

OMK Vermont Partners

- American Legion of Vermont
- Boy Scouts of America, Green Mountain Council
- Girl Scouts of The Green and White Mountains
- Greater Burlington YMCA
- Military Families Community Network
- Military OneSource
- University of Vermont Extension 4-H
- Vermont National Guard Child and Youth Program

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Help Support OMK Vermont

Host a Ready, Set, Go!
presentation at your school, club,
or business

Join Speak Out for Military Kids (SOMK)

Invite SOMK to talk to your group

Donate to Hero Packs

Volunteer at an OMK event

Join the OMK team

OMK Vermont Mission: To establish community partnerships that will connect and educate people by: creating community support, delivering opportunities to youth and families, supporting military kids, collaborating with community partners, educating the public, including the education community, and incorporating military families into existing community resources.



Operation: Military Kids Vermont



**Community support for
military children and
youth, because they
serve too!**

Operation: Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child and Youth Services, National 4-H Headquarters/USDA, and University of Vermont Extension 4-H

Operation: Military Kids is a national program designed to bring community partners together in support of local military children and youth.



Coordinated by University of Vermont Extension 4-H, OMK Vermont helps the community understand the full cycle of deployment and its impact on children and families. In a state like Vermont, where there is no military base to connect them, military children can be invisible to coaches, teachers, and community. OMK provides educational, recreational, and support activities to children and youth of service men and women in Vermont.

OPERATION: **Military Kids**

By supporting our military children, we build stronger communities.

Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) Workshops

Cover topics like military culture, the deployment cycle, homecomings, media influences, stress and coping strategies.

Hero Packs

Keep military children in touch with their parent or parents and remind them of the community that cares for them.

Speak Out for Military Kids (SOMK)

Brings military and civilian kids together to learn and educate the community about the deployment cycle, the impacts on youth and families, and the realities of military teens.

Mobile Technology Lab

The Mobile Tech Lab (MTL) teaches kids to use technology and keeps children in touch with their deployed parents by traveling to events where military youth and their families gather.

OMK also supports camps, family days, babysitting programs, and social activities that benefit military kids of all branches throughout Vermont.

OMK programs bring kids together with their communities.



OMK builds community connections for kids, empowers teens to share their stories, and helps them educate the community about the realities of the deployment cycle. Community members support kids with special Hero Packs designed to keep them in touch with their deployed parents. A mobile technology lab brings the power of communication to the kids and enables them to create cards, movies, talking messages, emails, and digital art projects to send to parents serving away from home. Through OMK, community groups band together to make Hero Packs, provide babysitting training, and support their military kids.