



# **FY19 Annual Report**

## **Indiana Army National Guard**



# ★ Mission and Goals

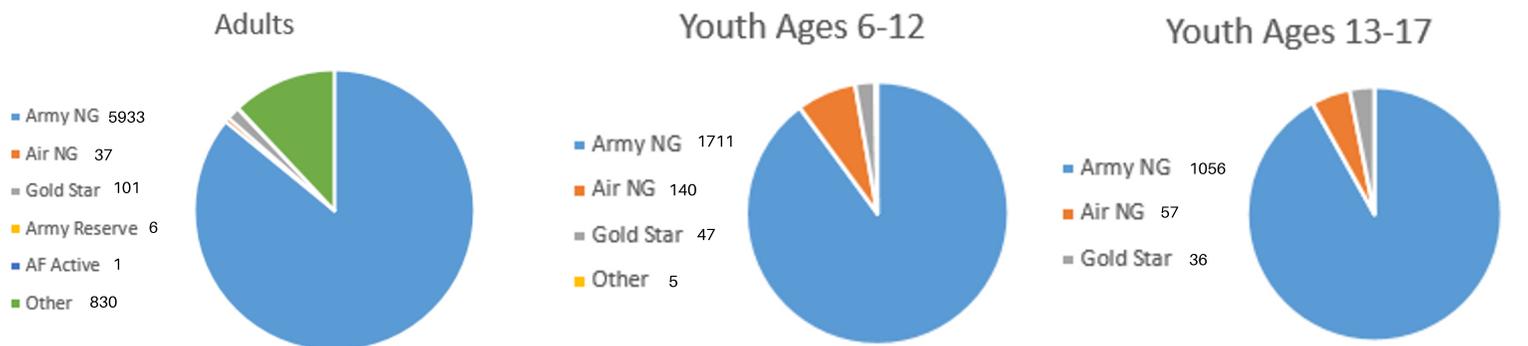
Support children, youth and families of the Indiana Army National Guard during times of deployment, extended separation and normal day-to-day operations

**Increase** opportunities that foster personal growth, education citizenship and leadership for military kids

**Advocate** for and raise awareness of military connected youth within state programs and partnering agencies

**Activate** statewide networks that can better serve geographically dispersed military populations

In FY19, Child and Youth Program hosted, led or contributed to **61 EVENTS** around the state of Indiana serving a total of **6,908 ADULTS** and **3,052 YOUTH** across the state.



**6908 ADULTS**

**1903 YOUTH 6-12**

**1149 YOUTH 13-17**

# ★ FY19 Highlights

16 Yellow Ribbon Events  
3 Robotics Workshops  
3 Overnight Camps  
1 Teen Summit  
6 Resilience Trainings  
5 Teen Council Meetings  
3 Volunteer Trainings  
9 Outreach Events  
5 MOMC Events  
7 Holiday Family Events  
1 Gold Star Event  
1 Day Camp  
1 Strong Bonds Event  
451.5 Hours of Programming



This was my first year attending Kids AT. With being younger and not having a family of my own I was unsure of what I was getting myself into. After a week with those kids I will without a doubt volunteer as a counselor. Hearing their stories and about their parents being away at AT or deployed a lot of them look forward to this camp the most.

- **SGT Taurie Whitton**

# ★ Volunteers

**192 VOLUNTEERS**  
contributed **8172 HOURS**

Child and Youth Programs would not be able to achieve our goal of reaching and engaging military youth without the work of our volunteers. Volunteers contributed their time at Kids AT Summer Camp, STEM workshops and MOMC events. In addition to the time spent with military youth, volunteers also help spread the word about Child and Youth Programs in their communities.



# ★ Key Partnerships

In FY19, **Urban Air** opened up their doors to military families in celebration of Month of the Military Child (MOMC). Urban Air is a veteran-owned, indoor challenge course and trampoline park. Urban Air worked with Child and Youth Programs to secure a private rental for families to have a personalized experience full of fun challenges both physically and mentally. MOMC at Urban Air was a highly attended event and families enjoyed their time connecting with other military families. .



In FY19, **Starbase Indianapolis**, partnered with Child and Youth Programs to bring STEM and robotics curriculum to military youth. Starbase is a DoD funded program that serves at risk youth in the civilian sector. Starbase instructors brought their skills, knowledge and love for educating youth to each day camp hosted with Child and Youth Programs. It is a highly anticipated and attended event among INARNG youth.

**LIFT Academy** is an extension of Republic Airlines and flight school for pilots in training. LIFT Academy attended several Child and Youth Program events bringing out their flight simulator and opening the minds of youth about careers in STEM. With LIFT Academy, youth were able to inquire about the life of a pilot, fly a plane using virtual reality and realize that they have what it takes to become pilots in the future.



## Other Force Multipliers:

Bradford Woods - Survivor Outreach Services - Paints by Laura - USO  
- Republic Airlines - LIFT Academy - State Resilience Team - Project  
YES - The Caring Place - Indianapolis Zoo - Salvation Army -  
Indianapolis Colts - Hidden Falls Camp - The Escape Room - Red  
Cross - SAAPM Team - Science Central - Conner Prairie - Kids  
Commons - Indy 500 - YMCA Camp Potawatami - Life Fit -  
Perceptions Yoga, Mindfulness & Art - Zen Within - Strong Bonds

# ★ State Teen Council



The Indiana military teen council has truly shaped me into the person I am today. The council provided me with communication, leadership, and professional skills that I am actively using in my college and professional life! To say that the council was one of the best opportunities I have been a part of is an understatement. The council is something I believe every military youth should try to be a part of. I believe in its powers to change an average teen into a successful young adult!

**Maddie Butler**  
**SGM Joshua Butler**

**7 members** aged 14 - 17

**5 meetings** throughout the year

**Designed and led the FY19 Teen Summit** for 18 teens in attendance

**Presented educational workshops** on goal setting, conflict resolution and healthy coping skills

**Briefed military leaders** on the impact of the Child and Youth Program on military families

Completed **200 hours** of community service at Child and Youth Program events and in their communities

5 members **attended and presented at the Region V Teen Summit** in Columbus, OH

Members **continue to contribute volunteer hours** to Child Youth Program events and program

# ★ Resilience Training

In FY19, Child and Youth Programs trained **357 YOUTH** the Army's Resilience Curriculum during **5 EVENTS** across the state.

Ongoing partnership with the State Resilience Team, adapting MRT curriculum to meet the needs of military youth  
Teen Council Members learned MRT curricula and taught skills to their peers

Summer camp attendees were able to use their resilience training in real time thanks to certified MRT's volunteering as camp counselors

Adult volunteers participated in resilience training to further their abilities to engage and redirect youth in a healthy manner

# ★ Best Practices

## Monthly Newsletter

Youth Coordinators maintain a distribution list of over 600 contacts for military families in the State of Indiana. This list is used to distribute monthly newsletters with information about upcoming events, resources for military families and volunteer opportunities. Monthly newsletters promote an additional layer of visibility for families who only utilize Child and Youth Programs during deployment training. This visibility allows Youth Coordinators to make a lasting connection with families, providing additional support for youth who have completed Yellow Ribbon training but are still in the deployment cycle.



## Month of the Military Child

Month of the Military Child is celebrated each April to honor military youth thanking them for their service. Events hosted in Indiana were geographically spread out in an effort to meet military youth in various communities in the state. By hosting events outside of central Indiana, we were able to increase MOMC Event attendance and reach more military families. Families received relevant resources, resilience training and were able to connect with other military families.



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