

Forming a Blanket of Support for Military Connected Children

Discuss with a group or write your responses to the following.

Before the Vodcast:

- How many children in the United States do you think have one or both parents in the military? Talk with others about what their estimates are.
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- At what age do you think military connected children can be impacted by military lifestyle?
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- Describe both the strengths of military families and the challenges you think they may face. Compare how these strengths and challenges might be the same and/or different than what civilian families face.
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After the Vodcast:

- What were your thoughts after you heard the estimated number of children with one or both parents in the military?
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- Change is often the biggest challenge for military connected children. Define some unique ways change may present challenges for children from military families.
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- The adults in the vodcasts share several important ways to support military connected children and families. Identify and share ways a child care provider can help.
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Although there are many changes for military connected children, what are possible consistencies in their lives?
Brainstorm ways that a child care provider can support consistency.

Finish this thought independently and then share with your group:

Supporting military connected children and families is a journey of getting to know one another and building supportive relationships, therefore, I plan to offer support by ...

Notes:

