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To: ISD and LEA Superintendents, Principals and School Counselors

From: Mike Flanagan 

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Subject: Supporting the Children of Guard and Reserve Institute Training

The Michigan Department of Education is supporting Operation Military Kids Michigan. This is a collaborative effort among Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Program, the Michigan National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA and the American Legion **to help educators recognize and deal with issues and problems facing children of deployed servicemen and women.** The Military Child Education Coalition will conduct a two-day session at the Holiday Inn Livonia West, 17123 North Laurel Park Drive, Livonia on March 8-9, 2007. The registration form is attached.

I encourage you to send a representative from the district school social worker, guidance or counseling staff as well as a school nurse to this unique training opportunity. The Department of the Army Community and Family Service Center funds the Institute. There is no cost to participants for training, but districts will be responsible for lodging and dinner. Breakfast and lunch are included.

Brigadier General (Retired) Keith Martin, the project manager, said "Michigan Guard and Reserve servicemen and women are deployed in large numbers, serving alongside their Active Component comrades in the Global War on Terror and in disaster relief efforts here at home. These extended call-ups leave "suddenly military" children on the home front; often in communities and schools far from support networks of major military installations. Martin added, "We greatly appreciate the assistance of the Michigan Department of Education, National Guard and the entire Operation Military Kids team in making this training possible. The citizens of Michigan can be very proud of their leaders' commitment to doing everything possible to support the children of deployed servicemen and women."

Attachment

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**Supporting Children of the National Guard and
Reserve Institute©
Military Child Education Coalition™
Registration Form – March 8-9, 2007 Livonia Michigan**

The Military Child Education Coalition's™ **Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©** is a professional development program for educators and professionals to reach out in a support network to the children and families of the National Guard and Reserve. The conference includes two continental breakfasts, two lunches, two break refreshments and conference materials (no registration, meal, or resource material cost to participants). The curriculum, content, process, and delivery are correlated with the National Staff Development Council's Standards and the National Standards for School Counseling Programs.

Dates of Institute: March 8-9, 2007 (training is a two-day session)

Training: Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©

**Location: Holiday Inn Livonia West
17123 N. Laurel Park Drive
Livonia, Michigan 48152
734-591-0808**

Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (registration and continental breakfast at 8:00 am)

Deadline for registration: February 22, 2007 Register on line at <http://www.militarychild.org/GuardForm.asp>

Cost: None - your registration fee, materials and conference meals (\$140) are covered by MCEC™.

For your information, educational credits are available. Fees are to be paid at the G&R Institute.
1.2 Continuing Education Credit costs \$75.00, branch of Texas A & M University
1 Graduate Credit costs \$175.00, branch of Texas A & M University

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**Register on line at <http://www.militarychild.org/GuardForm.asp> or fax registration to 254-953-1925,
Attn: Linda Neault.**

For more information about the **Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©**, please contact Linda Neault at 254-953-1923 or Linda.Neault@MilitaryChild.org