

4-H / Army Youth Development Project
2005

Partners for Youth



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A Partnership of Strength:

Brigadier General John A. Macdonald, Commander US Army Community & Family Support Center, in addressing the National 4-H Conference, referred to the 4-H / Army collaboration as a “partnership of strength” as he presented Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns, with an Award of Appreciation for 10 years of National 4-H support for Army Child Youth. BG Macdonald and Dr. Colien Hefferan, Administrator, CSREES, have signed a Cooperative Agreement extending the partnership through 2010.



20 Youth Development and Technology Specialists—Cooperative Extension Faculty from
13 participating State Land-Grant Universities working with
53 State 4-H Military Liaisons, over
1000 University and County 4-H Professionals and Volunteers, and
3500 Army Child & Youth Services Staff supporting
125 Army Child & Youth program locations around the world.

We are proud of this ten year partnership and will continue our mutual commitment to provide services that benefit all of America’s 4-H youth wherever they reside!

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These accomplishments coupled with numerous professional development opportunities and technology support, strengthened the Army Child and Youth System thanks to strong administration by Auburn University, Kansas State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, University of Maryland, and Washington State University. These universities administered grants and contracts with other universities, produced Project materials, documented Project accomplishments and connected the Project to the Cooperative Extension System and Army Child and Youth Services in unprecedented ways.



- ✓ Performed more than 100 technical assistance visits, working with and training Army Child and Youth personnel to strengthen on post programs for Army youth.
- ✓ Introduced science, citizenship, photography, visual and performing arts, fitness, nutrition projects.

- ✓ Helped Army Child & Youth staff sustain 100% Certification status for School Age, Middle School & Teen Programs.
- ✓ Worked with Army staff to increase national accreditation status of Army School Age Programs to 87%.
- ✓ Conducted workshops, exhibits and demonstrations for military youth in Europe, Korea, Hawaii, Alaska, and Japan.
- ✓ Supported 7 Army Regional Youth Forums and Teen Panels in United States and Overseas involving more than 400 Teens.
- ✓ 4-H / Army Awarded "Salute Award" to Darcy Tessman, Cochise Co, AZ.
- ✓ Introduced GPS/GIS, robotics, rocketry, astronomy and bio-technology activities in Army School-Age and Youth Centers.
- ✓ Increased Army Youth Labs Internet connectivity to 97%.
- ✓ Sponsored Army Youth Tech Teams at National and State 4-H and Boys & Girls Clubs events.
- ✓ Conducted Workshops at National BGCA Tech Conference, NAE4-HA, CYFAR & National 4-H Tech Conference.



- ✓ Prepared Army youth to participate on National 4-H Youth Technology Leadership Team and 4-H USA Web Team.
- ✓ Served as mentors and trainers for 47 Army Child & Youth Technology Specialists.
- ✓ Coordinated "technology projects" at 7 Army Regional Youth Forums and 5 Operation: Purple Camps.
- ✓ Launched precedent setting, web-based, Army-wide Family Child Care Online business tool.

Youth Development Accomplishments

- ★ 28,000 Army 4-H Project Enrollments
- ★ 12,000 Army Youth in 4-H Clubs
- ★ 27 State 4-H Military Grants
—321 new Clubs
—8691 new Members

Youth Technology Accomplishments

- ★ 125 new Army Youth Technology Labs fielded
- ★ 16 State Youth Mobile Technology Labs fielded
- ★ 625 Army Youth Lab Instructors & Tech Specialist trained

4-H / ARMY Youth Development Project . . . The Way Ahead

*We are excited about embarking on another five years
in this partnership of strength!*



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We are prepared to address the needs of Army children and youth as the Army undergoes a major transformation . . . base closings, families returning from Europe to US installations as part of a re-stationing effort, Army sponsored community based Child and Youth Programs to support these population surges and serve families where they reside, Service Members returning from war and rejoining families.

This national 4-H / Army partnership and the infrastructure now created throughout America has prepared us to respond quickly and effectively with positive outcomes for military children and youth.

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