

## Purple up for our EFMP Children

Explore our purple-themed handout designed for our military children to discover various ways to celebrate military children throughout April.



### Personal Celebrations

- **Schedule** a "Day in the Honor", this can include their favorite activities, meals, and a small ceremony where family members express their appreciation and pride in the child's resilience and achievements.
- **Consider** gifts that acknowledge their unique journey—customized jewelry with symbols representing their strength, scrapbooks chronicling their life in different locations, or a quilt made from t-shirts from every place they've lived.

### Community Involvement



- **Plan** "Purple Up!" themed picnics or art contests at schools or military bases. Schools and military bases can organize events such as picnics, talent shows, and art contests focused on "Purple Up!" themes.
- **Conduct** workshops on EFMP family needs for educators and community members. Offering workshops for teachers, students, and community members on the needs of EFMP families can foster a more inclusive and supportive environment. Topics might include understanding special needs, building inclusive communities, and strategies for supporting military families during transitions.



### Online and Social Media Initiatives

- **Initiate** a #PurpleUp social media campaign to share support and stories. Encourage people to wear purple and post their photos online to spread awareness.
- **Host** virtual events like webinars or online talent shows to connect EFMP families globally. Organize virtual gatherings, such as webinars with guest speakers from the EFMP community, online concerts, or art exhibitions showcasing the talents of EFMP military children.

#### MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN WASHINGTON:

- Fairchild AFB
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Naval Air Station Whidbey Island
- Naval Base Kitsap
- Naval Station Everett
- US Army Cadet Command 8th Brigade
- USAREC, Seattle Battalion
- 141ARW



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