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Students Portfolios for Mobile Month of the Military Schools Celebrate Skills

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**FOCUS Project Equips Interns with New Reputations**

Kristine Anderson, a USC MSW student interning at UCLA, is working on a program for active-duty military families. The program helps schools avoid losing students to deployment, and it also helps children adjust to the stress of frequent moves.

**Spotlight On**

Frances Reid, who is interning at Salt Creek Elementary in Chula Vista, to create the flag pictured above. Cecena also worked with USC student members of the school's Military Pride Club. Military Pride Club members organized a combined Awards and Military Child Appreciation Day event to celebrate military service.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Family Resource Fair at** 41000 Main St. Over 30 organizations will be represented, including the Blue Star Mothers, the United Way, and the Girls Club of Southwest San Diego. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the EFMP office.

**Supporting children during deployments:**

When a student transitions from one school to the next, there is often a feeling of loss. Teachers should also think about the child's feelings. Finally, teachers can even get ideas for their own assignments.

**Military Child Education Conference:**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2012 Military Child Education Conference. The early registration rate is available until June 1. For more information or to apply, please visit the conference website.

**Grant Opportunity:**

The Gates Foundation has announced a new grant opportunity for military families. The grant will support organizations that provide services to military children and families.

**Civilian support services:**

Defense service providers, including school liaison officers, PTA members, and Department of Defense representatives, will coordinate efforts around specific needs for military families. But many needs among active-duty military families are unique.

**Transitions:**

The workshop workshop May 16 on making the transition from EFMP to civilian support services. The location varies, so it is best to send an email to jbuehrle@saysandiego.org. The next meeting is May 28 at 41000 Main St.

**Building Capacity:**

Military Child Education consortium will work with schools to make services available. The consortium includes school liaison officers, PTA members, and Department of Defense representatives, who will coordinate efforts around specific needs for military families.

**School transition:**

Kristine Anderson says that they are moving again. The location varies, so it is best to send an email to jbuehrle@saysandiego.org. The next meeting is May 28 at 41000 Main St.

**CARE and other health services:**

Schools that serve military families are encouraged to develop a formal relationship with a school liaison officer. The liaison officer can help families in the transition process and provide resources.

**School assemblies:**

At Olympic View Elementary School in Chula Vista, to create the flag pictured above. Military Child Education consortium was created to support military children and families. The next meeting is May 28 at 41000 Main St.

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