



MCEC[®]

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission Annual Business Meeting



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Mission and Vision

Our Mission

MCEC® supports all military-connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve education challenges associated with the military lifestyle

Our Vision

Every military-connected child is college-, work-, and life-ready



5 Trends We Assess as Highly Concerning to Military Families & Students

1. Youth Mental Health and Wellness/Well-Being

- Connection/Loneliness/Community
- Giving Military-Connected Children a Voice
- Stress/Resilience
- Equity and Inclusion
- LGBTQ

2. Youth in Caregiver Roles

3. Transitions - moving, school transitions, transition out of the military, EFMP

4. Separations - not only deployment related

5. Life Readiness – including post-secondary preparation

Sources:

MCEC Education Survey 2020

Blue Star Families

National Military Family Association

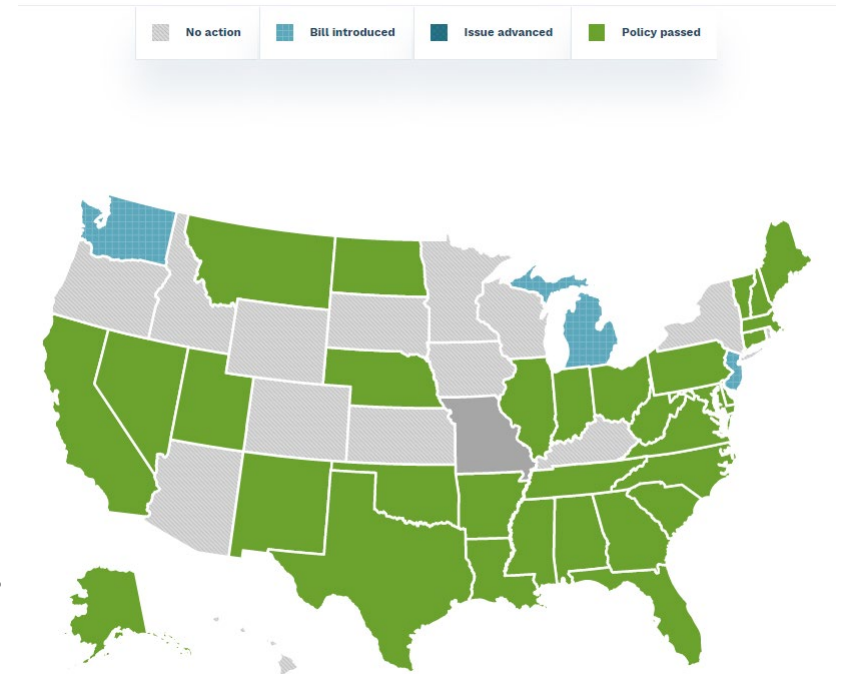
General Surgeon, National Academies of Science

Military Family Advisory Network



NATIONAL ADVOCATE™

- **33 states** – and counting – with statewide Purple Star Schools programs
- All designed to help mitigate the challenges of high mobility
- MCEC advocacy, expertise, tools & resources leveraged by districts and states for Purple Star School readiness
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) – Purple Star School Partners: Project ECHO®
- MCEC & Columbia University Center for Public Research and Leadership (CPRL) follow-on study – releasing shortly!



Map Source: Military OneSource Purple Star Schools Programs at <https://statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil/status-tracker/purple-star-schools-program>



Purple Star School Partners: Project ECHO®






- Partnership with University of New Mexico Health Sciences
- Project ECHO® for Education strives to:
 - Establish lasting, robust infrastructure for sharing educational knowledge
 - Build the capacity of educators to close achievement gaps
- MCEC piloting first Project ECHO® PLC in September
 - Target audience: MCEC Purple Star Partners (school points of contact)
 - Replaces MCEC Military Student Transition Affiliate (MSTA) program
 - Purple Star Partners: school professionals responsible for overseeing Purple Star School requirements and application at their campus/district
- MCEC-facilitated online groups of educators helping educators
 - Curriculum driven, and best-practice informed
 - Collaboration with peers
 - Brief, didactic lessons
 - Case studies
 - Robust discussion

How MIC3 and All Partners Can Help – Nested in MCEC Mission Priorities



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Educate

- Encourage membership and staying informed: MilitaryChild.org/join
- Engage with MCEC on social media: [@MilitaryChild](https://twitter.com/MilitaryChild)     
- Encourage sign-ups for the online *SchoolQuest*[™] resource tool at SchoolQuest.MilitaryChild.org

Advocate

- Encourage communities and schools to apply for the MCEC *Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Awards*
- Promote statewide *Purple Star Schools* programs with your state governments
- Endorse Military Student Identifier (MSI)
- Support annual campaigns: *Month of the Military Child, Back to School, and CFC #10261*

Collaborate

- Encourage participation in MCEC Purple Star School Partners Project ECHO[®] PLCs
- Encourage volunteering with MCEC: Volunteer@MilitaryChild.org.
- Bring a friend or colleague to our 25th Anniversary *MCEC Global Summit July 24-26, 2023*
- Share about MCEC in your networks

Thanks for serving with us!

