

# Intergenerational Learning Opportunities Among Military-Connected Families: A Review of the Literature

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## Agenda

- Introduction
- Research Question
- Methods
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## Introduction

- Who are military-connected children?
- Military service impacts families
  - In US: 1.3 million students have service member parents
  - In SC: 12,335 students have service member parents

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## Introduction

- What are intergenerational learning experiences?
- Geographic separation disrupts learning experiences between generations within a family

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## Introduction

- Gap in the literature around intergenerational learning experiences for military-connected children

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## Research Question

What is the current state of research on intergenerational learning experiences for military-connected children?

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## Methods

- No date restrictions
- 19 articles reviewed

### Search terms:

military + relationships with family
military + children + family relationships
military + children + extended family
military + children + grandparents
intergenerational learning

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## Results

### Theme 1: Military-connectedness

- Subtheme 1: Family Separation
- Subtheme 2: Residential Mobility

### Theme 2: Intergenerational Learning Experiences

- Subtheme 1: Benefits
- Subtheme 2: Contexts

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## Military-Connectedness

### Family Separation

- Immediate and extended family
- The deployment cycle
- Increased emotional challenges in children

### Residential Mobility

- Non-routine school changes
- 9 moves K-12 school career
- Increased behavior problems
- Decreased engagement
- Stalled reading growth

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## Intergenerational Learning Experiences

### Benefits

- Sociocultural competence
- Emotional regulation
- Identity formation
- Engagement in learning

### Contexts

- Traditionally in the family
- Designed community programs

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## Discussion

- Connections not explored thoroughly in literature
- Commonalities support opportunities for overlap
- Enhanced community relationships could help support military-connected children and families in future programming

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## Recommendations for Future Research

- **Intergenerational community programs for military-connected students**
  - Implementation and evaluation
- **Additional supports for military-connected students and extended family**
- **Technology-enhanced intergenerational learning for military-connected students**

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