

Region 1 Conference

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Overview:

We support Parent Centers and their work serving military families with children and youth with disabilities. Coast to coast, and in the U.S. Territories. **If you work in a Parent Center, we assist you.**

We offer 3 levels of Technical Assistance (TA), tailored to your needs and the capacity of your Parent Center

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- Military Life & Culture, Education and Military Families, Military Medical
- Interactive maps to connect you with military-connected personnel
- Bugle e-newsletter, Parent handouts

Targeted-Parent Centers :12 most military-impacted States

- Information
- Training
- Private Facebook page

Intensive-for any Parent Center!

- Get the best use from your current resources
- Information & support tailored for your Parent Center. Including presenting at 2-day workshops at military installations in your area!

Objectives:

Review or learn about 3 key "Military Milestones"

Share what those mean for the military families in your State

Hear what they mean for military families in other States

Gather together and report out on what we know and what we've learned

Region 1: Estimated number of Service Members (Active Duty, Reserve, and Veteran) who have children with disabilities:

183,000

Of that number, between 6-15% are Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve, - depending on the State



By State: Estimated number of service members (Active Duty, Reserve, and Veteran) who have children with disabilities:

- Connecticut: 12,234
- Maine: 7,173
- Massachusetts: 21,420
- New Hampshire: 6,726
- New Jersey: 23,025
- New York: 51,770
- Pennsylvania: 52,130
- Rhode Island: 4, 676
- Vermont: 2,893



Key terms:

- **Permanent Change of Station (PCS):** This is when a service member officially relocates to a different duty station. Families may or may not accompany the service member.
- **Deployment:** Typically usually involves training beforehand which will mean additional weeks or months away from home.
- **Separation:** Service members leave the military in a variety of ways: retirement, discharge at ETS or Expiration of Terms of Service, bad conduct discharge, etc. This is also commonly referred to as military transition.



What do these variations look like for your military families?



Years of Service:
2 years
20 years
Retired



Branches of Service:
Air Force, Army,
Coast Guard,
Marine Corps, Navy,
National Guard



Military Milestones:
PCS, Deployment
& Separation



What we know,
what we've learned.....
