



# VIRTUAL LEARNING

RESOURCE GUIDE by the VANG Youth Program



*The purpose of this guide is to inform National Guard Youth and Families of organizations, programs, and support for those dealing with deployment or virtual learning situations.*

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## STAYING CONNECTED

The best way to be ready for the changes and challenges of virtual learning and youth development is to stay connected. Here are a few recommended resources to stay connected with. We will touch on these in more detail in the next few pages.

### Virginia National Guard Family Programs

Under Family Programs, the Soldier & Family Readiness Program (SFRP) is intended to support Army National Guard Service Members, their Families, and Unit Leadership in a variety of family and service-connected areas. *More on page 6!*



### VANG Youth Program Facebook Resource Group

VANG Youth Program has created a public Facebook group to share content and resources dedicated to supporting and informing Guard Families in areas like Deployment, Virtual Learning, Child Care Resources, Games and Activities, and Parent Education. *More on page 6!*



### Engaging with YOUR School

Building a strong connection between families and educators improves outcomes for students. **Forward Families Virginia** has created a Family Engagement with Schools video that offers concrete tips and strategies to engage with school partners more effectively.

**View the 10 minute video here:**

[https://formedfamiliesforward.org/family\\_resource/family-engagement-with-schools-strategies-to-build-strong-partnerships-video/](https://formedfamiliesforward.org/family_resource/family-engagement-with-schools-strategies-to-build-strong-partnerships-video/)



# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SERVICES - RESOURCES - INFORMATION



The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has been working closely with the Governor's Office, the Virginia Department of Health, and other state agencies to ensure our schools and communities have the most up-to-date information and resources. These resources are either provided by or recommended by VDOE.

## COVID-19 Information

Visit the **COVID-19 & Virginia Public Schools** page for access to the latest information:

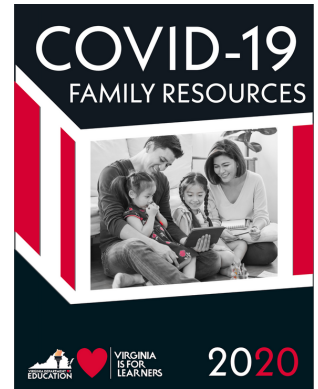
([http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health\\_medical/office/covid-19.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/office/covid-19.shtml))

- Virginia Schools Reopening Map
- Reopening Schools FAQs
- School Nutrition (*Approved Meal Service Sites*)
- Centering Education Equity During COVID-19
- Special Education & Student Services

### **VDOE Resource Page - COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES & CAREGIVERS**

([http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health\\_medical/office/covid-19-resources-families.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/office/covid-19-resources-families.shtml))

- COVID-19 Family Resource Guide



### **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLNESS: Considerations for Military-Connected Learners**

- <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/prevention/quick-guide-military-children.pdf>

## Virtual Learning Support

### **VDOE Virtual Learning Page**

- [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\\_learning/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual_learning/index.shtml)

### **TTAC: Special Education and Training Resources for Educators and Parents:**

- <https://ttaonline.org/index>

### **Family Guide to At-Home Learning**

- <https://cedar.education.ufl.edu/family-guide-to-at-home-learning/>



## VDOE Recommended Webinars

### **Crisis Time Schooling at Home for Students with Disabilities Webinar**

Parent Education Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)

- <http://www.learndifferently.com/peatc/>

### **Adapting to a Virtual Learning Environment Webinar Recording**

Military Child Education Coalition - Parent Programs

- [https://events-na5.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/cl/968319730/en/events/event/private/1825780098/2234880278/event\\_registration.html?connect-session=na5breez384nvzmcecpwzrfv&sco-id=2296637264&\\_charset=utf-8](https://events-na5.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/cl/968319730/en/events/event/private/1825780098/2234880278/event_registration.html?connect-session=na5breez384nvzmcecpwzrfv&sco-id=2296637264&_charset=utf-8)

# VIRTUAL EDUCATION SUPPORT

## Military OneSource

As always, [militaryonesource.mil](https://www.militaryonesource.mil) contains a wealth of information for every area of Military Family Life. Check out their site for test help, online resources, libraries, and articles on going back to school.

Here is one helpful article on Back to School Planning:

- [https://www.militaryonesource.mil/family-relationships/parenting-and-children/parenting-youth-and-teens/back-to-school-with-your-military-child?utm\\_campaign=mos-enews-august2020&utm\\_content=html&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery&fbclid=IwAR0cV1gnD9B04rQioOrBuTYCen-9hXec2GIFQy9bDxV7YIMDHikraNJwYjo](https://www.militaryonesource.mil/family-relationships/parenting-and-children/parenting-youth-and-teens/back-to-school-with-your-military-child?utm_campaign=mos-enews-august2020&utm_content=html&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&fbclid=IwAR0cV1gnD9B04rQioOrBuTYCen-9hXec2GIFQy9bDxV7YIMDHikraNJwYjo)

## YMCA Supporting Virtual Learners

In many areas around the state, YMCA's are partnering with local school divisions to provide spaces that will help children navigate virtual learning, provide healthy snacks, and activities during and after the school day.

- Contact your local YMCA to see if they have a participating program. *Most programs require a fee.*

## No Cost Boys and Girls Club Membership

"Making School Fun at Home"

- <https://www.bgca.org/news-stories/2020/June/how-to-make-homework-fun>

**Mission Youth Outreach** partnership supports military youth, ages 6 to 18, by creating a positive, supportive network. Through this partnership, children of National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty families may be eligible to receive free membership to their local Boys & Girls Club (additional fees may apply such as transportation, field trips, etc.).

For more information about Mission: Youth Outreach,

- Please email [MYO@BGCA.ORG](mailto:MYO@BGCA.ORG) OR CALL (404) 487-5355

## **Tutor.com/military - EXPANDED ACCESS through 30 June 2021 - NO COST!**

Expanded access -- all Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, and Wounded Warrior service members; DoD civilian personnel; and their dependent children and spouses are eligible to access Tutor.com/military at no cost

- This link explains the registration process: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=jBhJwYzM0hU>

# TRAININGS FOR PARENTS

## Military Child Education Coalition - Parent to Parent Webinars

<https://www.militarychild.org/webinars>

Upcoming Webinars:

- Military OneSource: A Special Look at this Unique DoD Resource
- FAFSA(Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and CSS(College Scholarship Service) Profile
- Homework Motivation Strategies and Support



## Tutor.com Trainings for Parents and Students

Offering free trainings on topics ranging from test taking, study skills, and back to school mindset during COVID.

- <https://www.tutor.com/clientcarelib/training>

# NON-MILITARY RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION / VIRTUAL LEARNING

*Some links will not work over the government network.*

## Big Life Journal – Back-to-School Care Package

This guidebook includes tips, ideas, and tools for parents and children for returning to school, homeschool, or anything in between.

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ul-ysnpQo0DztegyaKcDmiRwjSIYu1sN/view>

## Khan Academy!

Example schedules, fun learning videos and lots of structure.

- [https://www.khanacademy.org/?fbclid=IwAR3-CT2PieqQb79DNq9s\\_wVIMMn2S4kpKwWf7uC3eED9SXAHCp\\_5Vn-ZIZg](https://www.khanacademy.org/?fbclid=IwAR3-CT2PieqQb79DNq9s_wVIMMn2S4kpKwWf7uC3eED9SXAHCp_5Vn-ZIZg)

## Free Resources for Schools During COVID-19 Outbreak

Massive Resource List for students who are virtual.

- [https://thejournal.com/articles/2020/03/13/free-resources-ed-tech-companies-step-up-during-coronavirus-outbreak.aspx?m=1&fbclid=IwAR0AgBi2nzgzOEPEYm7x\\_9HNGXyiRxf1EPKkRkpgh3eQkYu\\_faEXFHbAys](https://thejournal.com/articles/2020/03/13/free-resources-ed-tech-companies-step-up-during-coronavirus-outbreak.aspx?m=1&fbclid=IwAR0AgBi2nzgzOEPEYm7x_9HNGXyiRxf1EPKkRkpgh3eQkYu_faEXFHbAys)

## Wide Open School

Wide Open School features a free collection of the best learning experiences and activities for kids, organized by grade band and subject. You will also find daily schedules with creative breaks and recommendations to keep kids engaged and exploring, one day (or one hour) at a time.

- [https://wideopenschool.org/?j=7723549&sfmc\\_sub=170268689&l=2048712\\_HTML&u=144169167&mid=6409703&jb=424&utm\\_source=WOS\\_announcement\\_20200331&utm\\_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR3SuoEQMPlk-uOO2yUsQxOZ4MXFp-Q9VmKhT2Z\\_lcvlkEvselsnE8Dvyc#grades-3-5/](https://wideopenschool.org/?j=7723549&sfmc_sub=170268689&l=2048712_HTML&u=144169167&mid=6409703&jb=424&utm_source=WOS_announcement_20200331&utm_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR3SuoEQMPlk-uOO2yUsQxOZ4MXFp-Q9VmKhT2Z_lcvlkEvselsnE8Dvyc#grades-3-5/)

## Scholastic

Scholastic brings you virtual learning materials for in school and at home.

- <https://learnathome.scholastic.com/thanks.html>

## AMAZING EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Shared educational resources and support each other as a community of educators:

- [https://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/?fbclid=IwAR3OJBTm6huYfu\\_H-2FgiSTWtWoina0rbLbzGsQ1fWza8XOMZ6K9LI33YME](https://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/?fbclid=IwAR3OJBTm6huYfu_H-2FgiSTWtWoina0rbLbzGsQ1fWza8XOMZ6K9LI33YME)



# DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT

## AER - Home School and Remote Education Assistance Program

Army Emergency Relief is now offering the Home School and Remote Learning Education Assistance Program to eligible service members and their families.



This program provides financial assistance in the form of a grant, zero interest loan, or a combination of the two. These funds are provided to support students K-12th Grade and dependents attending a college or University at the undergrad level (up to age 24) for costs associated with traditional home schooling and remote education materials such as pens and paper, and educational technology including computers, tablets, and software.

- AER office locator - <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/offices/>

## Our Military Kids

Offers free scholarships up to \$300 per child for ANY out of school time extra-curricular activity during deployment.

- [www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org)

An infographic for the HONOR120 program. It is divided into four colored sections: light blue, red, blue, and light blue. The first section lists grant requirements for Deployed National Guard and Reserve Families. The second section, in red, introduces the HONOR120 program. The third and fourth sections list four criteria for eligibility: 1. Parent currently deployed overseas, 2. Deployment period of at least 120 days, 3. Child at least three years old, and 4. Grant covers up to six months of future instruction or tutoring. The infographic includes a globe icon and a heart icon.

## United Through Reading

The United Through Reading App allows a service member or veteran the freedom to make a UTR recording anywhere they are. United Through Reading brings families together through video recorded storytime with their FREE program. The child receives the recording and book to read along with you on-demand.



United Through Reading serves ALL Service Branches for all types of separation including deployment, drill weekends, and duty nights. They also serve non-custodial parents, geo-bachelors, and the wounded, ill, and injured at medical facilities.

- [www.utr.org/app](http://www.utr.org/app)

## Army Fee Assistance through Child Care Aware of America

AFA assists with the cost of off-post child care for soldiers who are Title 10 or Title 32 AGR or ADOS(Active Duty Operational Support). The benefit is available to children from birth through 12 years of age.

- <https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/military-families/army/>



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## YMCA

Free memberships during the period of deployment at participating locations.

To use the search tool to find a participating YMCA location, go to:

- <https://www.ymca.net/military-outreach/>

## Tutor.com/Military

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# VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY PROGRAMS

## Soldier and Family Readiness Program

The Soldier & Family Readiness Program (SFRP) is intended to support Army National Guard Service Members, their Families, and Unit Leadership in the following areas around the state.

### Included, but not limited to:

- \*ID CARDS/DEERS
- \*TRICARE
- \*FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- \*BENEFITS
- \*EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- \*VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT
- \*MILITARY RESOURCES
- \*COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- \*EFMP (EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM)
- \*LEGAL RESOURCES AND REFERRAL

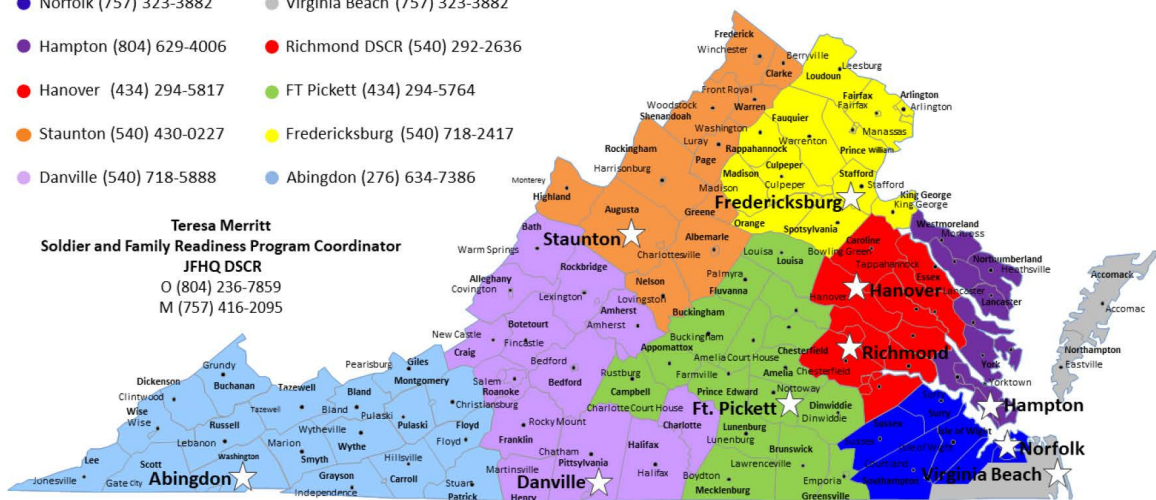
## Contact your area Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist!



### SOLDIER AND FAMILY READINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER LOCATIONS

- Norfolk (757) 323-3882
- Hampton (804) 629-4006
- Hanover (434) 294-5817
- Staunton (540) 430-0227
- Danville (540) 718-5888
- Virginia Beach (757) 323-3882
- Richmond DSCR (540) 292-2636
- FT Pickett (434) 294-5764
- Fredericksburg (540) 718-2417
- Abingdon (276) 634-7386

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M (757) 416-2095



**For after hours assistance please contact the Soldier and Family Readiness Hotline at 434-480-6585**

Soldier and Family Readiness Specialists (SFRS) are strategically located throughout the state to better assist geographically dispersed service members and their families.

## VANG Resources and Documents Facebook Group

This Facebook group was created to be a collection and categorization of resources and information pertaining to the Virginia National Guard Youth Program, National Guard Families, and Deployment Support Materials. The content in this group is gathered from various organizations that support military families, education, youth development, National Guard, and resilience.

To Access, go to:

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vangyouthresource>**



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