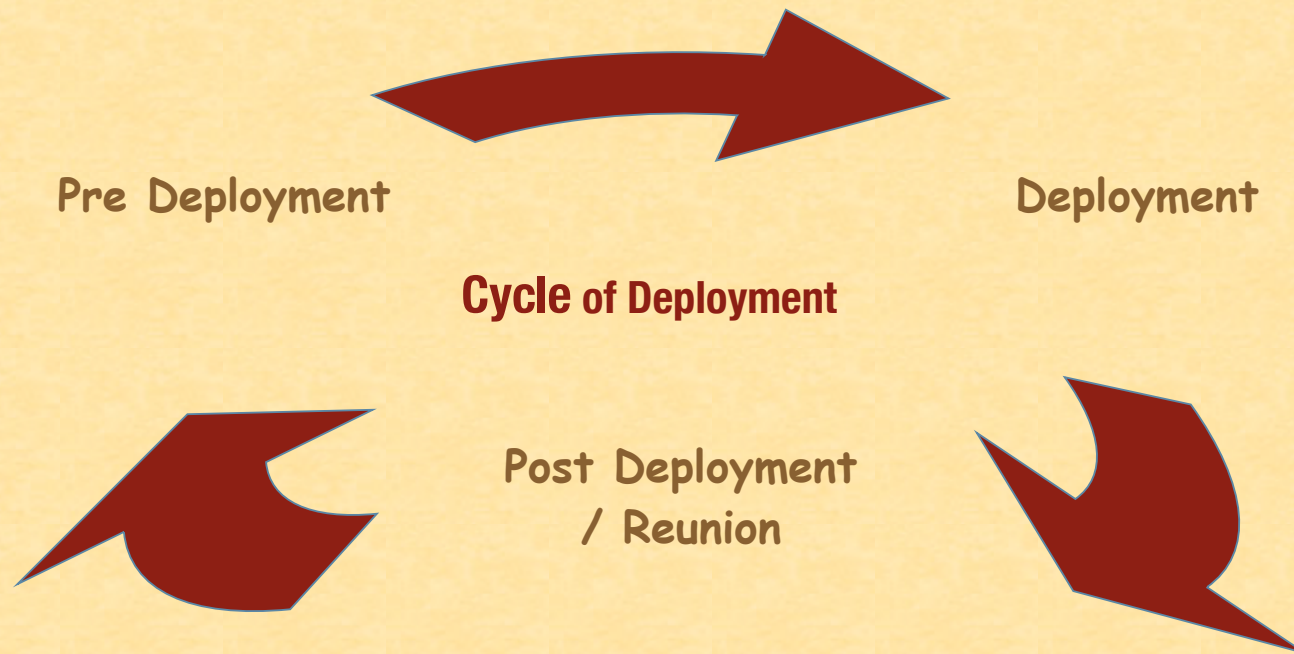


WHO DO WE SERVE? cont.

- 883,000+ GUARD AND RESERVE
- 430,000 spouses
- 714,000 children birth to 18



WHAT IS DEPLOYMENT? Duty Away from Home

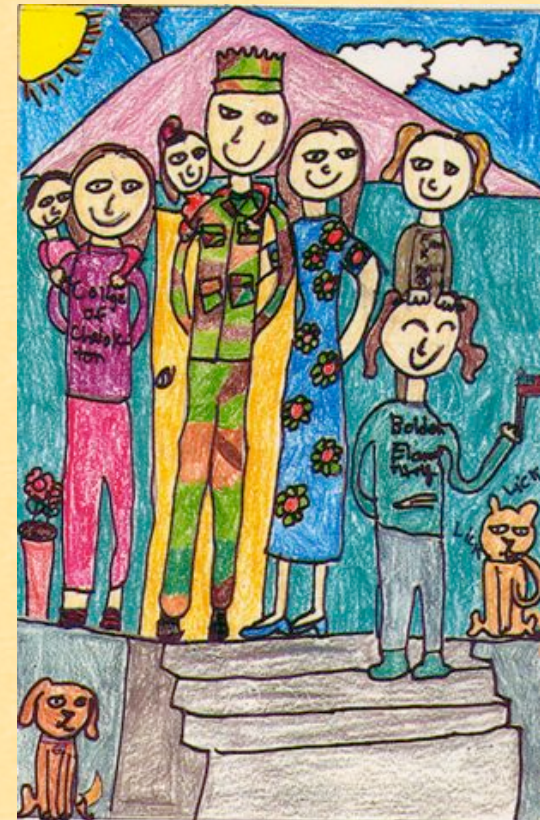


WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- Secondary Education Transition Study
 - www.militarychild.org (go to site map)
- RAND Arroyo Group - not yet published
- Virginia Tech Research - www.research.vt.edu/
- Johns Hopkins University
 - www.jhsph.edu/mci/training_course/
- U.S. Army San Antonio Military Pediatric Center
 - www.speaker.gov/pdf/Stafford.doc

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

- **Academic**
 - Decreased school performance
 - Decreased concentration
 - School avoidance
- **Social / Behavioral**
 - Socialization difficulties
 - Withdrawn
 - Fighting
- **Emotional**
 - Anxiety
 - Fearfulness
 - Depression



WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT TEACHING AND LEARNING?

Academic

- Sending positive expectations messages:
 - This is important, You can do it; I won't give up on you
- Using motivation strategies
 - Making learning relevant
 - Providing immediate and specific feedback on assignments
 - Lowering the level of concern
 - Chunking tasks and timelines for complex assignments
 - Using simultaneous versus eventual involvement
- Using attribution strategies
 - Attributing success to effort
 - Hard work, not luck or intelligence

What are some other strategies you have used?

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT TEACHING AND LEARNING?

Social / Behavioral

- Establishing safe environments conducive to learning
 - Establish and maintain rules, routines, and procedures
- Helping students make connections
 - Cooperative groups, partner activities, peer edits
- Communicating with the counselors and caregivers
- Exercise

What are some other strategies you have used?



WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT TEACHING AND LEARNING?

- **Emotional**

Building Resilience - 7 crucial Cs (American Academy of Pediatrics)

- Competence - knowing how to handle situations effectively
- Confidence - experiencing competence leads to confidence
- Connection - close ties = security = strong values
- Character - fundamental sense of right and wrong
- Contribution - personal contribution = purpose
- Coping - a repertoire of positive coping strategies
- Control - internal versus external control

WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT?

- **Training for educators and parents**
 - Transition Counselor Institute (MCEC)
 - Special Education Leadership Institute (MCEC)
 - Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children through Trauma and Loss (MCEC)
 - Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute (MCEC)
 - Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) Principal Workshops
 - DoD Military Students On the Move Tool Kits
 - John Hopkins University Military Child Initiative On-line Course – “Building Resilient Kids”
- **Campus-based Programs**
 - Student 2 Student and Junior Student 2 Student
- **Student / Family Support Services**
 - DoD Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC) Program
 - Child Behavioral Consultant
 - Student Online Achievement Resources (SOAR)
 - Talk, Listen, Connect – Sesame Street DVD on Deployments, Homecomings, Changes
 - Mr. Poe & Friends – Discuss Family Reunion After Deployment
- **Internet / cell phones / Live feed communication**
 - DoDEA Graduation

WHERE IS THE INFORMATION?

- www.militaryonesource.com – Department of Defense
- www.militarychild.org – Military Child Education Coalition
- www.myarmylifetoo.com – Department of Army
- www.militaryimpactedschoolsassociation.org MISA
- www.childcareaware.org – National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agency
- www.operationmilitarykids.org – Army + State 4-H Military Liaison
- www.mfri.purdue.edu – Military Family Research Institute at Purdue
- www.defense.gov/mtom - Department of Defense
- www.nmfa.org – National Military Family Association
- www.dodea.edu/ - Department of Defense Education Activity

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