



FACT SHEET



Quick Facts

- ✓ *More than 175 interns representing 39 states or US territories and 114 colleges/universities have participated in the program*
- ✓ *Interns commit to 1-year (12 month) cohorts*
- ✓ *Project YES is the result of a unique federal partnership between the DoD and USDA (NIFA)*
- ✓ *Project YES has served over 28,800 military youth in 49 states, 4 US territories, and Germany*

Project Youth Extension Service

Background

In April 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Defense launched the [Project Youth Extension Service \(YES\) program](#), a national military community capacity enhancement initiative that provides college students and recent college graduates with practical work experience working with military youth. The Project YES program provides military-connected youth the opportunity to participate in youth development programs specifically developed address their unique challenges. Further, it provides Project YES interns the invaluable opportunity of gaining professional experience, developing knowledge and skills, and enhancing their marketability within the competitive job search process.

Highlights

- Project YES interns facilitate youth programs focused on leadership development, resilience and life skills, and STEM activities.
- Project YES curriculum offers youth development programs specifically designed to address the challenges associated with military deployments and family absences.
- Evidenced-based, experiential activities provide youth and teens the resources to successfully maneuver a wide spectrum of daily challenges throughout all phases of their lives.



