The Illinois National Guard Youth Program is here to help provide the support and resources youth need to deal with the separation from a parent, child care issues, difficulties with school and other issues. Children of all ages can be affected at any phase of military life; we have programs and resources to help one and all.

We provide children and youth ages 6-18 with various programs to develop their physical, social, emotional and cognitive abilities and to experience achievement, leadership, friendship and recognition.

Friend request us on Facebook for more information at: Illinois National Guard Youth Programs

Programs

Education Outreach
Reaching out to School Officials, Educators and Counselors through In-Service Classes, Conferences and State Wide Training Opportunities.

Military Teen Council
Teens ages 13-17 have the opportunity to serve on the IL National Guard Teen Council. Teen Council Members discuss issues and concerns facing military youth and develop the leadership skills needed to provide outreach support in their communities.

Special Events
Events conducted throughout the state during special times of the year are designed to provide outreach services and resources on a large scale. Events include: Holiday Support, Family Day Support, Mother/Daughter Tea, Easter Egg Hunts, etc.

Parent Resource Bags
Resources for parents are provided to during Mobilization Briefings or upon request. The Information is designed to assisting parents in caring for children during all phases of deployment.

Youth Camps
Youth and Teen camps throughout the year provide a great opportunity for military kids to come together in a setting where we can best meet their social, emotional and physical needs.

Youth Briefings
Provide Youth Briefings at Mobilizations, FRG Meetings, Unit Events and at the Regional/State Conferences. Discuss available youth resources and distribute youth material.

Yellow Ribbon Support
Preparing youth for each phase of deployment. Providing Backpacks filled with Activity Books, and items relate to the Military Family and Deployment. Blankets and Hug a Bears are all donated to support kids! Classes and activities provided to help with resiliency and coping skills.

Grief Packs
Backpacks filled with books, videos and Information to help youth cope with the loss of a parent at home or while on deployment. A Parent pack also is enclosed to assist parents.