

Support for Students/Families during Epic Fury

You may be aware that the Wisconsin National Guard has been deployed to various locations in support of Operation Epic Fury. You may already be seeing changes in students due to the increased stress this may be creating. Please be sensitive to the issues that may arise from this deployment for family members.

Considering Operation Epic Fury and its impact on military students I wish to provide the following resource first developed in 2018 by the American School Counselor Association and recently published in 2021. The information in this resource remains current and provides useful tools and practices for those working with our military connected students who are or will be experiencing deployment. Please share this and the other resources below with anyone you know will find good use of it.

Below are other useful resources for the field found on the Uniformed Services University Military Family Resources webpage.

[Military Family Resources | Center for Deployment Psychology](#)

[Community Support for Military Children and Families Throughout the Deployment Cycle](#) This PDF is available from Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS)

[The Deployment Life Study: Longitudinal Analysis of Military Families Across the Deployment Cycle](#):

This study examined how deployment affects the health and well-being of military families over the course of three years. The study conducted by the Rand Corporation aimed to identify skills and tools that military families use to handle the stresses associated with deployment.

We cannot forget that perhaps the best place to point families toward is Military One Source. Here is a link to the parent resource support page. This page includes information for caregivers who are caring for children of a deployed parent(s).

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/resources/millife-guides/family-guardian-support/>

Thank you for your ongoing, strong support of military children and families.