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Brooke Bhaalid is the Director of Government Affairs at the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC), where she drives policy priorities for military-connected families through education, advocacy, and collaboration. With over 20 years of experience in youth, community, and organizational development, she brings a broad and deep skill set to her work advancing the needs of military-connected children. Her background includes service as a City Commissioner, which informs her nuanced understanding of politics and policy.

Prior to MCEC, Bhaalid served as Associate Director of Policy at Blue Star Families. She also brings more than 15 years of research and program evaluation experience, six years of clinical therapy work with children and families, and time spent as a graduate professor in social work. Bhaalid holds an MSW from the University of Iowa and a BS from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.