

## Pennsylvania Operation: Military Kids

# Speak Out Military Kids Training

*Attention all military and non-military youth 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older...*

**SOMK Spring Forum  
Saturday  
April 5, 2008  
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Hilton Garden Inn  
State College, PA**

**\*REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE IS FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 29, 2008!**

*Speak with an OMK Team member or you may contact the OMK Central Office at 814-865-2264 for information on registering!*



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One of the main four components of Operation: Military Kids (OMK) is the Speak Out Military Kids (SOMK) program. SOMK is a youth-led, adult supported project. The intent of SOMK is to raise community awareness of issues faced by geographically dispersed military children and foster community support for the sacrifices military families make. The youth, both military and non-military, form speakers' bureaus and develop presentations, videos, public service announcements, and other materials. They actively seek opportunities such as city council meetings, school programs, community programs, etc. to share their experiences with others in the community.

Participation in SOMK allows the youth to gain life skills in developing creative and informative presentations using a variety of media and gaining leadership, research, organization, and public speaking skills. All of these areas will be beneficial to them throughout their adult life.



*Whether it is radio, television, or public speaking, help military families by letting your voice be heard!*