TO: SCHOOL STAFF

*Indiana National Guard Family Programs* and *Operation: Military Kids* want to increase awareness among youth serving professionals and youth from military families with *Operation: Share and Care*. We are doing this by identifying youth who have a deployed caregiver or other loved one in any military branch.

When a loved one deploys, children have many different reactions to the absence. Research continues to show that it is important for schools to be aware that a loved one is deployed or on active duty. Schools have reported that they are unaware that a child has caregivers in the military or about this change in family life. This is vital for providing support to our youth from preschool through high school.

For more information or for resources to provide support for faculty and staff, contact:

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***Please return to your child’s teacher***

My child has a family member in the military, but they are not deployed at this time. ___________

My child will have a service member deployed on ______________________ who will be gone for approximately ________ days.

My child, ________________________________________________, is in your class.

Please contact ______________________________ at __________________________ or __________________________ (cell #) if you notice a change in behavior or school performance during this time frame.

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Signature       Relationship