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[Celebrating Month of the Military Child](#)



In April of 1986, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger established April as the Month of the Military Child, and the Department of Defense has honored his initiative ever since. The month of April is important for children who have one or both parents serving in the United State Armed Forces. Since its inception, there have been an increasing number of awareness campaigns aimed at recognizing the needs of military children in all areas from coping with the deployment of parents to war zones to education of military dependents around the world.

Military impacted schools around Washington State plan special events to honor military children. The Navy Child and Youth Education Services (CYES) works to identify and address academic, social and emotional challenges faced by military children. School Liaisons work to create relationships among installation, school and community stakeholders to spread awareness of the challenges faced and offer support and resources.

Download full [NAS Whidbey Island Highlights](#) and check out some of the celebrations from around Navy Region Northwest!

Above: Captain Matt Arny, NAS Whidbey Island Commanding Officer, visited school age care to express his gratitude to all children in attendance, and to sign a proclamation declaring April as Month of the Military Child. Celebration ensued with confetti and Month of the Military Child goodie bags for all children in attendance.



Captain Richard Rhinehart, Naval Base Kitsap Commanding Officer, greeted students at Bud Hawk Elementary on Purple Up Day. CAPT. Rhinehart toured the school and visited a classroom as part of the Month of the Military Child celebrations. PHOTO: A

student and Central Kitsap School District Superintendent, Dr. Erin Prince, explain the student health attestation card to CAPT. Rhinehart.



Staff members at NS Everett celebrated with a Month of the Military Child drive-thru event.

[PCSing this Summer? Tips for a Smooth Transition](#)



As PCS season quickly approaches, military connected children across the world will be preparing for a move, some for the first time. It is important to set your child up for a successful move and smooth school transfer. The first step in this process is to contact your installation School Liaison. The school liaison can help you in your preparation for transferring schools and connect you to the school liaison at the new duty station to address any questions or requirements for the new school.

Also, check out the Checklist for School Transfers info sheet to help you prepare documentation, so you know what should be hand carried to the new duty station.

Military One Source also has great tips for preparing your children for a PCS:

[Help Your Kids Cope with Moving](#)

[Checklist for Transferring Students](#)

[State Immunization Rules for Schools, Child Care Centers](#)



With PCS season upon us, it's important to remind everyone of the state immunization policy. The State Board of Health (SBOH) has approved changes to Chapter 246-105 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) concerning school and child care immunization policy. These rules apply to all public and private schools and licensed child care centers in Washington State and took effect in August 2020.

“On or before the first day of attendance, the parent or guardian must meet the immunization documentation requirements of the Washington Board of Health. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children allows families thirty (30) days from the date of enrollment, for students to obtain any immunizations required by the receiving state. For a series of immunizations, initial vaccinations must be obtained within thirty days or within such time as is reasonably determined under the rules promulgated by the interstate commission.”

Who does this impact?

- Incoming families with school age children relocating to Navy Region Northwest
- Students enrolling for first time to Washington State schools
- Children enrolling in Navy Child Development Centers

Contact your CYES School Liaison to schedule an appointment for a relocation consult.

[Ready for Kindergarten](#)



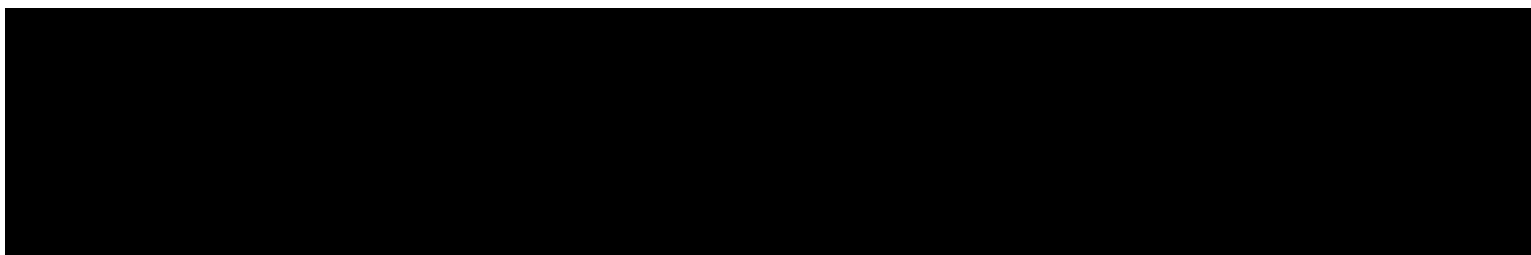
Will your child be 5 years old by August 31? If you said yes, you can enroll now for your child to attend kindergarten in the fall! Public schools in Washington State offer free, full day kindergarten. Kindergarten provides your child with an opportunity to learn and practice essential social, emotional, problem-solving, and study skills that he or she will use throughout the rest of their life. Schools use a program titled, Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS). The Three Components of WaKIDS are:

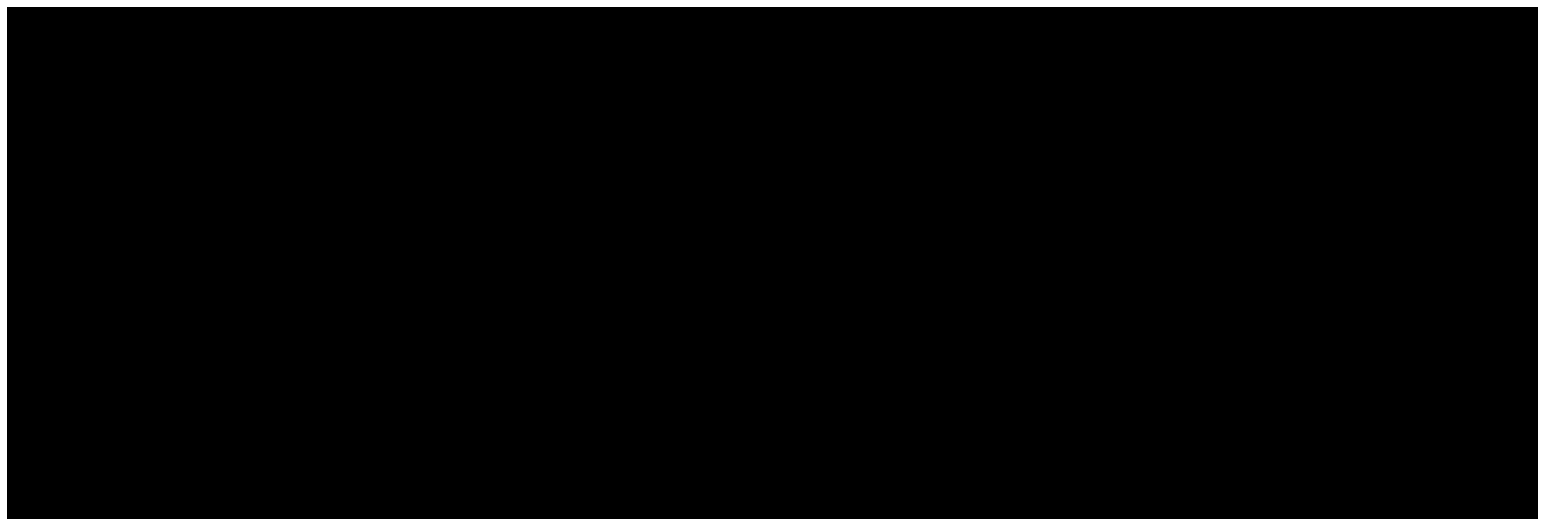
1. **Family Connection** welcomes families into the Washington K-12 system as partners in their child's education.
2. **Whole-child Assessment** helps kindergarten teachers learn about the skills and strengths of the children in their classrooms so they can meet the needs of each child.
3. **Early Learning Collaboration** aligns practices of early learning professionals and kindergarten teachers to support smooth transitions for children.

A five-year-old will need many skills to succeed in school. You can help your child get ready by:

- Reading aloud for 20 minutes a day
- Joining a Ready! for Kindergarten parent class if available in your school district
- Talking about colors, shapes
- Counting together
- Playing games and singing songs
- Potty trained
- No longer takes a daily nap (slowly wean away naps the summer before school starts)

If you need assistance in registering your child for kindergarten, contact the School Liaison. For more information on Kindergarten readiness and WaKids,





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Military Child Education Coalition Parent Programs



The Military Child Education Coalition announces a series of Parent Education Webinars for military-connected parents and professionals who work in support of military-connected children. These webinars are open to all interested participants and offer research-based information and ideas for participants.

Mark your calendars and register for the webinar that fits your needs. Once you've registered, you will be able to

view the live webinar or watch a recorded presentation after the recording is processed.

Webinar topics:

- **June 2** – Selecting the Right Homeschool Curriculum for Your Child
- **June 8** – Diagnosis: Who to Ask for Help
- **June 9** – Translating a Medical Diagnosis into an Educational Plan
- **June 15** – Homeschool Pods and Co-ops
- **June 16** – Dual Enrollment: Benefits and Pitfalls for Military Connected Students



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Visit militarychild.org and click on the webinar topic to register.

[School Support Plans for Deployment](#)



Partnerships for Action, Voice for Empowerment (PAVE) provides Parent Training and Information for the State of Washington to support students with disabilities. PAVE's PTI program does this by providing information, training, resources, and technical assistance to help family caregivers, students and professionals understand rights and responsibilities within education systems. Examples of technical assistance include guidance about how to seek an evaluation for special education services or how to organize concerns for a meeting with the school. PTI empowers families with basic principles and vocabulary from federal and state disability laws to further understanding about how students access their right to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Services are provided free of charge.

PAVE recently shared tips for working with your child's school to support your child during a deployment. You can view the full article on its website.

[Visit PAVE](#)

[Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission \(MIC3\)](#)



Have you heard of the military children's compact? Awareness of this piece of legislation is growing among military families. Officially titled "Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity For Military Children, Chapter 28A.705 RCW", Washington State joined the Compact in 2009. The Compact eases interstate education transition challenges encountered by the children of active-duty service members such as enrollment, eligibility, placement and graduation.

The first step in resolving any Compact related issue is to contact the School Liaison at your installation. School Liaisons are trained in the Compact and work with local schools to solve challenges due to a military move.

Find more info on what the Compact covers and be ready for your next PCS in the MIC3 Parent Guide.

[View MIC3 Parent Guide](#)

[Meet the New Teen Coordinator](#)



Steve recently joined the Youth Center team as Teen Coordinator. Steve comes to us from working in municipal parks and recreation in the Seattle area for the last 20 years. His newborn baby girl, Brooklyn and family brought him back to the Anacortes area where he grew up. Steve enjoys the outdoors and any and all things sports. He is beyond excited to start serving with Teens and Families in the community! To learn more about NAS Whidbey's Youth Center call [360-257-0889](tel:360-257-0889) or [send Steve an email](#).

Updated Email Address

Our email address has changed. We want to ensure you can connect with us when you need, so please update our contact information in case you need to reach us: naswi.slo.cnrnw@navy.mil

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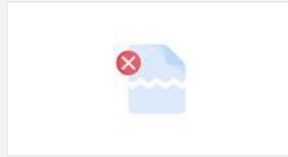


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