

## National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

**What is it?** The National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration program provides timely information, services, referral, and proactive outreach opportunities for Soldiers, Families, employers, and youth throughout the entire deployment cycle: pre-alert, alert/pre-deployment, deployment, post-deployment, and reconstitution (reintegration). The National Guard recognizes that each Soldier and Family is part of a support structure and a network of protection that helps them cope and even thrive in the face of life's challenges.

**What has the Army National Guard done?** The Family Readiness division supports and assists the Yellow Ribbon efforts in the States and Territories. In fiscal year 2011, the program hosted 1,161 events with 90,446 Service Members and 92,983 Family Members attending. The National Guard publishes the *National Guard Soldier & Family Foundations* magazine to highlight ideas and initiatives across the nation. This magazine has feature articles about Soldier and Family resilience and related deployment-cycle topics.

**What does the Army National Guard have planned for the future?** The Yellow Ribbon program is designed to serve Service Members from all reserve components. The National Guard has established a coordinated effort for States and Territories, providing concise and unified support to our Citizen Soldiers and their Families, regardless of their component, for a safe, healthy, and successful reintegration following deployments and throughout their deployment life cycles.

**Why is this important to the Army?** The National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration program provides a robust, preventive, and proactive support program for Soldiers and Families, promoting preparedness through education, by conducting effective Family outreach, leveraging resources, and supporting the volunteer force. This program focuses on the *continuum of care* needed to ensure successful Soldier and Family reintegration.