

Children & Youth Action Plan

Purpose: The purpose of the Children & Youth Committee is to work collaboratively with The American Legion to promote programs that protect, care for, and support children and youth, especially those of our military and veterans. Standing Rules 6, Core National Standing Committees

Key Program Statements

- The Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for, and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families.
- To recognize and reward the positive actions of our children and youth, the American Legion Auxiliary has two special national awards bestowed to youth nominated by units: the Youth Hero Award and the Good Deed Award.
- Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) is an initiative honoring military children who may be experiencing a separation from one or both parents, whether deployed to a war zone, having a short tour or on an extended temporary duty assignment.
- The American Legion Auxiliary Children & Youth program strives to support and promote the Children & Youth program of The American Legion.

To help units recognize the positive actions of our children and youth, I have adapted the online Youth Hero/Good Deed Award submission page into a form that unit members can share with their schools. I encourage members to enlist the help of school teachers and faculty to find kids who are worthy of these awards. The form is available on the website.

~Noelle Bonjour, SD Dept Children & Youth Chair