

Peterson-Schriever Garrison

Child & Youth Education Services



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- **Child & Youth Education Services (CYES) School Liaison is committed to outreach, advocacy, and partnership initiatives that generate real time solutions for military connected students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 as they face global education challenges and transitions**



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Child and Youth Education Services

- Previously referred to as the School Liaison Office (SLO), realigned under Child and Youth Services in 2018 but remained housed under A&FRC in Bldg. 350

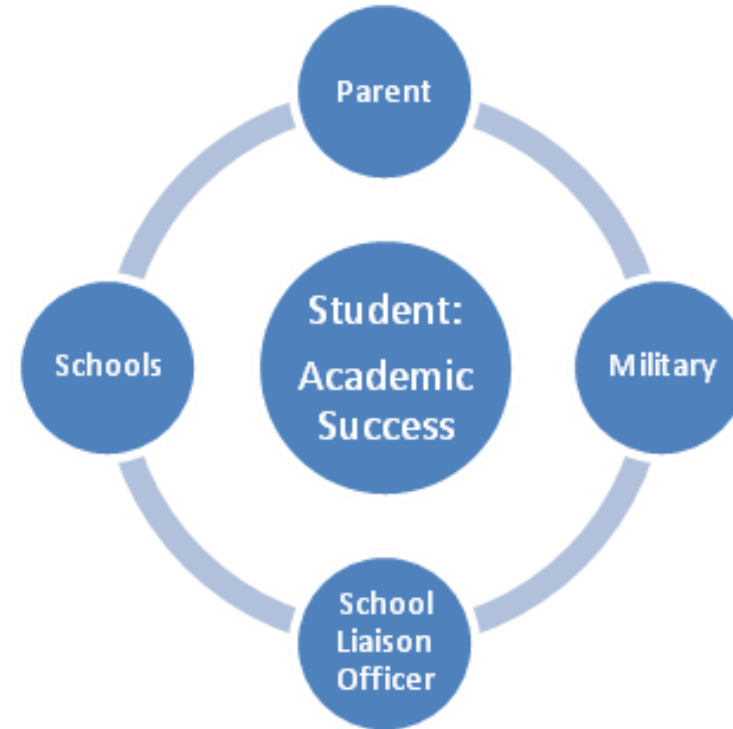
What is the Role of CYES – Core Programs

- **School Transition support**
 - ❖ Information and referral
 - ❖ Work with local school districts to support military families 10 main school districts
- **Deployment/Parental Absence support**
- **Installation School and Community Communication**
 - ❖ Face of the installation to educators
 - ❖ Stays abreast on educational legislation - policies
- **Homeschool support and guidance**
- **Community Relations, Partnerships and Outreach**
 - ❖ Attends School Board meetings, DAC/SAC, special events at the schools, etc.
- **Academic planning and post-secondary preparation**
 - ❖ Sets up trainings for teachers regarding military children and how to support them
- **Special Education support – Partnership with EFMP/SPED Coordinators**



SL's Core Responsibilities

- **School Transition and Deployment Support**
- **Home School Support**
- **Installation School Communication**
- **Partnerships in Education**
- **Postsecondary Transitions**





Transition

- **Military families are *NO* stranger to transition!!**
 - **School Liaisons number #1 priority to assist in-bound and out-bound families receive the essential information about all of the local school options available and provide support throughout the entire PCS cycle**
 - **Information & referral on local school districts**
 - **Electronic handbook to facilitate transition**
 - Located on www.21fss.com
 - Under A&FRC/School Liaison
 - Public, Charter, Homeschooling, Alternative and/or Virtual school options
 - Handbook contains school calendars, district maps, area information, testing information – School Performance Frameworks (SPF)
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School Transition and Deployment

- **School Transition Support – families that PCS to/from the installation**
 - **Special Education Connections – EFMP, SPED**
 - **Youth Sponsorship – Connecting military students**
 - **Parent Education and Educator Education – Professional Development courses**
www.militarychild.org
 - **Youth Resilience Programs– A4L & S2S**
 - **MFLC Point of Contact**
 - **Ensure Compact Compliance www.mic3.net**
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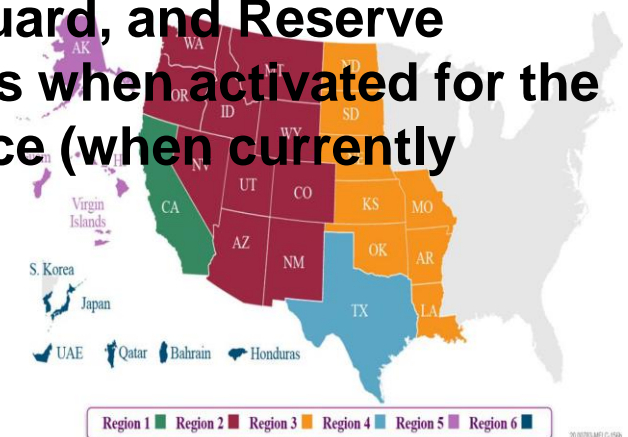


Colorado Choice/Open Enrollment

- **Colorado law allows students to attend any school or participate in any program of their choice on a space available basis**
 - **Space available depends on number of students, number of staff**
 - **Some schools only have space for those students it would be considered a “home” school for or i.e. residential zoning**
 - **Parents submit the application in winter (Nov-Feb) for the upcoming school year - budget submittal in April/May for June approval**
 - **Charter schools are a little different**
 - **Local districts do not assign children to them**
 - **Semi-autonomous public school of choice**
 - **Parents must apply if they want their children to attend**
 - **Peterson is zoned for Colorado Springs School Districts 11 – Dr. Michael Thomas entering 4th year**
 - ***Feeder schools - McAuliffe ES, Swigert Aerospace MS and Mitchell HS***
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■ Military Family Life Counseling Program

- **Child & Youth Behavioral (CYB) provide broad – ranging support to military children and youth , and to family members and other adults who support them**
 - ❖ **8 - Embedded in the Schools, 2 - Child Development Centers and Youth Programs**
- **Provides short term, non-medical counseling services to students situational problems**
 - **Unique challenges i.e. relocation, parent deployment etc.**
- **Eligible students of Active Duty service members, National Guard, and Reserve regardless of activation status, Coast Guard and their families when activated for the Navy, and the members of the Civilian Expeditionary Workforce (when currently deployed) and their families**





New Legislation

- **Colorado HB21-1217 Military Family Open Enrollment in Public Schools**
 - **Proposed Bill - 4 areas of focus:**
 - **Uniform tracking system to include identifying the base the military member is assigned to for all children of Federal Government employees.**
 - **School districts near DoD installations extend open enrollment for active duty military family students for public and charter schools.**
 - **10% of open enrollment slots for each academic year for inbound military families.**
 - **Newly arriving families can use the SL address along with orders to register for school.**
 - **Final/Passed Bill 2 areas of focus**
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 - **Open Enrollment matriculation i.e.**
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- **Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)**
- **Developed in 2006, MIC3 was adopted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity. MIC3 eases the educational challenges that military children encounter and supports the uniform treatment as they transfer between school districts in member states (only applies to public schools).**
- **Who is eligible? Children of active duty members or the uniformed services, National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders, and members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year are eligible for assistance under the compact**
- **MIC3 Commissioner Dr. Keith Owens - superintendent (FFCSD-8)**
- **The compact addresses educational transition issues:**
 - **Eligibility – extracurricular activities**
 - **Enrollment - kindergarten & first grade entrance age**
 - **Placement - course placement/program prerequisites**
 - **Attendance - granted excused absences**
 - **Graduation - waiver requirements**



- Home School Resources – local and national
- Access to support services – state/home associations, advocacy groups, community events, library and youth activities
- Information on state and local laws – which vary from state to state
- Finding ways to better support our homeschool families
 - Sharing resources –classes i.e. FB Homeschool community
 - Utilizing the youth center for PE
 - Looking at hosting events/classes (ie: AF STEM Camp, presentations, etc.)





Installation School Communication

- **Conduit between school, community and installation**
 - **Serves as the installation POC for local military child education matters**
 - **Attends local School district(s) meetings to identify issues or practices that might effect military children i.e. Board of Education, School/District Accountability Committees**
 - **Regularly brief chain of command on school and mil-connected student's educational concerns, as they relate to transitions, deployments, special needs, and military-school collaborations to include MFLC trends and academic trends with appropriate data. Informs of SL activities, initiatives and community partnerships**

 - **Impact Aid – Federal Aid \$\$**

 - **Grant Opportunities**

 - **Emergency Contingency Conditions**
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Military School Advisor

- **Works with the School Liaison to support the educational needs of the community.**
 - **establish vision and installation priorities for working with schools, military and civilian communities**
- **Assists commander in analyzing logistical problems and recommends priorities and means for resolution.**
- **Create Support Agreements between installations and school districts when needed. The SL is integrated into the process of drafting, coordinating, reviewing, and approving the SA.**



Leadership

- **Perform trend analyses to identify school system or state policies, practices, procedures and requirements which may adversely impact the education of the military child or present artificial barriers which impact educational success. Develop recommendations geared toward correcting identified deficiencies, briefs installation leadership, and upon their approval, meets with appropriate school system officials to work together to help find a solution**



■ What is it?

- Federal program directed by Department of Education
- In-lieu-of tax where the federal government basically pays its “property taxes” to local school districts
- Designed to compensate local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property, including military installations, or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children
- Goes to local school districts, just like local property taxes, to hire teacher, purchase textbooks and computers, pay for utilities, etc.
- Program has not been fully funded since 1969 which impacts what districts receive



Impact Aid cont.

- **Application Process**
 - **For districts to qualify there needs to be a minimum of 400 students or federally impacted students need to make up 3% of the population**
 - **School districts need to apply every year for Impact Aid**
 - **Applications are due in January for the following school year**
 - **After school starts.. 1st week of October (student count day) schools send out a survey to parents**
 - **Funding is determined based off of the number of federally connected students which includes military, federal, post office, etc.**



Impact Aid cont.

- **How Aid is Determined**
 - **Program funded at about 60% of what the need is**
 - **Each student is given a weighted “score” based off of criteria**
 - **Amounts are not equally distributed to the districts. Those that rely heavily on the funding get more than other districts. FFCSD-8 is funded 100%**
 - **Some school districts i.e. Cheyenne Mountain SD-12 has done the math and decided that the amount of time and resources applying for Impact Aid would take is not worth the 15 – 20k return**



Partnership in Education

- 4H
- Academic Enhancement
- Adopt a School
- STEM
- Tutor.com
- STARBASE
- Family/Community Involvement
- School Outreach Support Services
- Military One Source
- Building Community Capacity - meetings/committees





Postsecondary Transitions

- **Scholarship Opportunities – disseminate scholarship listing for families**
- **College Application Process – Provide testing dates throughout community**
- ❖ **Tutor.com, Khan Academy and College Board**
- **College and Career Fairs – Employment Readiness workshops
(mock interviews, dress4success)**



- Recruits volunteers to support local schools
 - Guest speakers – Veterans Day assemblies
 - Static Displays – STEM Events
 - Demonstrations – Military working dogs
 - Science Fair Judges
 - Health Fair – Hearing & Vision screening
 - Carnivals – Fun Runs etc.





Questions?