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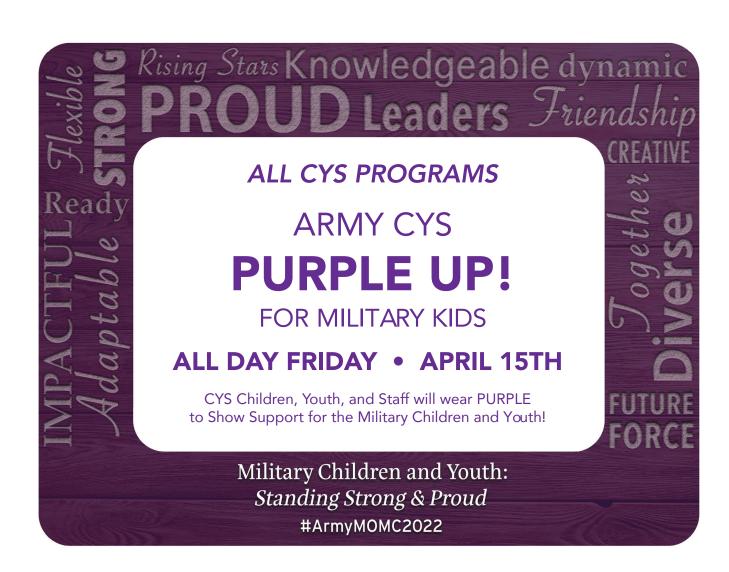












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Young Lives, BIG Stories





Month of the Military Child Child & Youth Services

Enroll in Child & Youth Services to enjoy these fun activities at our centers!

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

COMANCHE CDC

BLDG. 52024 Tank Destroyer BLVD. (254) 287-4848

No additional cost for children enrolled at Comanche CDC

Sensory Bottles

Date: April 8

Time: 3:30-4:30 pm

Description: Children will enjoy creating sensory bottles using various colors and objects. The bottles will be a take home

activity for the Families.

Painting with a Twist

Date: April 15 **Time:** 3:30-4:30 pm

Description: Children will create and wear

tie dye t-shirts to participate in the celebration of the Month of the Military

child during the month of April.

Face Painting

Date: April 22 **Time:** 3:30-4:30 pm

Description: Each child can choose a variety of objects, shapes or characters to have painted on their faces. *Due to COVID restrictions, all children will be separate from others while having their artwork applied to their face. Only children with permission from parents will participate in this event. Painters will be masked.

Month of the Military Child Purple and Green Parade

Date: April 29 **Time:** 3:30-4:30 pm

Description: Children and staff will wear purple shirts and run or walk around the grounds of

Comanche CDC.

MONTAGUE CDC

Bldg. 70004 Clement Drive. (254) 288-5603

No additional cost for children enrolled at Montague CDC

Show and Tell

Date: April 1

Description: Activities encourage children to explore the question while learning the language skills they need to think and talk about it.

Planting Dandelion Hero Wall

Date: April 4 - 8 Time: 3:30-4:30 pm

Description: The Dandelion represents our military children. Each child will color a dandelion and they will be displayed in the hallway, creating a wall of honor for our heroes.

Military Family Photo

Date: April 11 -15 Time: All Day

Description: Staff will take pictures of children with their Families to capture the

resilient smiles of military children.

Purple Up Day

Date: April 15 Time: 3:30-4:30 pm

Description: April is designated as Month of the Military Child, a time to honor the countless sacrifices made by military-connected children. Children and staff will wear their favorite purple shirt to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices.



MEADOWS CDC

Bldg. 333 Tank Destroyer BLVD. (254) 553-8356

No additional cost for children enrolled at **Meadows CDC**

Family Rock Painting

Date: April 22 Time: 3-5 pm

Description: Children will paint river rocks with their Families and proudly display them in Meadows CDC flowers beds.

Family Make a Kite and Fly It

Date: April 22 Time: 3-5 pm

Description: Using popsicle sticks and tissue paper, Families will create kites and fly them together.

Family Paper Hats

Date: April 22 Time: 3-5 pm

Description: Using newspaper, caregivers will help children and their Families create paper

hats and decorate them.

Face Painting Date: April 22

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Description: Each child can choose their favorite colors, characters or flowers to have painted on their faces. *Due to COVID restrictions, all children will be separate from others while engaged in having their art work applied to their face. Only children with permission from parents will participate in this event. Painters will be masked.

FORT HOOD CDC ANNEX

Bldg. 36084 Darnell Loop. (254) 553-9556

No additional cost for children enrolled at **Fort Hood CDC Annex**

Tie Dye Shirt Activity

Date: April 1

Description: Patrons will be asked to provide a white shirt for their child to create a purple tie die shirt. Children will wear their tie dye t-shirts to show comradery for the month of the Military child every Friday.

Reading on the Lawn

Date: April 15 Time: 3-4:00 pm

Description: Families will enjoy reading on the lawn. Parents, sign up to read a story to

the children. Families will also enjoy popsicles of different flavors.

Family Planting

Date: April 22

Description: Center will provide an opportunity to take home a seed planting craft project for Families to complete together.



FORT HOOD CDC

Bldg. 113 TJ Mills Blvd. (254) 287-8787

No additional cost for children enrolled at Fort Hood CDC

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Earth Day Beautification Project

Date: April 18 - 22

Description: Children will celebrate Earth Day by planting flowers in the garden and leaving

memory rocks to beautify the

center with memories.

Army Color Pride

Date: April 22 Time: 3-3:30 pm

Description: Classrooms will create an Army color paint activity, based off of their age group, and display each child's camouflage art

work within the classroom.

Family Rock Painting

Date: April 29 Time: 3-5 pm

Description: Children will paint river rocks with their Families and proudly display them in

Meadows CDC flowers beds.

CLEAR CREEK CDC

Bldg. 70004 Clement Drive. (254) 288-5603

No additional cost for children enrolled at

Montague CDC

Celebrating NAEYC Week of the Young Child

Date: April 4 - 8

Description: A fun-filled week celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, Families, and communities. Each room will provide developmentally-appropriate activities for each age group. Families will have an opportunity to participate in some fun activities, stories, songs and learn about resources within the community!

Take Home Craft Project

Date: April 8

Description: Each classroom will provide children the opportunity to take home a Month of the Military Child craft project for

Families to complete together.

Operation Purple Up

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smiles of military children.

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SCHOOL AGE CARE CENTERS

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

KOUMA SAC

Bldg. 48303 Johnson Dr., (254) 285-6017

No additional cost for children enrolled at Kouma SAC

I Am a Military Child Door Decorating Contest

Date: April 1 - 18 Time: 4-5:30 pm

Description: Why not put your experiences on display! Kouma youth will participate in a door competition to show what it means to be a military child. It's a life of always being the new child, always finding your way through a new school, and making amazing new friends.

Appreciation Breakfast

Date: April 6 Time: 6-7:30 pm

Description: The youth and staff will kick off the Month of the Military Child with breakfast. Everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy a cheese Danish and orange iuice.

My Hero Wall

Date: April 19 Time: 4-5:30 pm

Description: Come and take a picture in front of the flag backdrop that is unique to your branch of service. We're creating a Hero Wall to honor and share stories about our loved ones.

Spirit Week

Date: April 11 - 15 Time: 4-5:30 pm

Description: It's time to witness Kouma's celebration of Spirit Week. Come show your Kouma spirit by dressing up in wacky hats and outfits.

MUSKOGEE SAC

Bldg. 333 Tank Destroyer BLVD. (254) 553-8356

No additional cost for children enrolled at Meadows CDC

Drop that Egg, Yo!

Date: April 1 Time: 1-3 pm

Description: Come put your engineering skills to the test by building, designing, and dropping your egg at our very first Drop that Egg Challenge, Yo! Design the lightest possible container that will support and prevent the egg from breaking or cracking when dropped. Can you design and egg drop contraption using found materials that gets your egg safely to the ground? Prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd place, Biggest Splat, and the best design. Don't crack under pressure!

Month of the Military Kids

Date: April 11 - 15 Time: 4:30-5:45 pm

Description: April is designated as Month of the Military Child, a time to honor the sacrifices made by military children. Every day we will do different things to honor our military youth and Families. Monday – Proud to be an American (wear red, white and blue), Tuesday – Crazy Camo Day, Wednesday – Super Hero Day, Thursday – Shiny Sparkles (Our Troops allow America to shine bright & sparkle so wear your stars or shiny sparkles) and on Friday – Purple Up Day (everyone wears purple)!

Masquerade Madness

Date: April 29 Time: 4:30-5:45 pm

Description: You are cordially invited to join us for a masquerade celebration! Come get your glam on at our 2022 Masquerade Madness. Wear a mask for added elegance and mystery. We will have an evening full of entertainment and refreshment for everyone to enjoy. Not to mention your inspiration and participation could win one of three mystery prizes!

MONTAGUE SAC

Bldg. 70020 Clement Dr. (254) 553-7670

No additional cost for children enrolled at Montague SAC

Family Night (PAB): Eggstravaganza

Date: April 1 Time: 4:30-6 pm

Description: Youth, join us for an extreme Eggstravaganza. Prepare yourselves to do an egg hunt with a twist. It will be in the form of a scavenger hunt. Follow the clues... they lead to the eggs!

Dive In Blue Autism Superhero Obstacle Course

Date: April 7

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Description: Help us save the day at this EPIC

event!

Join us in being SUPERHEROES by wearing blue and completing our epic obstacle course.

Earth Day, Every day!

Date: April 22 Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Description: Come and join us in celebration of Earth Day. Youth will set up an "Earth Day" gallery displaying photography, sculptures, drawings and handmade items made totally from recycled materials.

Month of Military Child: Military Run 2k

Date: April 27

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Description: Run (or walk) in appreciation of our Families that support military youth. Be prepared to experience a great time full of

opportunity and adventure.



WALKER SAC

Bldg. 85018 Warrior Way. (254) 287-4948

No additional cost for children enrolled at Walker SAC

Dandelion Art Show

Date: April 22

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Description: Walker SAC youth will be showcasing their dandelion inspired art work. Youth will be enjoying painting dandelion inspired art outside while enjoying a juice box and

listening to fun, inspiring music.

MOMC T-shirt Design & Obstacle Course

Date: April 15 Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Description: Walker youth will be designing their own Month of the Military Child inspired t-shirts throughout the week using puffy paint and fabric markers. We will end the week with youth wearing their designed t-shirts while competing in a military-themed obstacle

course.

Purple Up Rice Krispies Treats

Date: April 29 Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Description: Walker SAC will end the

celebration of the Month of the Military Child with making delicious purple rice crispy treats to enjoy with their peers while watching a

movie.

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MILITARY TEEN AMBASSADOR LISTENING SERIES April 1, 2022

2021 National Military Youth of the Year: Victor O. Listen in to Victor sharing his thoughts on being a Military-connected teen.



CHECK OUT MYFUTURE.NET

to find out more about the fun April contests listed below! https://www.myfuture.net/contests/63

- ★ April 1 29, 2022: Three contest opportunities to engage in throughout the month of April.
- ★ Every entry will allow for groups and individuals to add their names into a raffle to win contest prizes.



MYFUTURES



VENABLE SAC

Bldg. 60616 Venable Rd. (254) 616-5943

No additional cost for children enrolled at Venable SAC

Purple Up Waffles

Date: April 8 Time: 4:30-6 pm

Description: Children will be designing their own hats and t-shirts during the week. They will also purple up on Friday while enjoying some waffles and putting their art on display to recognize the creativity of the military child.

Painting with a Juice Box

Date: April 22 Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Description: Children will have the opportunity to inspire and create their best painting using canvas, paint and a paintbrush, while enjoying

a juice box.

MOMC Pizzazz Mash Up

Date: April 29 Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Description: Venable SAC will end up the celebration of the Month of the Military Child with some outside water activities, such as a water balloon toss and horseshoes. They will also conclude their festivities with some refreshments and eating pizza and cupcakes.







YOUTH CENTERS

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

BRONCO YC

Bldg. 6602 Tank Destroyer Blvd. (254) 287-6745

No additional cost for youth enrolled at Bronco YC

Month of the Military Child Kickoff Glow Tent Night

Date: April 1 Time: 7 pm-7 am

Description: Let's kick off the Month of the Military Child with a Friday to remember! Spend some time in the great outdoors with a camping experience, laser tag obstacle course, karaoke, glow in the dark football and basketball games, cooking up some S'mores and roasted hotdogs, flashlight tag, and more.

Tech: Military Robotics Fun Night

Date: April 8 Time: 4:30-7 pm

Description: Get ready to rumble! Design and build your own robots for an epic night. It'll be a great opportunity for you to flaunt and share your skills and talent in robotics, along with an amazing robotics demonstration.

Smart Girls Purple Up Teen Festival & Recognition Day

Date: April 15 Time: 3-6 pm

Description: Let's celebrate and appreciate our military youth! You are all invited for a delightful afternoon of sports, games, crafts, and STEM activities as we honor our young heroes. Purple slime, purple cupcakes, and purple tie-dye shirts, basketball... and so much more! Looking forward to see you at this awesome celebration!

Tech: Month of the Military Child Wacky Science

Date: April 19 Time: 4:30-7:30 pm

Description: Let's explore the world of mad science hands on activities in physics, weather

and solar power.

Tech: STEM Fest of Inventions

Date: April 22 Time: 4:30-7 pm

Description: Come out and enjoy a fun afternoon with your friends in an immersive experience that takes you into a world of new adventures creating a 3D illustration, building a spinning motor, light flashing generator, and more.

MONTAGUE YC

Bldg. 70020 Clement Dr., (254) 553-7670

No additional cost for youth enrolled at Montague YC

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Montague's Garden Beautification Day

Date: April 14 Time: 5-6:30 pm

Description: Calling all youth to bring their creativity and love for gardening. Join us as we paint our raised garden planters. In preparation for spring gardening, we will be preparing the planters and also dropping our first seeds. So whether you have a "green thumb" or not, there's something you can do to help beautify our garden.

A Passion for Purple

Date: April 22 Time: 5-7 pm

Description: In honor of the Month of the Military

Child, youth will see how many purple

opportunities and activities you can indulge in.

Even the refreshments will be purple!

Late Night: First Annual Sneaker Ball

Date: April 28 Time: 7-11 pm

Description: Kindness is everyday stuff like a great pair of sneakers. Not frilly. Not fancy. Just plain and comfortable. Come out and wear your toughest kicks and prepare to dance it out at Montague with your friends. "What you do is up to you."

"Just do it!"

COMANCHE YC

Bldg. 52019 Tank Destroyer Blvd., (254) 287-5834

No additional cost for youth enrolled at Comanche YC

Month of the Military Child Charades Late Night

Date: April 8 Time: 8-10 pm

Description: It's a game night with no comparison. Join us for an outrageously and exciting night of charades between friends. We will be providing food and youth will have the opportunity to make delicious root beer floats.

Month of the Military Child Dandelion Flower

Date: April 25 Time: 5 pm

Description: Join Comanche Youth Center as we learn and design a canvas with the dandelion flower that represents our military youth. Youth will discuss why the dandelion flower is a symbol of who they are and how strong a military youth can be. So put on your creativity hat and let's have some fun.

Month of the Military Child Appreciation Day

Date: April 28 Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Description: Let's celebrate our military youth! Join Comanche as we find the treasures and enjoy some fun outdoor activities. We will be hosting an "Egg Trophy Hunt," TIKTOK challenge, Month of the Military Child t-shirt contest and lots of other fun games. Food and refreshments will be provided so come and have a fun afternoon celebrating our military youth.

Month of the Military Child Color Run

Date: April 29 Time: 5 pm

Description: Let's celebrate our military youth! Join Comanche as we host a fun colorful run. Come dressed in your whites and dye your clothes with our rainbow of colors. Food and refreshments will be provided. Don't miss out on this great event.

HIGH CHAPARRAL YC

Bldg. 5485, behind Shoppette in Pershing Park, (254) 287-5646

No additional cost for youth enrolled at High Chaparral YC

High Chaparral Got Talent

Date: April 7 Time: 5 pm

Description: So you think you got talent?

Come out and showcase your talent through song,

dance, poetry, instrument etc.

Newcomers/Family 90's Night

Date: April 8 Time: 5:30 pm

Description: Let's travel back in time to the 90's. Come dressed old school and we will celebrate all things 90's, from butterfly clips to boy bands. Light refreshments will be served.

Lock In

Date: April 15 Time: 7 pm-7 am

Description: Join us for our Month of the Military Child Teen Lock In! We will have indoor activities and outdoor activities and much more.

TECH: Exploding Paint Bombs

Date: April 26 Time: 5 pm

Description: Come and join us for a fun STEM experiment and create your own colorful masterpiece. Youth will learn to mix science and art to make an exploding art piece.





Child Abuse & Prevention Month April 2022

"Every April, the Defense Department, the military services and the Family Advocacy Program team up to observe Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year, the campaign message continues with the following:

- Theme: All in to End Child Abuse
- Tagline: Our MilKids are priority one
- Hashtag: #AllInToEndChildAbuse
- Focus: Helping children who may be abused and neglected, or at risk for abuse or neglect. Assisting caregivers who could benefit from support, information and resources."

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Registration is Required for Participation for all ACS Program Activities.

Family Violence Prevention Training (Family Violence PT)

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2022
Time: 9:30 am – 11:00 am, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Description: All Soldiers are required to attend
one 90-minute training session per fiscal year.
Family members and DA Civilians are encouraged to attend.

People First Center, Bldg. 4501 For more information and to register, call (254) 288-2092

(ACS) Preparing For Marriage "Building a Strong Foundation with or without Children"

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Description: The workshop regularly empowers attendees with skills and insights which would

enable them to enter matrimony.

Oveta Culp Hobby Soldier & Family Readiness

Center, Bldg. 18000, Legends Way. For more information and to register, call (254) 287-9866 or (254) 286-6774.



(ACS) NPSP Boot Camp for New & Expectant Dads "Building Strong Bonds for Lifelong Impressions"

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Description: The class educates new and expectant fathers on the parental roles and responsibilities to help them develop strategies to adapt and cope with a new baby.

Shoemaker Center, Bldg. 36000, Darnall Loop, 2nd Floor, ACS.

For more information and to register, call (254) 287-2286.

(ACS) Explore, Learn, and Play Storybook & Craft Time "Planting Seeds that Grow Kind Hearts"

Date: Wednesday, April 6 & 27, 2022

Time: 10:00 am – 10:30 am Description: Virtual Class.

Interactive story time and crafts for families; a story will be read twice a month by a home visitor along with a craft to go with the story.

Designated personnel will make arrangements for families to pick up the craft supplies for the story. For more information and to register,

call (254) 287-2286.

(ACS) Blended Families Workshop "We're Family"

Date: Thursday, April 7 & 21, 2022

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Description: It's a game night with no comparison. Join us for an outrageously and exciting night of charades between friends. We will be providing food and youth will have the opportunity to make

delicious root beer floats.

(ACS) Relationship Enrichment Workshop "Raising Children in a Safe & Healthy Environment"

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Description: Build a healthier relationship by discovering your personality, understanding expectations in your relationship, improving communications & intimacy, supporting your partner.

Oveta Culp Hobby Soldier & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 18000, Legends Way. For more information and to register, call (254) 618-7584 or (254) 286-6774.

(ACS) Common Sense Parenting

Date: Wednesday, April 13 & 27, 2022

Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Description: The purpose of the class is to address the issues, and provide meaningful information to parents of school age children.

Oveta Culp Hobby Soldier & Family Readiness

Center, Bldg. 18000, Legends Way. For more information and to register, call (254) 618-7443 or (254) 286-6774.

(ACS) Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention "Take A Break, Don't Shake, Raising Awareness to Prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome"

Date: Wednesday, April 13 & 27, 2022

Time: 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Description: Open to Parents and individuals

caring for children.

For more information and to register,

call (254) 287-2286.

(ACS) Infant Care for Parents "Raising Children through Unconditional Love and Support"

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022 Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Description: This class educates new and expecting

parents on the basic care of newborn infants.

Class is offered in-person and virtual. For more information and to register,

call (254) 287-2286.

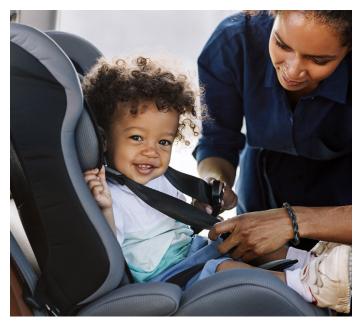
(ACS) Stress, Anger, & Conflict Resolution Management Workshop

Date: Thursday, April 14 & 28, 2022

Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Description: Emphasizes the affects, causes, and impact of transmitting stress toward the children. Oveta Culp Hobby Soldier & Family Readiness

Center, Bldg. 18000, Legends Way. For more information and to register, call (254) 618-7827 or (254) 618-8502.



Car Seat Safety Inspection

Date: Friday, April 8 & 22, 2022

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Description: Certified technicians will provide upto-date information about car seat installation & hands-on education for your child's safety. Sprocket Auto Craft Center, Bldg. 9138. For more information and to register, call (254) 288-2794.





If you're concerned about the well-being of a child, or you observe child abuse or neglect, reach out to those who can help. Our children's safety depends on you.

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Three Ways to Help

Call Fort Hood ACS Family Advocacy Program: 254-287-CARE (2273)

Call the National Child Abuse Hotline: 800-422-4453

Or contact Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 | www.MilitaryOneSource.mil