



HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



- Top: Youth Directional Symposium
- Bottom Left and Right : Annual Youth Camp with the Teen Council

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Mission

To foster great leaders of the future through enrichment activities that develop their resiliency, self-esteem and personal growth amid the unique and challenging environments of military life.

Goals

- Provide, educate and sustain a healthy platform of resources to reach all National Guard Children and Youth, on their respective islands.
- Create a robust support system within the community, on all islands, that will not only foster, but actively engage in the recreational, social and educational needs of military youth within their respective communities.
- Work directly with families, volunteers, active and reserve military components, government agencies, employers, veterans, and private businesses to achieve the overall success of the Program's requirements.
- Collaborate and educate the Department of Education in the State of Hawaii on the needs of the military child and the importance of their roles in the overall success of a military youth's future.

Volunteers

58 Volunteers assisted with the planning and execution of 11 events in FY 26 with 1036 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers assisted in various administrative duties, chaperoning, and marketing of the program.

Military Members and Children Serviced in FY 26

Youth Serviced	Army Guard	Air Guard	Active Army/ Reserves	Total
Ages 6-12	1251	296	208	1755
Ages 13-18	297	101	149	547

Army Guard Members	Air Guard Members	Active Army / Reserves	Total
2982	1939	508	5429

2025-2026 Child and Youth Program Highlights

Event	Count	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18	Adults
Unit Briefing	32	6	13	1252
Day Camp	1	18		4
Over Night Camp	2	14	23	5
Master Resiliency Training	1		23	
MOMC Events	3	278	32	451
Teen Council Meetings	4		18	5
Military Appreciation Events	3	68	39	156
Volunteer Training	2		6	4
Community Partners Events	4	1367	318	2818

State Teen Council Highlights

- Realizing that funding was shorted, the Teen Council wanted to ensure that their camp wasn't removed. Council members created and executed all the curriculum for the Annual Camp at no cost to the program. They also creatively got donations to supply snacks for the Annual Camp. Senior Leader Courtney Wong with her camp group played the Card Castle Game that focuses on engineering and creativity.



Testimonial Statements from Participants, Guard Members and State Leadership

- Joining the CYS program has made a huge impact on my life, not only short-term but also in my everyday life skills. This program has broadened my awareness of other people here. I have talked to many kinds of people and was able to gain essential skills that I need in my life. I will forever be grateful to the CYS program because without it, I wouldn't be who I am today. *(Courtney Wong)*
- The food drive was an enormous blessing and provided tremendous support in meeting the needs of my family of six. With grocery prices continuing to rise, this thoughtful assistance has spared us from having to rely on credit cards to put food on the table. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making such a meaningful difference in our lives. *(Spouse of SSG Alnor Cabonce)*
- These kinds of activities are VERY much needed across ages, ranks, and services. Thank you, Michelle, for your hard work and the work of your Team and CYP family. We get to be a small part of it with our little table and kids activity. But these things mean a lot to those who attend. *(Dan Letterman IPPW HI)*
- It was such a blessing to enjoy a no-cost holiday event with my grandbabies, especially as this has been a financially and emotionally taxing year. The food, festivities, freebies and fun were just what we needed. *(MSG Aimee Ferreira HLANG)*

MOMC Events



Creativity was CYP's middle name this fiscal year. With the assistance of JFHQ HI, CYP was able to host most of our event through the unit. The Month of the Military Child is one of our biggest and most honored yearly events.

Continuing on with our MOMC EGG-STRAVAGANZA. This 3,000 egg event hosted close to 200 people from ages 0 to 70. High energy games, prizes and Golden Eggs filled with generous donations made the event even more exciting than the last.

Focusing on resilience, CYP hosted another MOMC Event called Strike Out Stress! Military children and their families enjoyed a night of bowling for prizes and taking a moment to focus and reflect on family time and the life of military children across our state.

Family Appreciation Events

Some traditions never go away! The highly anticipated holiday event with CYP is a Morning with Santa. The 4th Annual event brought in more families as we collaborated with Armed Service YMCA to host a Food Drive immediately following our favorite event. Santa greeted everyone, took pictures, and gave out gifts to over 100 children. Families enjoyed breakfast items, and children played games, while our members visited our



National Guard Resource that not only shared important information but also had mini table top games for the families.

An additional 52 families signed up for the Food Drive along with the 47 families that attended the CYP event. These collaboration efforts were well received by the families, especially during the holiday season. Many shared a great appreciation with staff about the importance of these events with their families.



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National and State Partners

The Hawaii National Guard Child and Youth Program, with a robust community of adults, volunteers, schools, military and private organizations, have created a sustainable statewide support network. In collaboration with these community partners, the Hawaii National Guard Youth Program has not only been able to exceed its program expectations, but has expanded its reach to those children and youth that live in the remote areas on the neighbor islands. Together, with these partners, we are able to provide resources to youth on Maui, Kauai, Molokai, and the Big Island.

Building Community Capacity

Camp Mokule'ia

Camp Mokulei'a actively participated and provided the facilities for the National Guard Youth Symposium, and Annual Camp. Even with this years budget constraints CYP and Camp Mokuleia worked together to ensure that participants were able to take part in leadership and team building exercises that focused on resiliency and character strength building.



United Service Organizations of Hawaii

USO Hawaii works in collaboration with the Child and Youth Program on service projects for our community events. This year CYP participated in the USO Truck or Treat event on Ft Shafter HI. In turn they provided refreshments and healthy snacks for our overnight camps on Oahu.



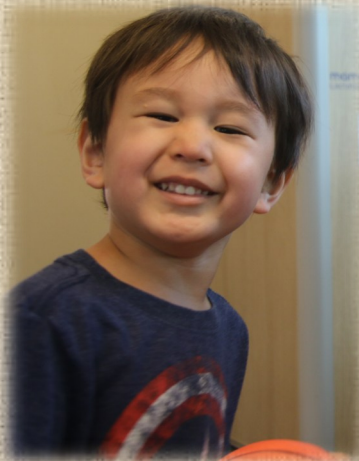
Armed Forces YMCA

Working directly with our contacts at the AFYMCA at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hawaii we were able to put together a food drive during the holiday season to support almost 100 families. Donations were received from the Wounded Warrior Project and the Bob Woodruff Foundation through Costco.



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CYP Family Events
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Community Service Project



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