

Lindsey Dablow Selected as the Commission's Fourth Executive Director

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission is proud to announce the hiring of its next Executive Director, Lindsey Dablow. Ms. Dablow has served as MIC3 Interim Executive Director since August of 2025. Prior to that, she served eight years as Deputy Director and Training and Operations Associate for MIC3.

Ms. Dablow will serve as the organization's fourth Executive Director. Her selection followed a nationwide executive search, dozens of applicants and interviews, both virtual and in-person.

Ms. Dablow shared:

"I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as the next Executive Director of MIC3. Over my eight years with the organization, I have been privileged to hear countless stories of resilience from uniformed-connected children and families as they navigate educational transitions. As the Commission enters the next phase of outreach on the Compact, we remain committed to ensuring these students receive the educational continuity and support they deserve. I look forward to continuing to support the great work of the Commission."



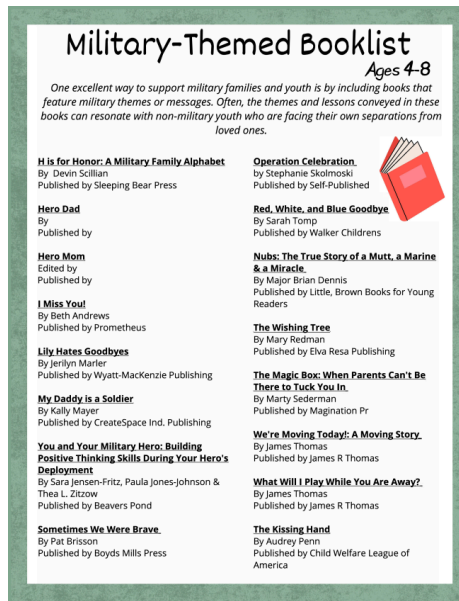
Month of the Military Child Recap!

One last thank you to everyone who celebrated Month of the Military Child this April! The Commission is already looking forward to April 2027!

[Month of the Military Child Recap Video](#)

Deployment Resources Update

The Vermont Army National Guard has assembled a military-themed booklist to support military families and youth during this period of increased deployment. Thank you to Vermont Compact Commissioner Lisa Helme for sharing this valuable list with the National Office.



Military-Themed Booklist

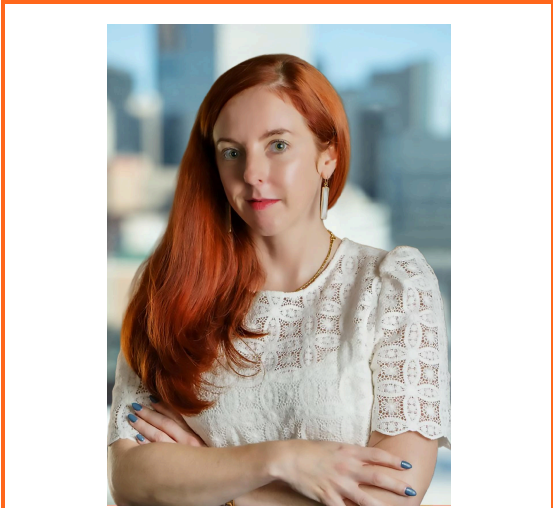
In light of Operation Epic Fury and subsequent events, the Commission compiled a list deployment resources. This information is being provided in PDF format and at <https://mic3.net/deployment-resources/>.

Both the document and the website will be updated as needed. Please contact the National Office at mic3info@csg.org if you have questions.

MIC3 and Partner Organization Deployment Resources (PDF)

Deployment Resources (Webpage)

Welcome to the Commission!



Kathryn Lynch-Morin
ECS Ex-Officio Representative



Ryan Foor
MIC3 Nebraska Commissioner

Kathryn Lynch-Morin is Director of Communications and Marketing at Education Commission of the States (ECS), a nonpartisan, nationwide organization that helps state leaders develop effective education policy by providing research, analysis and opportunities for cross-state learning. In her role, Kathryn works to elevate ECS's voice and bring its work to life through clear, compelling storytelling, partnering across teams to show how states are learning from one another and leading on behalf of students.

Kathryn brings more than 15 years of experience spanning journalism, nonprofit communications and state government. She previously served as a reporter, a nonprofit communications director and director of communications for a state education agency, where she led strategic communications efforts on complex education policy issues.

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Dr. Ryan Foor has served at the Nebraska Department of Education since 2015. Prior to serving at the NDE, Foor was a high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, university teacher educator, and university program assessment coordinator. During his tenure as a university faculty member, Foor advised graduate student theses and conducted research on teacher mentoring and job satisfaction. At the Nebraska Department of Education, he has worked in career and technical education, and for most of his tenure, served in the Commissioner's Office in various roles working with the State Board of Education. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Commissioner, Foor served as Assistant Commissioner and Chief of Staff.

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April Training Roundup

Over the last few weeks, the Commission has provided Compact-related information at multiple events.

April 2: South Carolina (Virtual)

Trainer Susan Haberstroh provided a virtual Compact 101 Training for 5 school-district level personnel from the state of South Carolina.

April 6: Offut Air Force Base (Virtual)

Trainer Susan Haberstroh provided a virtual Compact 101 Training for 100 staff from Papillion La Vista South High School. Air Force School Liaisons Tina Lunderson and Jennifer Miller Offutt were also in attendance.

April 8: Compact 101 HQ Training (Virtual)

Trainer Susan Haberstroh provided the monthly Headquarters Compact 101 Training to 3 attendees.

April 8: Indiana Department of Education School Counselors (Virtual)

Interim Executive Director Lindsey Dablow provided a virtual Compact 101 Training to more than 30 school counselors from the state of Indiana.

April 16: Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Special Needs Education Series (Virtual)

Interim Executive Director Lindsey Dablow provided a virtual Compact 101 Training as part of the EFMP Special Needs Education Series.

April 22: Maxwell Air Force Base (Virtual)

Trainer Susan Haberstroh provided a virtual Compact 101/201 Hybrid Training to 12 educators located near Maxwell Air Force Base. This training was organized by School

Did you know?

Has your child earned a grade and a credit for a course completed in the sending state and been asked to retake the course in the receiving state rather than being placed in the next course in the sequence?

Compact Rule, SEC. 5.101 Course Placement

(a) The receiving school shall initially place a student who transfers before or during the school year in educational courses based on the student's enrollment in the sending state school and/or educational assessments conducted at the school in the sending state to the extent the educational courses are provided by the receiving school. Course placement includes but is not limited to Honors, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, vocational, technical and career pathways courses. The receiving school may perform subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement and continued enrollment of the student in the course(s). The receiving school may allow the student to attend similar educational courses in other schools within the LEA if the receiving school does not offer such educational courses.

[Rules Book](#)

Ex-Officio Corner

MCEC

MCEC Upcoming Webinars:

May 12th: Kindergarten Ready: Helping Pandemic-Age Military Children Thrive

May 13th: Getting Started with Homeschooling: Pros, Cons, and Best Practices

May 19th: Special Needs: Transitions for Military-Connected Students with Exceptional Needs

May 20th: Kids in the Kitchen

May 26th: Deployment: Staying Connected During a Service Member's Absence

May 27th: Maximizing Summer Experience

To register for upcoming webinars, [click here!](#)

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OneOp Upcoming Webinars:

May 14th: Supporting Academic and Social Continuity for Mobile Elementary Students

This webinar provides practical strategies to keep children engaged, connected, and successful through relocation and other school transitions.

May 20th: Innovative Strategies for Stronger Military Nutrition Environments

This webinar will describe research efforts to improve the nutrition environment at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina as well as outside the continental U.S. (OCONUS) installations.

May 28th: Early Intervention Support for a Unique Population: Serving Those Who Serve

This presentation will inform practitioners about challenges unique to children in the military population.

For more information and to register for upcoming webinars, [click here!](#)

NMFA

2026 Operation Purple® Summer Challenge Applications Are Open

Apply now for NMFA's eight-week virtual program designed to help military kids and families stay connected, build resilience, and find moments of joy wherever military life takes them.

This is a free, virtual experience with self-paced challenges for military kids and their families, accompanied by live virtual gatherings.

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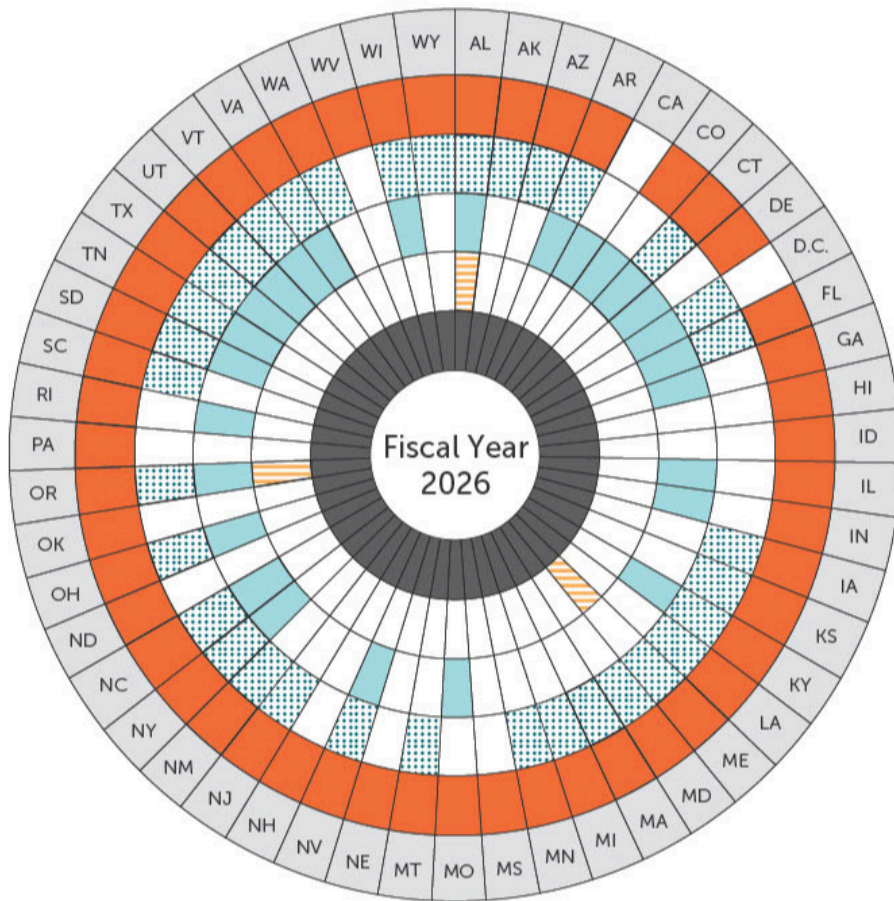
EdNote by Education Commission of the States

Check out these two articles from the EdNote Blog:

[What Declining Student Enrollment Means for Schools — and What States are Doing About It](#)
by Chris Duncombe

[Student Mental Health and School Counselor Licensure](#)
by Sam Nicholson

State Compliance and Coordination



- Paid Annual Dues
- Submitted End-of-Year Report
- Held a State Council Meeting
- Submitted Conflict of Interest & Code of Conduct Forms

- Commissioner Appointment
- Extension
- Pending

- Reporting Deadline**
June 30
- Conflict of Interest
 - Code of Conduct
 - Annual Dues
 - State Council Meeting
 - End-of-Year Report

Upcoming Events

Committee Meetings

- Compliance — May 12
- Communications & Outreach — May 13
- Leadership Nomination — May 18
- EXCOM — May 21
- Finance — May 27
- Ex-Officio — June 4

Compact 101 Training

May 20 at 10:00 AM ET



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