

## WELCOME!

Through the Youth Sponsorship Program, the Youth Center staff can assist your child with transitioning to, (step 1) or from, (step 2) MacDill AFB.

**STEP 1:** If you are PCSing to MacDill, we have a terrific youth center with awesome programs and youth. We know you will have fun and make a lot of new friends while you are here. MacDill Air Force Base has plenty to offer youth ages 5-18. Our program is affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, 4-H, and the National Alliance for Youth Sports, so the sky is the limit on what we offer. We have active Torch and Keystone leadership clubs that are engaged and active in the community.

In addition to our youth center, the base has many recreational opportunities such as:

- Fitness Center
- BowlingCenter
- Golf Course
- Arts and Crafts Center
- Library
- Outdoor Recreation has lots of great equipment which may be rented for family fun as well!

Take time to check it out at:

[tinyurl.com/macyouthcenter](http://tinyurl.com/macyouthcenter)

You can also like us on our facebook page:

[MacDill AFB Youth Programs](#)

**STEP 2:** If you are departing MacDill, we are sad to see you go! Let us help ease your transition by connecting your child with youth at your destination base. Please fill out the "Request for Pen Pal/Youth Sponsorship" form (at below link) and email it to:

[harold.hug@us.af.mil](mailto:harold.hug@us.af.mil)

We wish you and your family safe travels.

Please call us at 813-828-7438 or DSN: 968-7438, if you have any questions.

**Harold "Chris" Hug**  
**MacDill Youth Center Director**

**Youth Sponsorship Form:**  
<http://tinyurl.com/youth-spons-form>

## SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

School Transitions is supported by Youth Programs / School Liaison Officer having an annual Back to School Bash / Resiliency Symposium where current high school S2S Ambassadors come and talk to incoming freshman and address any concerns or questions they may have.

This event also provides peer-to-peer interaction, and allows youth to see and meet new students.

Please contact the Youth Center at 828-7438 for dates and times.

## PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM TRANSITIONS

When School Age youth are ready to transition to the Youth Center / Open Recreation, they are paired up with a current youth center member and are provided with a new student orientation.

Within this orientation is a checklist which entails all of the facets Open Recreation operates under.

Some of the items on the checklist will cover:  
Introduction of the Youth Center Staff,  
Signing In and Out of the Facility,  
Handwashing Procedures, Building Tour,  
Fire Evacuation Procedures,  
and Rules and Regulations.

## KEY CONTACTS:

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## LINKS:

**Youth Sponsorship:**

<http://tinyurl.com/dod-youth-spons>

**Youth Services:**

<http://tinyurl.com/dod-youth-svs>



**HEY! Are you PCS'ing?**



**The MacDill**

**YOUTH**

**Sponsorship Program**

**Can Help!**



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Air Force Services

**Youth Center**  
**828-7438**

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# PEER-TO-PEER INFORMATION

## STUDENT TO STUDENT (S2S) PROGRAM



Student 2 Student is an initiative of the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit, world-wide organization, whose work is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition.

MCEC Student 2 Student (S2S) program trains civilian and military-connected high school students to establish and sustain peer-based programs in their schools, to support mobile children as they transition to and from the school.

- A source of relevant information for new students
- Immediate positive peer relationships
- Someone to trust, talk and relate
- 100% inclusion, acceptance and understanding

*The Student 2 Student Initiative provides transitioning students with:*

- Immediate peer credibility
- Positive peer relationships
- Valued information

S2S is a student-led, school managed program which confronts the challenges of transition and provides relevant training that gives students the best possible transition experience.

A team of volunteer students, supervised by a school lead teacher, train inbound and outbound transitioning students on three subject areas: academics, relationships, and finding the way.

For the incoming student, the team provides a forum for students to quickly feel welcomed, comfortable, included and accepted into their new school community.

For the outgoing student, the team assists in helping outbound students better prepare for transitioning to another school.

### ***S2S Program Objective:***

To provide a successful transition for all new students who are relocating

### ***S2S Program Purpose:***

- To rapidly meet the transitioning students' critical needs
- To quickly bring transitioning students necessary and relevant information from a credible, reliable source: another student
- To immediately establish a peer relationship thereby helping students to gain greater confidence, enhance their comfort level and increase their well-being while they adjust to their new experiences

*The goal of the JS2S is to address three key areas:*

1. Proper academic placement and connection to extracurricular programs
2. Build relationships with peers and with staff
3. Find the way to adjust to the school campus and how the school operates

*The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) believes that S2S works because:*

- S2S training meets real transitioning needs
- S2S leadership is provided by students
- S2S is timely
- S2S curriculum is based in research conducted by MCEC and validated



***Make your first day of school a wonderful experience!***

By joining S2S new students will:

- Meet new friends
- Be introduced to someone to talk with while they adjust to the new school
- Get information about how the school campus works and the surrounding community

***To inquire about this program, please contact an S2S member at your school:***

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