

The Revolving Door: Sustaining a PBIS System in Schools on Military Installations



Who are we?

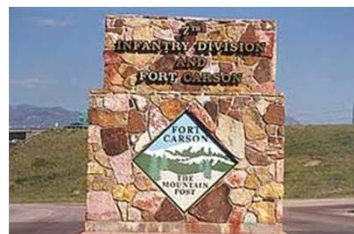
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Advanced Organizer

- ▶ Overview of district statistics
- ▶ Universal strategies for this population
- ▶ Universal strategies for families
- ▶ Universal strategies for sustainability
- ▶ Targeted strategies for mobility and deployment
- ▶ Questions?

An overview: FFC District 8

- ▶ 7500 Students
- ▶ 58% Active Military
- ▶ 4 Elem and 1 Middle School located on Ft. Carson Army Post



Abrams Elementary, FFC 8

- ▶ K-5
- ▶ 490 Students
- ▶ 96% Active Military
- ▶ 42% Mobility rate School year 2010-2011
- ▶ 100% Free and Reduced Lunch

An overview: ASD20

- ▶ District Enrollment is approximately 23,000
- ▶ 7 High (1 on-line and 1 alternative), 5 Middle, 17 Elementary Schools
- ▶ 1 High School and 1 Elementary located on the United States Air Force Academy
- ▶ 1 Elementary (Pine Valley) closed in 2009

Douglass Valley Elementary, USAFA



- ▶ 411 Students
- ▶ 117 students (28%) receiving deployment support
- ▶ Approximately 20 new students per month
- ▶ Over 50% Free and Reduced Lunch

Military Life...



- ▶ Mobility
- ▶ Deployment
- ▶ Deployment/military life video (5 Min.)

Under what circumstances is a student counted as “mobile”?

...a student is considered mobile any time he or she enters or exits a school or district in a manner that is not part of the normal educational progression. “Unanticipated” or “non-normal” movements – such as a mid-year grade advancement, entry into a school or district after October 1, or exit from a school or district before the end of the school year – are considered instances of student mobility.

Colorado Department of Education Website

09/10 Mobility Rates – USAFA

Douglass Valley Elementary

- ▶ Total Pupil Count = 494
- ▶ Total Mobile Student Count of 263
- ▶ 53.2% Mobility Rate

Air Academy High School

- ▶ Total Pupil Count = 1,511
- ▶ Total Mobile Student Count of 329
- ▶ 21.8% Mobility Rate

09/10 Mobility Rates – FFC

Patriot Elementary

- ▶ Total Pupil Count = 1,202
- ▶ Total Mobile Student Count of 787
- ▶ 65.5% Mobility Rate

Carson Middle School


- ▶ Total Pupil Count = 996
- ▶ Total Mobile Student Count of 582
- ▶ 58.4% Mobility Rate

Challenges in Sustainability

- ▶ Student Turnover
- ▶ Parent Education
- ▶ Staff Turnover
- ▶ Consistent teaching
- ▶ Reinforcement



Universal Strategies:

- ▶ How do we ensure that all students know the expectations when it is a transient population?
- Teaching/Re-teaching strategies
- Reinforcement strategies – recognize many of these students do not stay long enough to develop positive relationships at school.

Universal Strategies

- ▶ How do we support the families within these communities?
- PBIS booklet (DVE)
- Parent Nights
- PTO
- Supports available on Post/Base: different branches of military offer different supports

Universal Strategies

- ▶ For students with deployed parents
 - Deployment Groups
 - Books, workbooks
 - Deployment bags (DVE)
 - Military One
 - Liaison



Targeted Strategies

- ▶ For students with deployed parents
 - Deployment groups – at school and within the military community
 - Military Family Life Consultant
 - Opportunities to receive tutoring
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Some student's behaviors change because their parent is deployed...



- ▶ Deployment Groups/Counseling
- ▶ Check-In / Check-Out
- ▶ High 5/Supportive relationships

Reunion

- ▶ When parents come home...
 - PTSD- secondary trauma for kids
 - Loss
 - Changes in family dynamics and relationships
 - Reintegration

Targeted Strategies

- ▶ For students who have just moved in...
 - Passports
 - PBIS booklet
 - Student council teaching
 - Transition assistance
 - Peer Buddies or Peer Assistance Programs

HOWL Booklet

- ▶ [DVE brochure June 10.pub](#)



Resources

- ▶ Military & Family Life Consultant Program:

https://www.mhngs.com/app/programsandservices/programs_services.content

- ▶ Guide for Helping Children and Youth Cope with Separation:

<http://cs.mhf.dod.mil/content/dam/mhf/QOL-Library/Project%20Documents/MilitaryHOMEFRONT/Service%20Providers/Children%20and%20Youth/628043-Helping-Youth-Cope111%5b1%5d.pdf>

Resources

- ▶ Resources for Military Children Affected by Deployment

<http://old.armymwr.com/cys-images/Deployment%20A%20Compendium%20of%20Resources.pdf>



In closing, creativity counts...sometimes you have to find a way to do more with what you have.

Questions? Comments?

