



Dear Child and Youth Volunteer,

We want to take this opportunity and thank you for generously agreeing to volunteer your time, efforts and talents to ensuring the success of the National Guard Child and Youth Program in Iowa. Without you, the experiences and programs we provide for our state's youth would not be possible. Know your involvement with the Iowa National Guard Child and Youth Program will have a dramatic impact locally, statewide and even nationally.

Currently there are many of Iowa National Guard children and youth with deployed parents/guardians. The National Guard child and youth community in Iowa numbers close to 6,500 – this includes all youth, ages eighteen and under. As you can see, your involvement is not only needed, it will guarantee resources, programs and support reach all youth and teens in the state.

The mission of the National Guard Child and Youth Program is: To support the social, emotional and academic needs of National Guard children and youth. By using the mission statement as a guideline for the program, it becomes apparent our focus is on developing and supporting the whole child/youth. This support will be possible through the positive collaboration between you, other youth volunteers, and youth program coordinators.

The following pages of this guide will provide you with a better understanding of the youth program in Iowa. Working with children and youth can be the most rewarding job in the world. You have now taken the first step toward positively impacting the lives of children and youth. Please read through the following information carefully, then complete and submit all required documents to the Lead Child and Youth Coordinator. Should you have any questions about the information in this guide, please contact the Youth Program Office at JFHQ (515.252.4040).

Again, on behalf of the nearly 11,000 military youth and their families in Iowa, We thank you for your commitment and support of the state youth program.

Sincerely,

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