





The With You All the Way (WYATW)! Dealing With

Deployment Program was developed to address common issues that children ages 6 and up experience when a family member is deployed. Two million children have experienced at least one parent's deployment and many families are separated for several years due to multiple deployments.

The Comfort Crew wants military kids to know they are not alone. Our mission is to provide programs and resources to help military kids and their family connect and build resiliency in the face of extraordinary challenges.

The Deployment Kit can be requested online at **www.comfortcrew.org/resources.** Once the information has been verified and approved, the Comfort Kit will be shipped directly and at no cost to the military family.

WYATW! DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- A WYATW! Deployment Kit full of resiliency building strategies: access to an animated movie to let kids know they aren't alone, a journal to express their feelings, a family guidebook for parents, a plush bear to provide comfort and companionship, and items designed to keep the family connected
- Follow up support every 45 days throughout the deployment cycle: video on how to most effectively utilize the kit components, survey for collecting data on our impact, coloring pages, and other recommended resources
- Information on our follow up resource prior to returning from deployment
- Access to the Comfort Crew Academy, our new virtual learning and resiliency platform for military kids and their parents. https://academy.comfortcrew.org

KEY NUMBERS

- 2 Million: Children Affected
- 400 Thousand: Children Served
- 4: The average number of deployments per family
- The overwhelming majority of survey participants indicated that the deployment kit was helpful (98%) and that they would recommend The Comfort Crew to a friend or family member (99%).



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"My step-daughter has been very depressed since her dad was deployed. You comforted her, listened to her, and gave her a few tips on how to deal with her feeling instead of being bullied by them. She immediately wrote her dad and planned what they were going to do when he comes back. Thank you, thank you, thank you." — Military Spouse

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