



Living in the *New Normal*



Helping Children Thrive through Good & Challenging Times



About the Military Child Education Coalition™

Vision:

To serve as a model of positive leadership and advocacy for ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition.

Mission:

To ensure quality educational experiences for all military children

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MCEC™ is a Combined Federal Campaign approved organization, #10261



Professional Development

- Transition Counselor Institute
- Special Education Leaders Institute
- Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute
- Living in the New Normal: Helping Children Thrive Through Good and and Challenging Times

Student Programs

- Student 2 Student
- Junior Student 2 Student
- Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program
- Bernard Brown II Space Camp Scholarship

Parent Programs

Parent to Parent

Tell Me A Story

Tell me a story for young children





Guiding Principles of Living in the New Normal

- **Recognize and encourage the courage of children**
- **Acknowledge the positive attributes of military children**
- **Promote environment of resilience**
- **Understand that children grieve**
- **Non-victimization of grievers**
- **Respect the cultural traditions, belief systems, privacy**



Complicating Factors

- Geographic Dispersion
- Deployment Stress
- Loss of culture and traditions
- Change in family structure
- Notification Process
- Media and public nature of war
- Children with special needs



Components of the Living in the New Normal System

- 1. Professional Development**
 - LINN Institute (12 contact hours over two days)
 - LINN Practicum (6 contact hours over one day)
- 2. Resources – www.linn.militarychild.org**
 - Resource List
 - Website Listings
- 3. Public Engagement**



LINN Public Engagement

Community Training Session in every State

- **A structured and facilitated forum**
- **To coordinate and sustain services for long term**

Civilian and Military conveners assembled

- **Business**
- **Civic**
- **Educators**
- **Faith**
- **Health and Well-being**
- **Service Providers and Organizations**

Result--- a unique action plan that informs practice