

Massachusetts National Guard Family Program invites you to attend 2 FREE trainings conducted by the Military Child Education Coalition.



These 2-day events will inform and educate attendees about military culture and supporting the 12,000 military children in Massachusetts.



Sign Up Today!

October 21-22, 2009

8:30 am—4:00 pm

Deadline for registration: October 9, 2009

Guard and Reserve Institute (GRI)

Hampton Inn
319 Speen Street
Natick, MA 01760

This training is specifically designed for educators; but anyone is welcome.

The purpose of the Guard and Reserve Institute (GRI) course is to prepare school personnel to recognize and address issues that children face when a parent is deployed by the National Guard or Reserves. Through a combination of instruction, group work and interactive activities, participants develop strategies and the framework of an Action Plan to support these children.

- ★ To understand the unique challenges faced by children of members of the National Guard and Reserve components, geographically separated due to mobilization, deployment, and transition of family members.
- ★ To train participants so they can train additional local teams to respond as a community using model programs, resources and networks that support military connected children during mobilization, deployment, and transition.

November 2-3, 2009

8:30 am—4:00 pm

Deadline for registration: October 30, 2009

“Living In the New Normal” (LINN)

Hampton Inn
319 Speen Street
Natick, MA 01760

This training is specifically designed for social workers & counselors; but anyone is welcome.

LINN™ encourages families to ensure their children have the tools to weather life's storms, fosters homefront efforts to support military children, and provides educators and other concerned adults with information to help them support children during times of uncertainty, trauma, and grief. LINN's™ efforts are predicated on the belief that children are courageous and resilient and that these skills can be strengthened through deliberate encouragement by the adults in their lives.

- ★ The MCEC™ fosters a compassionate understanding among educational professionals and military child and youth specialists regarding the intensity and severity of stressors related to the deployment of a parent or parents and the potential for trauma or grief related to illness, injury or death.
- ★ Living in the New Normal supports and promotes an environment of resilience and non-victimization, establishment of a new normal, recognition of the elements of courage, and identification of effective resources.

★ Professional development training credit is available! ★

★ For more information, or to register on line visit: <http://www.militarychild.org> ★

★ Cost: NONE—Funded by U.S. FMWRC-CYS. Participants are responsible for travel and overnight accommodations. ★



**Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©
 Military Child Education Coalition™
 Registration Form – October 21-22, 2009 Natick, Massachusetts**

The Military Child Education Coalition's™ **Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©** is a professional development program for educators and professionals to reach out in a support network to the children and families of the National Guard and Reserve. The conference includes two continental breakfasts, two lunches, two break refreshments and conference materials (no registration, meal, or resource material cost to participants). The curriculum, content, process, and delivery are correlated with the National Staff Development Council's Standards and the National Standards for School Counseling Programs. Because the Institute is very interactive and participation is required to fully benefit from this training, participants must commit to attend both days.

Date: **October 21-22, 2009** (training is a two-day session (12 full seat hours required for institute credit – attendance both full days required – no partial attendance accepted)

Training: **Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©**

Location: Hampton Inn-Natick
 319 Speen Street
 Natick, MA 01760
 508-903-1514

Time: **8:30 am – 4:00 pm** (registration and continental breakfast at 8:00 am)

Deadline for registration: October 9, 2009 Register on line at <http://www.militarychild.org> (Upcoming Trainings)

Cost: None – Funded by U.S. FMWRC-CYS. Participants are responsible for travel and overnight accommodations.

**For your information, educational credits are available. Fees are to be paid at the G&R Institute.
 1.2 Continuing Education Credit through IACET, certification costs \$25.00
 1 Graduate Credit through a branch of Texas A & M University costs \$175.00**

Name: _____

(Used for name badge, PLEASE PRINT legibly)

Title/Assignment: _____

District & School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Register on line at <http://www.militarychild.org> or fax registration to 254-953-1925, Attn: Linda Neault.

Confirmation: You will receive an email confirmation, within 10 business days. Please make sure you have received confirmation in order to ensure you are registered.

For more information about the Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©, please contact Linda Neault or Lina Smith at 254-953-1923 or Linda.Neault@MilitaryChild.org or Lina.Smith@MilitaryChild.org

Disclaimer

I understand that participants are required to attend both full days of training. No partial attendance is accepted due to conformance with IACET standards.

 Printed Name (as will appear on certificate)

 Signature

 Date

MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION™

Living In the New Normal: Supporting Children Through Trauma and Loss Institute

The Military Child Education Coalition's Living in the New Normal (LINN) training is a two-day professional development program that prepares school guidance professionals, educators and community members to recognize and address the issues facing children dealing with separation from a loved one or experiencing trauma, grief and loss due to the loss or injury of a loved one. It provides concerned adults with information to help support children during these times of uncertainty and gives them the framework to enable them to support families to ensure that their children have the tools to bounce back from life's storms and stressors. The MCEC's LINN efforts are predicated on the belief that children's inherent attributes of courage and resiliency can be strengthened through deliberate encouragement.

Satisfactory completion of the Military Child Education Coalition™ Institutes is based on engaged networking, 95% attendance, and completion of the end-of-course evaluation. Peer review and instructor feedback are utilized. **Twelve (12) full seat hours are required for institute credit and to receive training materials – attendance both full days required – no credit or institute materials will be given for partial attendance.** Breakfast and lunch both days will be provided for all registered attendees.

Institute Information

Date: November 2-3, 2009

Training: Living in the New Normal: Helping Children Thrive in Good and Challenging Times

Location: Hampton Inn
319 Speen Street
Natick, MA 01760

Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (Continental Breakfast will be available at 8:00 am)

Cost: Funded by US Army CYS

Attendance Requirements: 12 full seat hours required for institute credit and to receive training materials. No partial attendance accepted.

Registration Information: Register online at www.MilitaryChild.org or fax this form to 254-953-1925.

Educational Credits: The following educational credits will be available for a fee, payable at the institute: 1.2 Continuing Education Credits cost \$25.00 and/or 1 hour of Graduate Credit costing \$175.00 from a branch of Texas A&M University.

Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT legibly, this will be used for Name Badge and Certificate of Attendance)

Title/Position: _____ District: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Disclaimer

I understand that participants are required to attend both full days of training to receive institute credit and training materials. No partial attendance is accepted due to conformance with IACET standards.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

*For more information about LINN or other professional development opportunities, please contact Amanda Hulsey at 254-953-1923 or Amanda.Hulsey@MilitaryChild.org