



# Newsletter

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We at MCGG have decided to start a monthly newsletter to keep you better informed. We are working on many fronts and want you to stay connected with what we are addressing. It has been exciting to see the progress we have been making. Thanks to all of you--be it providing us with latest information or services, programs and/or funding opportunities.

***Here is the latest:***

**News in our Schools**

We have been working closely with Orange County Department of Education, Rick Riegel, Student Support Services. Together we have created additional questions for the student enrollment form - regarding a student's parent/guardian military status. These recommendations were given to the 28 Orange County school districts, to include on the upcoming 2013 fall student enrollment forms. These questions will help the schools gain awareness of their military connected children, and their needs. Most people do not know there is no mandatory systems for schools to account for the 1.4 million children that are military connected. It is up to each school district to decide. We want to encourage school districts to recognize and support these children. Today, each OC school district has a school volunteer military liaison. This liaison will be the go between for the schools, school district and the OC Dept of Education. The liaison contacts Rick Riegel and requests services or support for the military connected child and family.

We at MCGG connected Rick with USC CIR School of Social Work Internship, along with

the all Military Branches -Youth & Family coordinators, and regional organizations with services supporting military children and their families.

***Did you know about our MCGG's programs we have created for schools?***



**Count our Kids**

Advocacy to modify student enrollment forms sharing ideal questions to be placed on student enrollment form & emergency card.



**Salute the Kids**

Electronic toolkits are available on the MCGG website for School to create an assembly recognizing a military child. Created for honoring April as Military Child month, and can be used anytime. The Toolkit includes Announcement flyer, principal letter to military family, principal speech and "Recognizing for Serving our Country" certificate to be personalized school. Children are serving our Country silently.

<http://www.militarychildrenscollaborativegroup.com/resource/tool-kits/education/salute-our-kids>



**Support the Kids**

A Military Child & Family Resource Notebook. This notebook will be placed at the school main office to assist. This project campaign will kick off very soon.

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