



PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS LEGISLATIVE RECOGNITION EVENT-COLORADO



PRIOR TO THE EVENT

- Organized by 4-H Military Specialist
- Invited Child and Youth Programs, School Liaison, Homeschool Families from each installation, County 4-H Programs
- Worked with Legislative Aides to Arrange Details
- Provided Purple Up! T-shirts for Youth and Staff
- Provided invitation for Military connected families and Child and Youth Programs and "Save The Date" Cards
- Sent letter to school for parents use requesting student absence
- Created "Colorado is Military Strong" handout
- Prepared CYS/CYP letter and checklist
- Provided Colorful Colorado Trivia to CYS Staff and Families.

A STORY FROM THE EVENT:

"The Colorado 4-H Military Partnership organized the second annual Month of the Military Child and Purple Up! for Military Kids Day recognition event at the State Capitol in Denver on April 3. 60 military-connected youth and adults spent the day touring the Colorado Capitol, learning about the legislative process, and being recognized by the senate. Highlights of the day included a special proclamation being read in celebration of April being Month of the Military Child and April 14 being Colorado Purple Up! for Military Kids Day. Youth also were welcomed by 5 state legislators and 6 senior staff members in a private meet and greet session, where youth were thanked for their service as military youth and were able to ask questions and discuss issues with legislators on a variety of topics. Youth were present from Fort Carson (Army), Buckley Space Force Base (Aurora), Peterson Space Force Base (Colo. Springs) and Schriever Space Force Base (Colo. Springs). Youth represented all Colorado military-connected kids, active duty, guard, and reserves. The event was sponsored by Senator Nick Hinrichsen (District 3) and his staff." (News Article)

DAY OF THE EVENT

- Host gifts for Legislators and Aides
- Each Legislator's desk-4-H MP Pen, U.S. Flag Pin/Purple Ribbon & "Colorado is Military Strong" Fact Sheet
- Youth Led the Pledge of Allegiance on the Senate Floor.
- Signing of Proclamation
- Room For the legislators to meet with youth and photo ops
- Formal capitol tour



EVENT FOLLOW UP:

- Social media posts
- Installations Received an Original, Signed Copy of Proclamation

