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MIC3 Leads Record Breaking Compact Training in Columbus, Mississippi

Columbus, MS – Columbus Air Force Base (AFB) School Liaison Joni Nalley organized the largest training to date on the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) providing more than 500 educators with training over a two-day period. On Tuesday, August 2, 2022, Lindsey Dablow, MIC3 Training and Operations Associate, provided training to teachers and support staff of the Columbus Municipal School District. The Columbus AFB Child and Youth Services also hosted parent training and provided additional information to attendees on the various programs available to families. MIC3 Mississippi State Council Member Linda Gates, and Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau CEO & Executive Director Nancy Carpenter hosted a reception for state legislators and local community leaders to learn more about MIC3.

The two-day event concluded on Wednesday, August 3, with Lowndes County School District's annual Convocation. During the event, more than 450 educators and city officials were trained on the provisions of the Compact.

"I am thrilled by the turnout at each training," said Mississippi Compact Commissioner Kristen Windham. "The compact is essential in easing the transition of our military students in Mississippi and this training was a great way to raise awareness of the Compact."

Training provides participants with a brief history of how the Compact began followed by an overview of the provisions the Compact affords military-connected children in relation to their education. Military families move on a regular basis and reassignments are stressful – especially for their children. The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school, and most will attend between six to nine different school systems from kindergarten to 12th grade.

The Commission provides training at no cost upon request. For more information, contact Lindsey Dablow at ldablow@csg.org to schedule training for your state or organization.

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