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SUPPORTING THE WARFIGHTER . . . AND THEIR FAMILIES

Youth Development Project 2008 Annual Report



About Navy CYP...

Military children and youth face more than the usual challenges of growing up, such as moving every few years and establishing new friendships, while worrying about family members who have been deployed. Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) provide high quality educational and recreational programs for children and youth that provide children and families with trusted programs and services that assist in coping with these challenges, making the difference between stress and success. Navy CYP is part of the Department of Defense military child care and youth development system, which provides developmental child care and youth recreation programs and services for eligible children and youth ages 4 weeks to 18 years.

"Programs and services are specifically designed and operated to meet the unique needs of the military mission, service members and their families." Greg Young, CNIC CYP Manager.

Announcing the 4-H/Navy Partnership...

Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) and National 4-H Headquarters, U.S. Department of Agriculture have partnered to establish 4-H Clubs on Navy installations across the globe and to provide training for CYP professionals in positive youth development principles and methodology. This partnership, entitled the "4-H/Navy Youth Development Project" (YDP), allows Navy CYP access to services and materials that assist in providing stability and predictability to Navy children and youth as they move from installation to installation. As a result of this partnership, every installation CYP is working with 4-H staff to offer project choices based on the interests within the local community and establish/charter at least one multi-project 4-H Community Club.

Welcome Aboard...

Dr. Rae Wilkinson, Extension Professor for 4-H, Mississippi State University, accepted an assignment in May 2008 as Navy's 4-H Youth Development Project Director. Rae works with the Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) and National 4-H Headquarters establishing 4-H/Navy partnerships, coordinating training programs, and serving as a link between State 4-H Military Liaisons and Navy programs.



Proud Partners...

Navy Child and Youth Programs partner with two national youth development programs, the United States Department of Agriculture 4-H (USDA/4-H) and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) to build relationships and collaborative programs for Navy youth. With these partnerships, Navy youth benefit from consistent programming that utilize best positive youth development practices worldwide.

Unique training events were designed in collaboration with CNIC CYP, BGCA and 4-H to deliver quality youth development training opportunities. These trainings were conducted on Navy installations worldwide and included up to four days of 4-H 101 basics and BGCA programming.

4-H Benefits Navy Youth:

- ⚓ They are experiencing an enhanced sense of belonging. By being involved in their local 4-H club, they know that they are not only cared about and accepted by the local Navy CYP staff, but also additional 4-H members, 4-H adult volunteers and their county extension staff in the county where the Navy installation is located .
- ⚓ They are mastering new knowledge, developing new skills and attitudes through various 4-H projects. Projects such as leadership, photography, foods and nutrition, arts, communication, science and animals encourage our youth to focus on self- improvement rather than comparing themselves to peers. This self-efficacy also encourages our members to take on leadership and mentoring roles within the centers and in other areas of their lives such as school and communities.
- ⚓ Through their 4-H membership, our youth are connecting with their community and learning how to give back to others. By experiencing generosity opportunities, youth feel that they have meaning and purpose, allowing our young people to develop compassion and tolerance for diversity.
- ⚓ 4-H membership enables our young people to know that they are able to influence people and events through decision-making and action...providing them the sense of independence. While working on their 4-H projects within their club work, and working with Navy CYP staff and their local 4-H extension staff, our youth are enhancing their personal responsibility and discipline.



Accomplishments...

- ⚓ Navy CYP issued a Policy letter requiring 4-H clubs in Navy Child and Youth Programs.
- ⚓ Navy CYP, 4-H and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America collaborated to provide quality youth development programming and training.
- ⚓ The 4-H 101 Training was adapted to meet the needs of Navy CYP and facilitated Regional Youth Development trainings for 182 Navy/4-H Youth Professionals at:
 - Navy Region Northwest
 - Navy Region Southeast
 - Navy Region Mid-Atlantic
 - Navy Region Japan
 - Navy Region Europe

By the Numbers:

- 1,000 Navy youth enrolled in 4-H!
- 41 states received Military 4-H Club Grants!
- 182 Youth Professionals Trained



Kudos...

4-H and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America are recognized for their service to Navy Child and Youth Programs and their efforts that link the two programs providing predictable, consistent and quality youth development programming.

A Look into the Future...

We are proud of our accomplishments in 2008-2009 and even more excited about the new initiatives we are currently working on and have identified for the future. The Navy and 4-H will continue to collaborate with numerous Universities to develop and build predictable programs for military children and youth.

Thank you...

The success of this Youth Development Project is due to many determined and forward thinking military and extension/4-H youth development professionals. Thank you to those dedicated individuals who have provided more stability and predictability in the lives of children and youth as their families move from installation to installation.



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