



CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES (CYS) School Program Briefing

Presented by the Military & Family Life Consultants (MFLC) Program



MFLC Background

- Department of Defense (DoD) responded to military families' emerging need for support beyond existing services at installations
- Summer 2005 - DoDEA summer support programs began
- 2006 - added CYS support to the Summer Enrichment Program
- Summer 2007 - expanded CYS into an ongoing rotational program
- Fall 2008 – Brought CYS support into 5 DoDEA schools in Europe as a pilot program.





The MFLC Program: An Overview

- Augments school support services
- Helps Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Component Service members and their families through cycles of deployment and reintegration
- Provides non-medical, short-term counseling
 - Helps Military children and their families cope with normal reactions to the stress and anxiety created by multiple deployments and reintegration.
 - Available onsite in the school setting.
 - Strives to build resiliency among our youth.

Child & Youth Services Military & Family Life Consultants



All CYB-MFLCs:

- Are Master's or Doctorate level, licensed and have experience working with children and youth
- Work directly with a CYS Point of Contact (POC) at each location



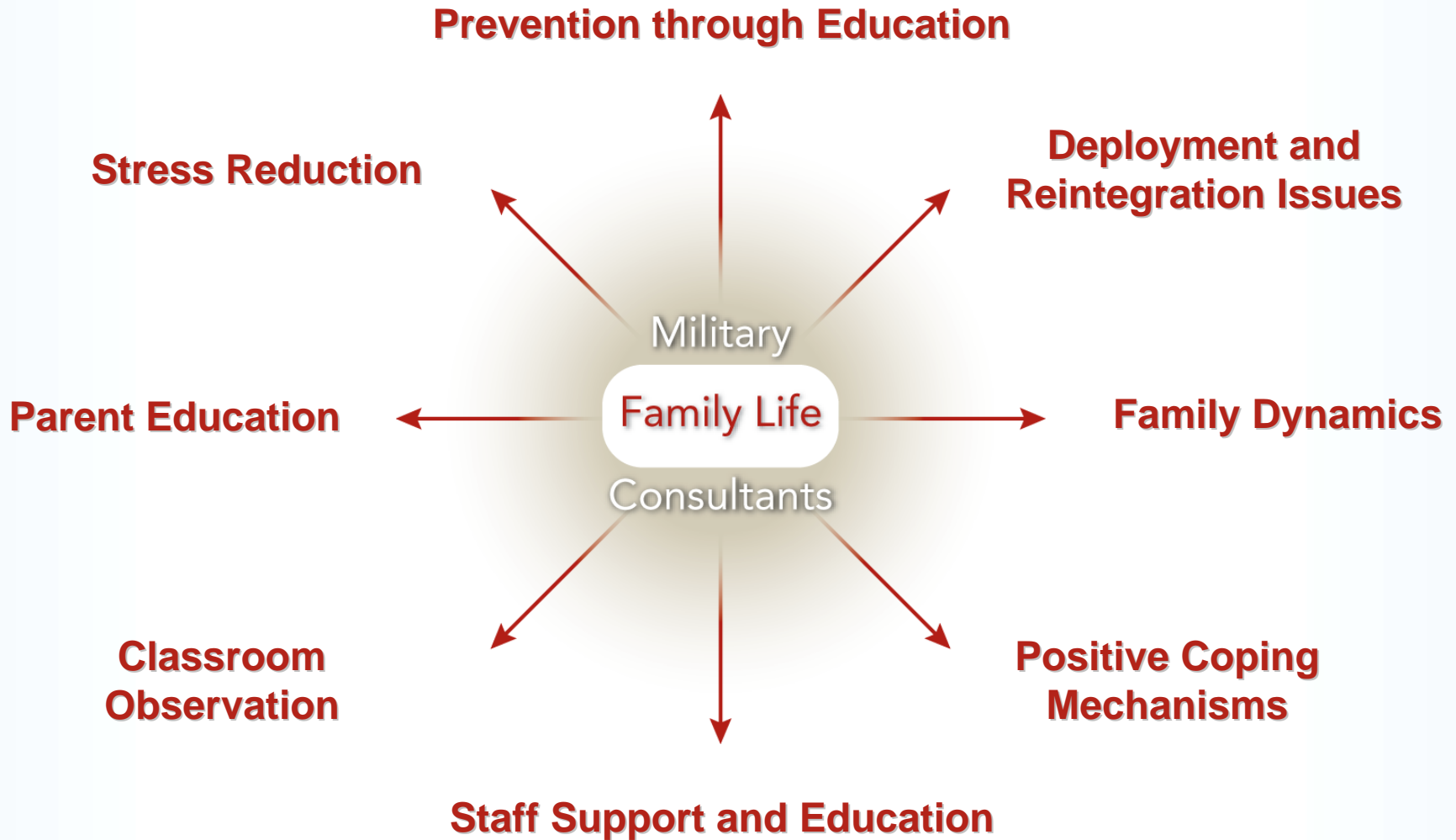
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CYS-MFLCs may:

- Work with eligible children/youth up to age 18, in groups or individually, at designated CYS sites
- Observe, participate and engage in activities with children/youth
- Consult individually with staff members, teachers and parents
- Facilitate psycho-educational groups
- Provide trainings

“Line of Sight” ALWAYS applies when working with children.

CYS-MFLCs Scope



Out of Scope

CYS-MFLCs:

- Cannot participate in IEP's or any formal process for reviewing children for special needs assistance/placement.
- Cannot work with children who are “in the system”
- May not provide formal assessments, evaluations or diagnoses
- Cannot be counted in the staffing ratio





CYS-MFLC Eligibility and Privacy

Eligibility is given to:

- Active duty service members and their families
- Guard/Reserve and their family members
- When authorized by the Secretary of the Military Department, DoD civilian employees and their family members

Privacy:

- No records – no written records of any kind including statistical reports
- Contact is confidential except under certain circumstances:
 - Threats to self or others
 - Child abuse
 - Domestic violence/family violence



CYS-MFLC: Training Topics

- Communication
- Resolving Conflict
- Managing Anger
- Bullying
- Self-esteem/Self-confidence
- Stress Management
- Behavioral Management Techniques
- Developmental Stages
- Sibling/Parental Relationships
- Deployment & Reintegration
- Compassion Fatigue
- Leadership skills

Where We're Involved



- Elementary, Middle Schools & High Schools
- Family childcare settings
- Child development centers
- School-age services programs
- Teen centers
- Other CYS sponsored events or activities