

DEPLOYMENT RESOURCES

[A Guide For Helping Children and Youth Cope with Separation](#)

This guide was created for parents, relatives, teachers, service members, and community members to help children and youth cope with separation from a parent due to military deployment

[American Academy of Pediatrics Deployment Resources](#)

Information for parents to help children experiencing separation because of deployment.

[Dog Tags for Kids](#)

Dog Tags for Kids is a grassroots project which enables Servicemembers to send engraved dog tags to their children. The dog tags are provided free and are sent directly to the servicemember who personally sends them to their children at home. The dog tags are engraved with "With Love From Dad/Mom" and include the branch of service, deployment location, and the year.

[National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)

To raise the standard of care and improve access to services for traumatized children, their families and communities throughout the United States

[Operation Military Kids \(OMK\)](#)

OMK is a partnership between the US Army and local communities to provide support to the children of National Guard and Reserve personnel.

[Operation Purple Camps](#)

Provides free summer camp programs to the children of deployed Service members. There are also camps to help children who have a military parent who has been injured.

[Operation Kid Comfort \(Armed Services YMCA\)](#)

ASYMCA's Operation Kid Comfort is designed to address the emotional stress that children of military personnel suffer during a parent's absence from home. Operation Kid Comfort provide free quilts for children six and under and pillows for children age seven and up.

[Sesame Street for Military Families](#)

This site offers information and support on a host of topics related to the military family experience

[Staying Strong](#)

Staying Strong is designed to support the resilience of military-connected children and families through free on-line educational tools and guidance.

[Tricare Deployment Resources for Kids](#)

TRICARE provides a number of different resources for children of the military to assist and help them

[United Through Reading](#)

United Through Reading is a non-profit organization founded to encourage parents and children to read together. It's military program is especially designed to help parents stay connected with children during deployment.

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