



# 4-H Military Partnership Connections

## April is Month of the Military Child!

Over 1.6 million military children navigate unique challenges shaped by their parents' service. In recognition of their sacrifices, the 4-H Military Partnership, alongside the Department of War, state and local governments, schools, and private citizens, proudly celebrates these resilient youth. Because when a parent serves, their children serve too!



## Month of the **MILITARY CHILD**

*Save  
the Date* 

PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS DAY  
APRIL 15, 2026

**APRIL 15, 2026 is Purple Up! Day**  
Wear purple to show their support for military-connected youth and teens. Purple is known as "the services color" as it represents the combination of colors from all service branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

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**April 2nd, 2026**

*Strong Starts, Steady Bonds: Helping Young Children Thrive Through Change*

Explore how to support caregivers in building secure attachments through responsive caregiving, even during deployments or training absences.

► [Register Here](#)

**April 8th, 2026**

*Child Development: Knowledge, Behavior, and Healthy Boundaries*

Review typical sexual development across these age ranges and protective and supportive strategies to promote healthy sexual development.

► [Register Here](#)

**April 14th, 2026**

*Practical Strategies for Supporting*

*Preschoolers Through Change*  
Learn how to use adaptive tools and keep things consistent so children—including those with disabilities—feel safe and secure.

► [Register Here](#)

**April 29th, 2026**

*IDD, Aging, and Military Families: Challenges and Opportunities*

Examine age-related health needs, living arrangements and family caregiving, and practical strategies for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

► [Register Here](#)



**Topic:**  
**Developing Scientific Literacy and Life Skills through Forensics**

**Presenter:**  
**Sharon Toth, PhD.**  
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County

*Thursday, April 16 2026 14:00 ET*

Join us to explore how the “CSI Effect” can engage students in meaningful learning through forensics inspired by crime-scene shows. Educators will discover hands-on activities that enhance analytical skills and promote STEM integration while fostering teamwork and critical thinking.

*Previously recorded sessions are available on-demand.*

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**Zoom Into 4-H:**

April 8, 2026  
1830 - 1915 pm ET and again at  
2030 - 2115 pm ET

This fun and interactive STEM Night will give participants the chance to dive into an exciting STEM project, meet new friends, and explore cool activities.



The event is completely free, but parents must register to receive the meeting link and a supply list for the activity. The event is geared toward 7-13 year olds. Older youth are welcome to join, as are younger youth. ► [More Information](#)



**PennState**

**Readiness to Support Military-Connected Students**

Learn how to create a plan to improve your personal and institutional readiness to support the military-connected students in your school.

► [Read More Here](#)

# Summer Camps!



Camp Corral offers recreational programs designed specifically to empower America's military children to make connections, build coping skills, and increase self-confidence.

► [Register Here](#)



**Military Teen Adventure Camps**  
Hike, rock climb, and explore the great outdoors in a whole new way through the Military Teen Adventure Camps! As a part of the 4-H Military Partnership, these camps are open to teenagers (ages 13 to 18) of active duty, guard, reserve, and retired military personnel at little to no cost. ► [Register Here](#)

## OPERATION PURPLE Camp

SUMMER 2026

Exclusively for military-connected children, NMFA enhances the traditional camp experience with a curriculum that focuses on intentional skill-building and connection to other kids with military life experiences. ► [Register Here](#)



### Strengthening Connections at the 2026 Ignite by 4-H Conference

The 4-H Military Partnership from North Carolina State University, in collaboration with the Department of War and Commander Naval Installations Command, supported the Ignite by 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., from March 25-29. The event attracted over 1,800 attendees, including 60 military-connected delegates, and focused on empowering youth and fostering leadership. The 4-H MP team played a key role in planning and presenting opportunities, while military-connected youth were eager to participate.



### Find Your 4-H Military Liaison

A 4-H Military Liaison is the official point of contact for all 4-H military programs. This role serves as a professional connection between various military branches and the 4-H organization. Liaisons coordinate support for 4-H clubs located on and off military installations that serve military youth. They also educate university staff and community members about the unique challenges faced by military children.

[Find My Liaison](#) →

