



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Ohio

2011-2012
CHILDREN & YOUTH
PLAN OF ACTION

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

2011 - 2012

Ladies - congratulations on your appointment to serve as the Children and Youth Chairman of your Unit! The Department Children and Youth Committee welcomes you as part of our Shining Star Team and is ready to share with you many of the ideas passed down from National Committee. We look forward to working with you this year and welcome any and all questions you may have concerning the Department of Ohio, Children and Youth Program.

MISSION STATEMENT

Together with The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary Children and Youth Committee directs and sponsors programs and services that provide care and protection to our nation's children, especially those of our military and veterans.

OBJECTIVES

1. **OBJECTIVE:** To recognize and reward Units who implement and monitor programs and activities that contribute to the physical mental and emotional health and wellness of children and youth of military families

Action Steps:

- a. ALA KIDDS (Kids in Danger of Depression and Suicide) is an Auxiliary project that builds referral networks of public & private support at the community level for the social and mental well-being of military families.
- b. Hosting family resources and services fairs to introduce military families to mental health and social support services in their community, and Juniors program of the Auxiliary and Legion.

2. **OBJECTIVE:** To recognize and reward Units and Individuals in Ohio's Communities for the positive actions of today's Children and Youth.

Action Steps:

- a. Encourage Units and Districts to submit the Youth Hero/Good Deed Award nominations to National.
- b. Plan events to publicly acknowledge the recipient.

3. **OBJECTIVE:** To provide information and assistance to District and Unit Children and Youth Chairman about sources for children of veterans.

Action Steps:

- a. Refer families to local community organizations for direct assistance.
- b. Educate members and public about the needs of CWF.
- c. Provide information thru Department monthly bulk mailings and local District/Unit newsletters.

4. **OBJECTIVE:** Increase the number of Units that participate in C&Y Programs while increasing the total contributions.

Action Steps:

- a. Recognition of Units that have 100% reporting of donations.
- b. Encourage participation in noteworthy C&Y Programs, while impressing upon Unit the importance of the number reported to Congress and the impact it makes.

PROGRAMS

The following is a list of Programs that the American Legion Family strongly supports and uses as an aid in helping children of Veterans.

FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK – The American Legion's Family Support Network is ready to provide immediate assistance to service personnel and families whose lives have been directly affected by Operation Iraqi Freedom and America's war on terror. There is a 24-hour nationwide toll-free telephone number (1-800-504-4098) for service members and their family members to call for assistance. These calls are then referred to Department who, in turn, may refer them to their local Post, Unit or SAL Squadron. Encourage your Unit to reach out first by offering assistance such as baby sitting, birthday parties for kids, running errands, providing transportation, mowing grass, shoveling snow, social interaction, minor home maintenance, financial support and entertainment (just to name a few). Don't be afraid to ask them what they need the most to make their life a little less stressful. There is information under Children and Youth Resources attached to this Plan of Action or you can go on line to www.familysupport@legion.org for more information. Encourage your Unit to reach out to the children of activated or deployed service personnel. This is a great opportunity for the entire Legion Family to get involved. Provide activities or functions as a positive role model. You may want to consider adopting a family whether stationed stateside or abroad.

OPERATION MILITARY KID (HERO PACK) – Core contents of Hero Packs:

Backpack, Partner information for Parents, Examples: OMK information and resources specific to the state and/or community Up-to-date 4-H club program information, Up-to-date program information for The American Legion and Auxiliary, Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) “staying involved in your child’s education during deployment” booklet, Operation: Military Child Care Blue Card (OMCC).

Military One Source Information (<http://www.militaryonesource.com>)

Handwritten appreciation letters,

Fun items – Good examples of fun items may be stickers, a stuffed animal or Frisbee.

Connection/communication tools: Disposable camera, Photo album/scrapbook , Journal/pen Stationery, Postage stamps, Pens, Gift card to the Post Exchange (PX),Prepaid phone calling card

For more detail please go to : www.operationmilitarykids.org

ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS – It is imperative that we continue to take an active role in providing for America's children. Contact your state foster care system or go to www.fostercaremonth.org for more information.

YOUTH HERO AND GOOD DEED PROGRAM – YOUTH HERO AWARD is designed to encourage your Unit to seek out youth in your community deserving of this award. It is an award designed to recognize and reward today's youth who are under the age of 18 years and who perform a heroic act of physical valor. This award honors the youth for their willingness to put others before self.

GOOD DEED AWARD is an award for the youth under 18 years of age who does not meet the Youth Hero Award criteria, but are great examples of community service. The Application for this award is attached to this Plan of Action or you can print one at www.legion-aux.org. *Please note that this application is to be sent to your Department Secretary (Katie Wainwright) at American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760.*

NATIONAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH – April is the month set aside to focus on our Children and Youth Program. We dedicate this month to promoting activities throughout April that highlight the health and welfare of our children. Initiate and sponsor a project that will benefit children. Encourage your Unit members to volunteer and support community programs already in place that teach and protect our children by providing them with accurate information.

The health, safety and welfare of our children are a major concern for all of us. Each community has programs and activities that can assist in providing and maintaining a healthy atmosphere for our children. Provide members with information about child health and safety in areas relating to immunizations, illness, nutrition, physical fitness, education, safety in the home, bike and fire safety, missing or abused children, youth suicide and drug abuse.

Host a community wide "Children's Fair" and invite organizations that promote child welfare to participate by setting up booths to distribute information that relates to the well-being of our children such as immunizations, nutrition, physical exercise, etc.

Join with other community resources such as your local Police and Fire Departments to provide program information to parents and children promoting safety awareness.

THE DEPARTMENT OF OHIO CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND – This Fund's only source of income is the assessments paid with your membership dues. The Fund not only provides for all programs for children, including Junior Activities, but also provides for scholarships and the A&G Test Trip when those funds are insufficient. Encourage your Unit to donate to this fund to support our Children & Youth Programs.

AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION – We as Units have always worked with the "American Legion Child Welfare Foundation" this year they have initiated a new incentive program for the award year 2011-2012.

We ask each Post, Unit, Squadron or Salon to donate at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year will receive a beautiful banner/streamer. The banner/streamer is suitable for display in your meeting room or it can be attached to your organization colors.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES - BASED ON GOAL, NOT ACTUAL MEMBER PAID

Group 1	10-50	Group 2	51-100	Group 3	101-200
Group 4	201-400	Group 5	401-600	Group 6	601 & up

ATTENTION UNIT CHAIRMEN

I am asking you to please submit a Children & Youth Annual (green) Report. The statistics we get from our Units is what we give our National American Legion Auxiliary so they can use this to present to Congress.

As the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, we need to ensure the future of our Children and Youth, Veterans, and Military Family programs. We know the need for these programs and we must let our legislators know by reporting what we do throughout the year. See what your time, dedication, and donations can do for our youth, and then tell us a story about what your Unit did this year.

Please send your Annual (green) Report to your **DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**. Any narrative submitted for a District or Department Award should have a copy of the Annual (green) Report attached.

ANNUAL REPORT (green) FORM – The Unit Chairman shall send the Annual Report Form to their DISTRICT Children and Youth Chairman so she received it by May 1, 2012. Certificates will be awarded at the respective District Summer Conventions. The District Chairman will forward the 1st place winners in each category to the Department Children and Youth Chairman for judging. Certificates will be awarded at the Children & Youth Pre-Convention meeting at Department Convention. This report is **mandatory for the Citation of Merit**.

AWARDS

DEPARTMENT

LETA ZELLER PLAQUE – This plaque will be presented at Department Convention to the District President with the "Highest Percentage" of Units contributing to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

MIRIAM JUNGE PLAQUE – This plaque is a Unit Chairman Award and will be presented at Department Convention to the Unit Chairman promoting the most outstanding report for the "Best Year Round Children & Youth Program". This entry is to be in narrative form - not to exceed 1,000 words. The narrative must include:

- Name of award
- Name of the Department (Ohio)
- Unit name and number
- District number
- Name and address of the Unit chairman
- Copy of the Annual Unit (green) Report Form

Entries are to be sent to Department Children & Youth Vice Chairman Carol Ebersole, 3934

Maidstone Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43230-4512 and must be received May 1, 2012. The winning entry will be sent on to National for further consideration.

YOUTH HERO AND GOOD DEED AWARD - The YOUTH HERO AWARD is for a youth, under 18 years of age, who performs a heroic act of physical valor. THE GOOD DEED AWARD is for a youth under 18 years of age, who does not meet the Youth Hero Award criteria, but who displays great examples of community service. Application to be completed at Unit level and mailed to Department Secretary Katie Wainwright, American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760. The Department Secretary will certify the application and forward it to National Headquarters. The National President will sign the Award Certificate and return it to the Unit to be presented to the youth.

NATIONAL

BEST OVERALL PROGRAM (Department Award)

OUTSTANDING PROMOTION OF SUPPORTING PROGRAMS (Unit Award) – A citation plaque will be awarded to the Unit Children & Youth Chairman in each division for the most outstanding program promoting the Children & Youth program activities. Entry must be in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words, and may include pictures, news articles, press releases, etc. A cover sheet, including the name of the award, Department, Unit name & number and the name and contact information for the Unit Children & Youth chairman should be included. The winner of the Miriam Junge Plaque will be sent in for consideration of this award.

HONORING THEIR SERVICE AWARD – The children of military parents and of activated Guard and Reservists are also “serving” their country. We can honor their service by providing support for these children. A plaque citation will be awarded to a Unit in each Division with the best innovative program supporting military children. Entry must be in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words, and may include pictures, news articles, press releases, etc. A cover sheet, including the name of the award, Department, Unit name & number and the name and information for the Unit Children & Youth chairman should be included. Entries for this award need to be sent to **Department Children and Youth Chairman Colleen Phillips, C-032 Road 8-B, Hamler, Ohio 43524-9785 by May 1, 2012**. These entries will be reviewed and the best entry from Ohio will be sent on to our Central Division Chairman.

LEGACY AWARD – A plaque presented at National Convention to the top Department based on combined total contributions of the American Legion Family and Eight & Forty contributions to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation during contribution year (June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012).

GARLAND M. MURPHY. JR. AWARD – A plaque presented to one Department from each organization of the Legion Family with the greatest contributions to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation during contribution year (June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012). Plaques awarded at their National Convention.

EXCELLENCE AWARD – A plaque presented to one of ten Departments from each organization of the Legion Family with the highest per capita contribution average for the contribution year (June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012). Citations mailed to the runners-up.

"HERITAGE CIRCLE" GIFT CLUB – A plaque presented to Departments of The American Legion Family and Eight & Forty for their cumulative donations during the contribution year June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. Plaques will be mailed September 1, 2012. Donor levels – Benefactor - \$5,000, Patron - \$2,500, Sponsor - \$1,000

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – A plaque presented to the top Department in each organization with the highest increase in per capita giving to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation during contribution year (June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012). Plaques will be mailed September 1, 2012.

"CHILDREN FIRST" GIFT CLUB – A plaque presented to organization (post, Unit, Salon and Squadron) for their cumulative donation made during the contribution year (June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012). Donor levels – Guardian - \$1,000, Advocate - \$750, Caretaker - \$500

"CORNERSTONE" GIFT CLUB – A pin awarded to individuals for their cumulative donations made during the contribution year (June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012). Donor levels – Foundation Ambassadors - \$1,000, President's Circle - \$500, Foundation Partners - \$250, Century Club - \$100

CHILDREN AND YOUTH RESOURCES

The American Legion
Children & Youth Programs
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
www.legion.org/youth/publications

acttodayformilitaryfamilies.org
Help for Military Children with Autism

Youth Hero and Good Deed Form
www.alaforveterans.org

American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation
www.cwf-inc.org

National Foster Care Month
www.fostercaremonth.org

National Military Families Month
(November)
www.nationalmilitaryfamilies.org

Operation Military Kids
4700 King Street, 4th Floor
Alexandria, VA 22302
(703) 734-6654
www.operationmilitarykids.org

Alliance for Children and Families
11700 West Lake Park Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53224-3099
(414) 359-1040
800-221-3726
Fax: (414) 359-1074
www.alliancel.org

Zero to Three: National Center for Infants,
Toddlers, and Families
2000 M Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 638-1144
www.zerotothree.org/military

Big Brothers Big Sisters
www.bbbs.org

* **Children's Miracle Network and JOSH** are promoted through the SAL. If your Unit promotes them, list under special projects.

To access the American Legion Auxiliary National Web site go to www.alaforveterans.org. Click on Current Members, then Programs, then Children & Youth.