The Mission of the Office of Family Programs

The Office of Family Programs has shifted a lot of our focus to building relationships with community programs and sister Guard resource and referral programs. We have a more holistic approach to the way we offer services. The Office of Family Programs wants to stay in step with the needs of our Service Members and their Families. It is our desire to offer resources that are accessible and effective. The Office of Family Programs is only one of many programs housed under the Service Member and Family Programs division.

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Soldier & Family Readiness

Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist provide both readiness and assistance to Service Members and Families. We maintain the continuity and stability of Soldier & Family Readiness Groups (SFRGs) by providing training, administrative and logistical support to Commanders and SFRG volunteers. We are also an empowering agency that encourages and supplies you with the tools needed for problem solving on a personal level. Examples would include: **Medical Benefits, Emergency** Financial Assistance, VA Information, and Community Capacity Building.

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Child & Youth Program Coordinator Mikelle Ricou mikelle.v.ricou.ctr@mail.mil (225) 761-6750 The Child and Youth Program of Louisiana National Guard is the voice of all military youth. The program is designed to offer advocacy and education for the children of military members. The program is a haven, a lifeline, and a source of great friendships. The Child and Youth Program is also the perfect chance to participate in leadership opportunities and form lasting connections at our annual events. With the help of dedicated volunteers and amazing youth across the state, every day the program grows.