



Ohio Department of Education - Supporting Ohio's Military Families

Below are links published by the Ohio Department of Education. These resources include a variety of helpful links for educators and military families.

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The **USO of Northern Ohio** takes care of our Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserves and their families in the 31 Northern counties in Ohio. The USO of Northern Ohio provides support for all service members and their families in the service area. These include supporting unit events, offering Tickets for the Troops to sporting and entertainment events, United Through Reading, Daddy-Daughter Dances, Baby Sea Bags, and more!

Military OneSource - Wouldn't it be great if children came with instructions? As a military parent, you have the next best thing to parenting instructions – a wealth of parenting resources, benefits and programs. Military OneSource is by your side through the journey of parenthood – through the early years and tricky teen years. Whether it's finding quality child care, learning about adoption, helping your kids excel in school or connecting to resources, Military OneSource is here for you.

Educator License Fees Waived for Veterans and Those in the Military -

The Ohio Department of Education is eliminating fees for educator licenses to recognize the contributions of military families. Beginning Jan. 2, 2015, the fees for any initial Ohio educator license, permit or certificate – or for a renewal – will be waived for candidates who are veterans or current service members of all branches of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard or Reserves. Spouses of active duty service members also may receive a license free of charge.

Ohio National Guard's Family Readiness Program - This program provides information and tools for Ohio families, including educational resources, youth camps and recreational opportunities.

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) - The Military Child Education Coalition's work is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. | Voice for the Military Child: a newsletter for friends of the MCEC

Health Care Licensing for Military Members and Spouses - If you or your spouse is a current or retired member of the armed forces of the United States, or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the Ohio national guard, the following information is provided to help you in obtaining licensure or certification by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Ohio Inter-service Family Assistance Coalition (ISFAC) - The ISFAC serves as a statewide "safety net" in support of Ohio military families. The ISFAC connects military families with national, state, regional and community resources as well as volunteer support services.

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission - Ohio is one of 35 states involved in the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunities for Military Children, which is working to ensure that military children are properly enrolled in schools, have eligibility for school activities and have assistance in meeting graduation requirements.

Veterans Executive Order Report - A comprehensive look at what state departments, boards, commissions and our institutions of higher education can do to support Ohio's veterans and service members, and to make our state an ideal home for veterans seeking to launch their civilian careers.

<https://www.militarychild.org/> - Every military-connected child is college, workforce, and life-ready.