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Dear

We have rescheduled the stakeholder meeting for **OPERATION: MILITARY KIDS**.

The seminar will take place on May 12, 2009, at the University of Wyoming Outreach Building located at 951 N. Poplar in Casper, Wyoming.

Our mission is to build the capacity of local communities in addressing the many issues that the children and youth of military families face. To this end, several events and activities incorporating the core programs have been scheduled. Below is a brief description of the four major core programs.

1. **Ready, Set, Go! Training**

Training is to increase understanding of the unique issues facing military youth who are dealing with the deployment or reintegration of a parent or loved one.

2. **Speak Out for Military Kids**

Participants form speaker bureaus whose participants develop lectures, public service announcements, videos and other materials.

3. **Hero Packs**

A Hero Pack is a tangible way to hand-deliver a salute to military children and youth for their strength and sacrifices while parents are deployed.

4. **Mobile Technology Labs**

The hardware and software packages included are designed to give the lab a variety of options for activities and programs that will help children and youth connect to their deployed parent.

The introduction seminar will be held on May 12 in rooms 151/152 from 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. and will provide background information on OMK and discuss the emotional cycle of deployment and its impact on youth. The Wyoming OMK team will also talk about what your organization can do to make a difference. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

We would be proud to have your organization as an active participant in implementing Operation: Military Kids in our state. We thank you in advance for your support of youth whose parents serve our country.

Please RSVP by May 8 or contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eloise Riley – OMK Coordinator