



VAIL VETERANS PROGRAM CHILDREN RESOURCES GUIDE

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ORGANIZATION NAME <small>*CLICK ON ORG NAME TO BE DIRECTED TO WEBSITE</small>	EMAIL	PHONE #	SERVICES OFFERED
Boys and Girls Club of America- Better Together	https://www.bgca.org/about-us/contact-us	404-487-5700	Boys & Girls Clubs of America partners with Joining Forces to connect 250,000 military connected youth and families living in civilian communities to critical wellness and educational services.
Military Child Education Coalition	https://www.militarychild.org/contact	254-953-1923	Resources, publications, and educational information for children.
Military Kids Connect	https://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/contact-us		Life for military kids is full of ups and downs. From adventure and unique experiences, to frequent moves and family adjustments - you may face challenges that your friends at school don't know anything about. Making connections with other military kids can help you build resilience and find friends who understand your life. This website allows military kids to connect with one another, offers resources for health and wellness, and caring for our youth.
MilTeenChat- Free Mobile App	info@ptpal.com	310-694-1200	An app for military kids that can help kids at school, with their peers, with their families, so they never feel alone and isolated.
National Military Family Association- Operation Purple Camp	Info@MilitaryFamily.org	703-931-6632	When your military child attends Operation Purple Camp, they'll enjoy a true summer camp experience, complete with arts and crafts and outdoor activities, like ropes courses, canoeing, swimming, archery, and climbing walls. Campers will thrive in an environment with fully trained counselors and camp staff experienced in helping children adapt and overcome the stressors of military life. By meeting kids like them, campers make life-long friends who understand what it's like for a parent to serve in the military. Campers are encouraged to celebrate the sacrifices they make and be proud of their role as a military kid!
Online Tutoring for Military Families		800-411-1970	Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, is a program that provides on-demand, online tutoring and homework help at no cost to eligible service members and their dependents. With live, expert tutors available 24/7, military-connected



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			students can receive academic help at their moment of need—anywhere they have an internet connection.
<u>Our Military Kids</u>	https://ourmilitarykids.org/contact/	703-734-6654	<p>Our Military Kids, fills the gaps for National Guard and Reserve families during deployments such as loss of income and lack of resources. They provide grants that pay for children’s activities. Within days of receiving applications from eligible families, the staff at our Military Kids office will send special “Top Secret” packages to children, thanking them for their service to our country. Criteria includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Guard/Reserve service member must be deployed overseas (OCONUS); • The deployment must be at least 180 days (or 120 days for Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve); • There must be at least 60 days remaining on the orders at the time of application (or 30 days for the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve); • The child must be at least 5 years old, but not older than a senior in high school (children become ineligible once they have graduated high school); • The child must be a dependent of the service member.
<u>Seeds of Hope Books</u>			Finding My Way: A Teen’s Guide to Living with a Parent Who Has Experienced Trauma, I’m Not Alone, A Teen’s Guide to Living with a Parent Who Has a Mental Illness, Michelle D. Sherman, Ph.D.
<u>Sesame Street for Families</u>	MilitaryFamilies@sesame.org		Entire website dedicated to the needs of children of military families including, routines, military homecomings, relocation, etc.



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<p><u>Sesame Street for Military Families - Free Mobile App</u></p>			<p>The Sesame Street for Military Families app puts all of Sesame’s bilingual (English & Spanish) resources for military families right in your pocket! Now you can use your mobile device to access engaging videos, articles, storybooks, parent guides, and more to help you support your preschool and school-aged children as they encounter transitions.</p>
<p><u>Staying Strong</u></p>			<p>This sight is part of the Red Sox and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program. It has some general overviews of the effects of deployment on different childhood stages of development and a questionnaire that can help parents determine if professional help may be needed.</p>
<p><u>The Comfort Crew for Military Kids</u></p>		<p>512-337-2739</p>	<p>The Comfort Crew for Military Kids delivers proven resources to help military kids and their families connect and build resiliency in the face of extraordinary challenges.</p>
<p><u>Zero to Three</u></p>		<p>202-638-1144</p>	<p>ZERO TO THREE works to ensure that babies and toddlers benefit from the early connections that are critical to their well-being and development. This website features topics on early development and wellbeing, early learning, and parenting.</p>