



Living in the *New Normal*



Helping Children Thrive through Good & Challenging Times



About the Military Child Education Coalition™

Vision:

To serve as a model of positive leadership and advocacy for ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition.

Mission:

To ensure quality educational experiences for all military children

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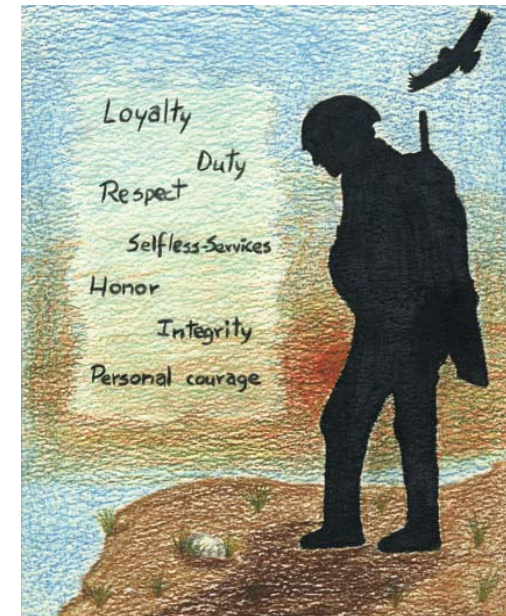
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Professional Development

- Transition Counselor Institute
- Special Education Leaders Institute
- Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute
- Living in the New Normal: Helping Children Thrive Through Good and Challenging Times

Student Programs

- Student 2 Student
- Junior Student 2 Student
- Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program
- Bernard Brown II Space Camp Scholarship

Parent Programs

Parent to Parent

Tell Me A Story

Tell me a story for young children





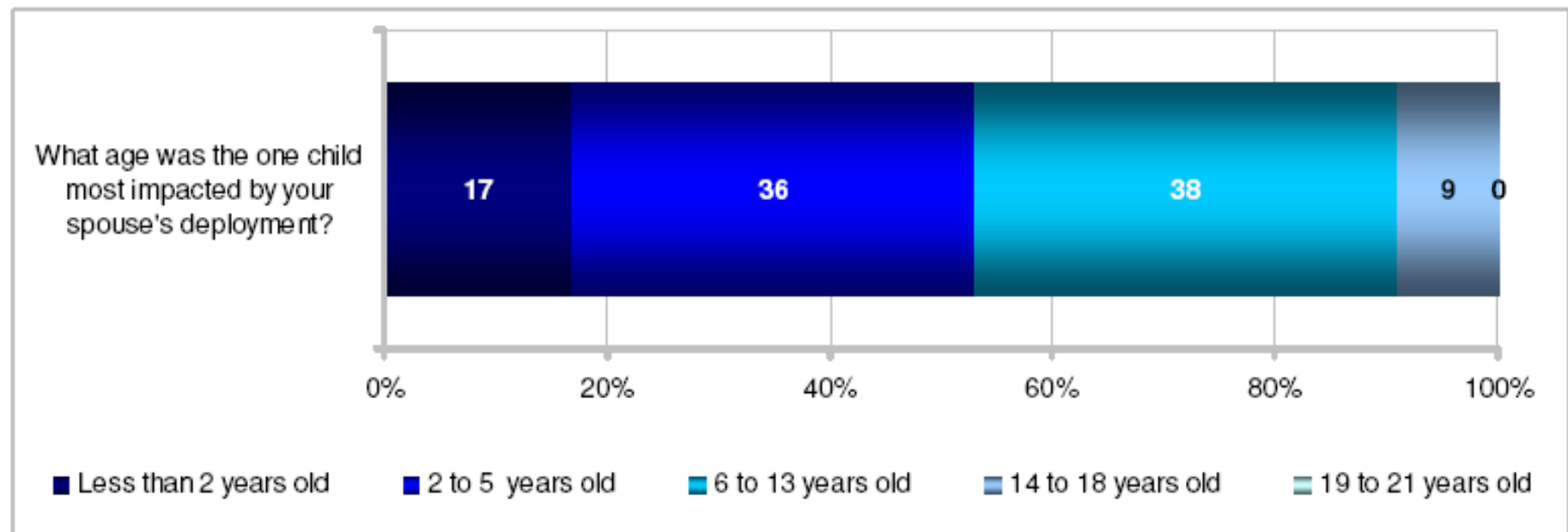
Guiding Principles of Living in the New Normal

- Recognize and encourage the courage of children
- Acknowledge the positive attributes of military children
- Promote environment of resilience
- Understand that children grieve
- Non-victimization of grievors
- Respect the cultural traditions, belief systems, privacy

Age of Child Most Impacted

Percent of Active Duty Spouses Whose Spouse Had Been Deployed in the Past 3 Years and Who Had a Child at Home During Deployment

Average age of child most impacted was 6.1 years old

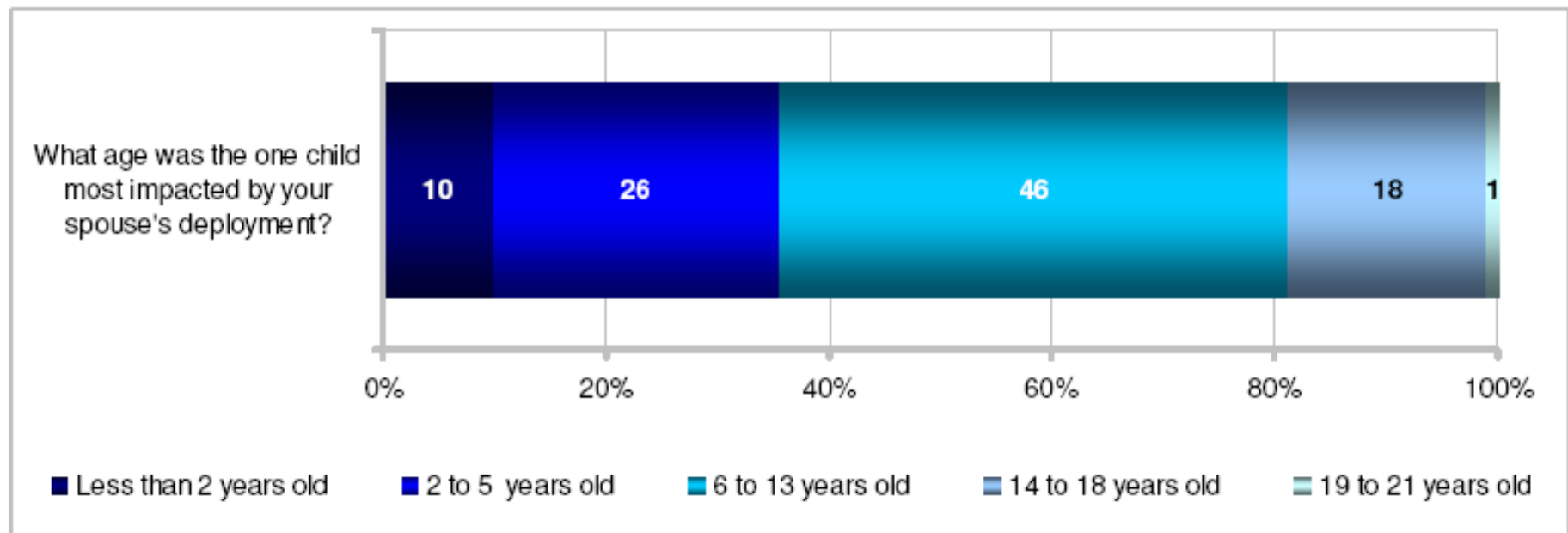


Active Duty—49K spouses surveyed—28% weighted response rate (13,720)

Age of Child Most Impacted

Percent of Reserve Spouses Whose Spouse Had Been Deployed in the Past 24 Months and Who Had a Child at Home During Deployment

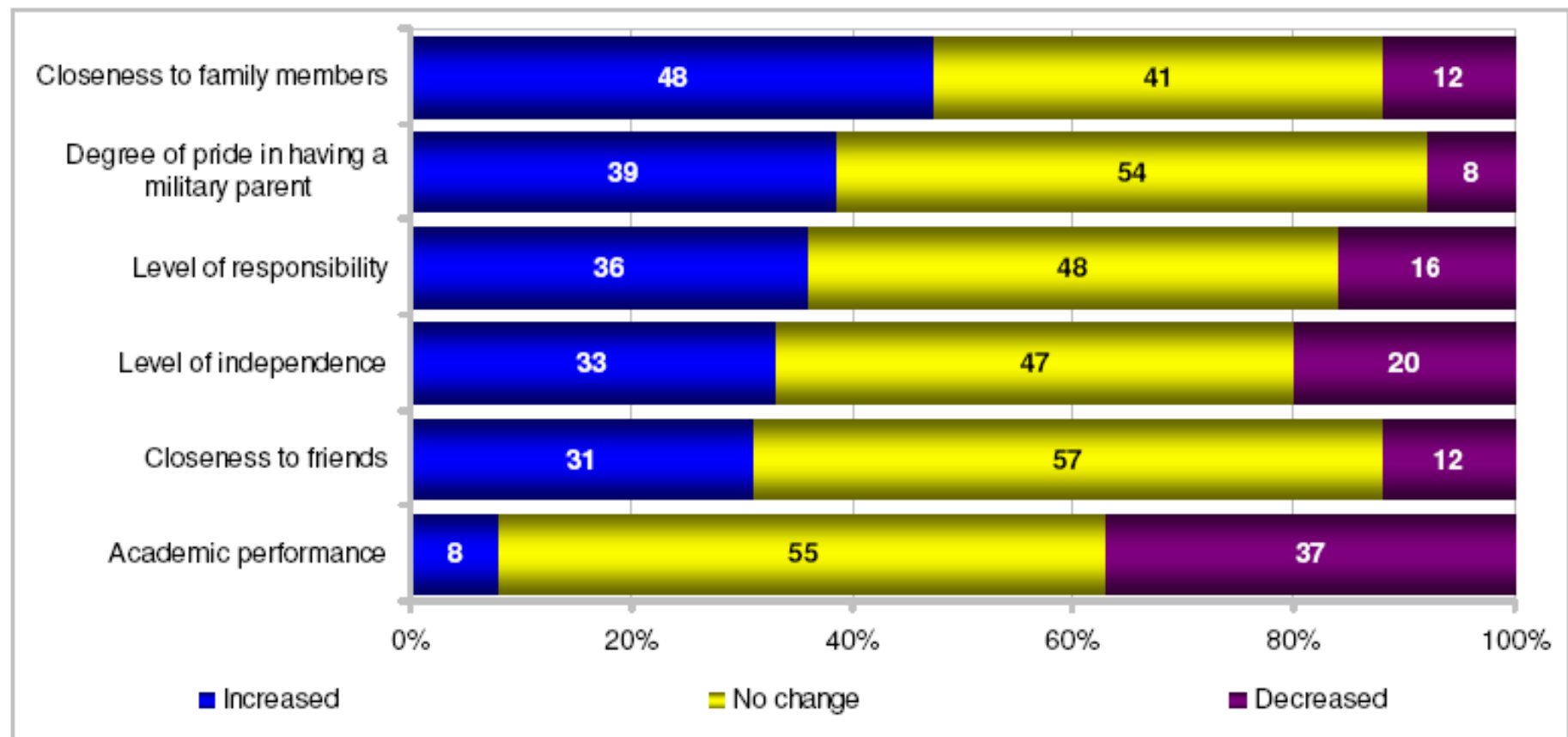
Average age of child most impacted was 8.1 years old



Reserve Component—54K surveyed-30% weighted response rate (16,200)

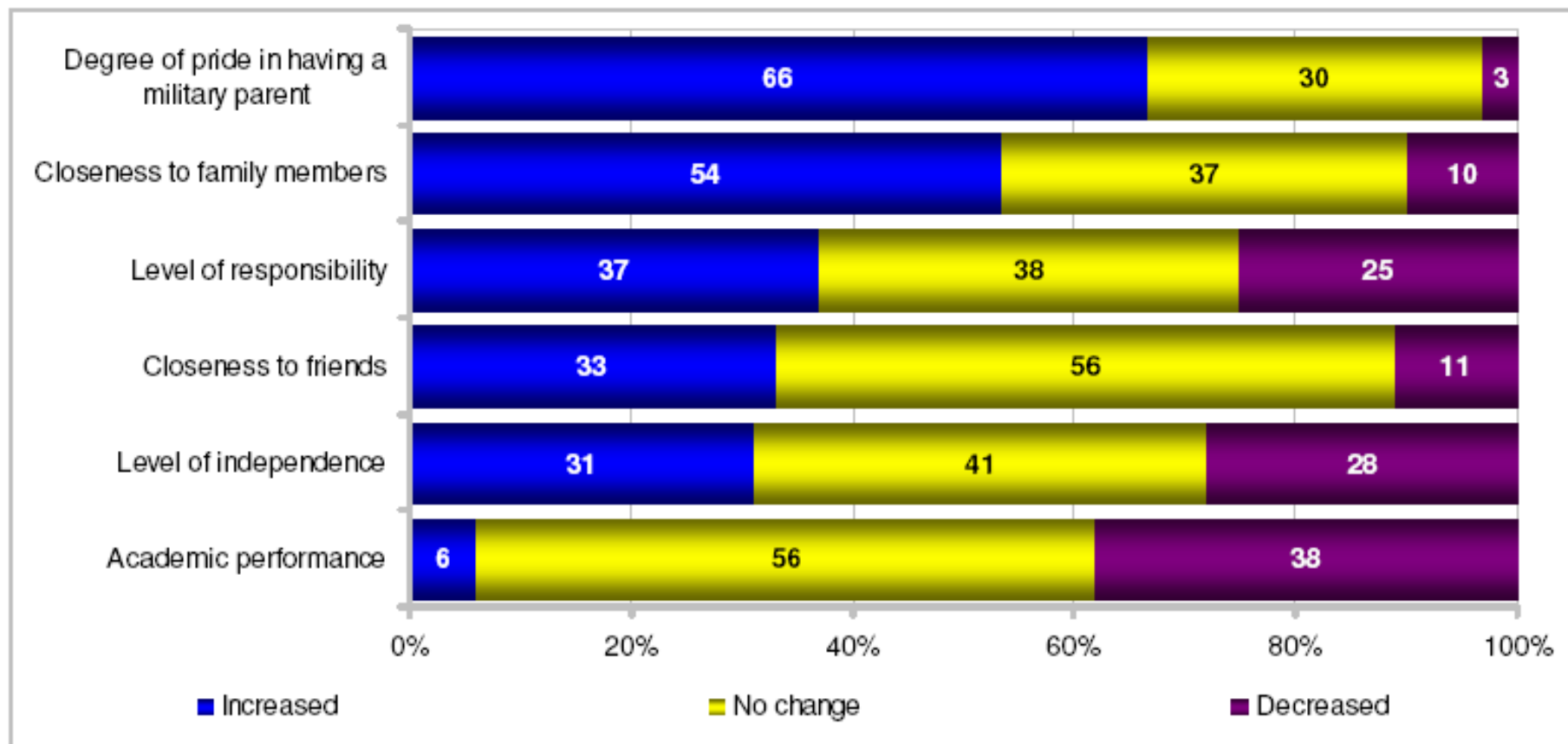
Most Impacted Child's Positive Emotional/Behavioral Changes in Response to Deployment

Percent of Applicable Active Duty Spouses Whose Spouse Had Been Deployed in the Past 3 Years and Who Had a Child at Home During Deployment



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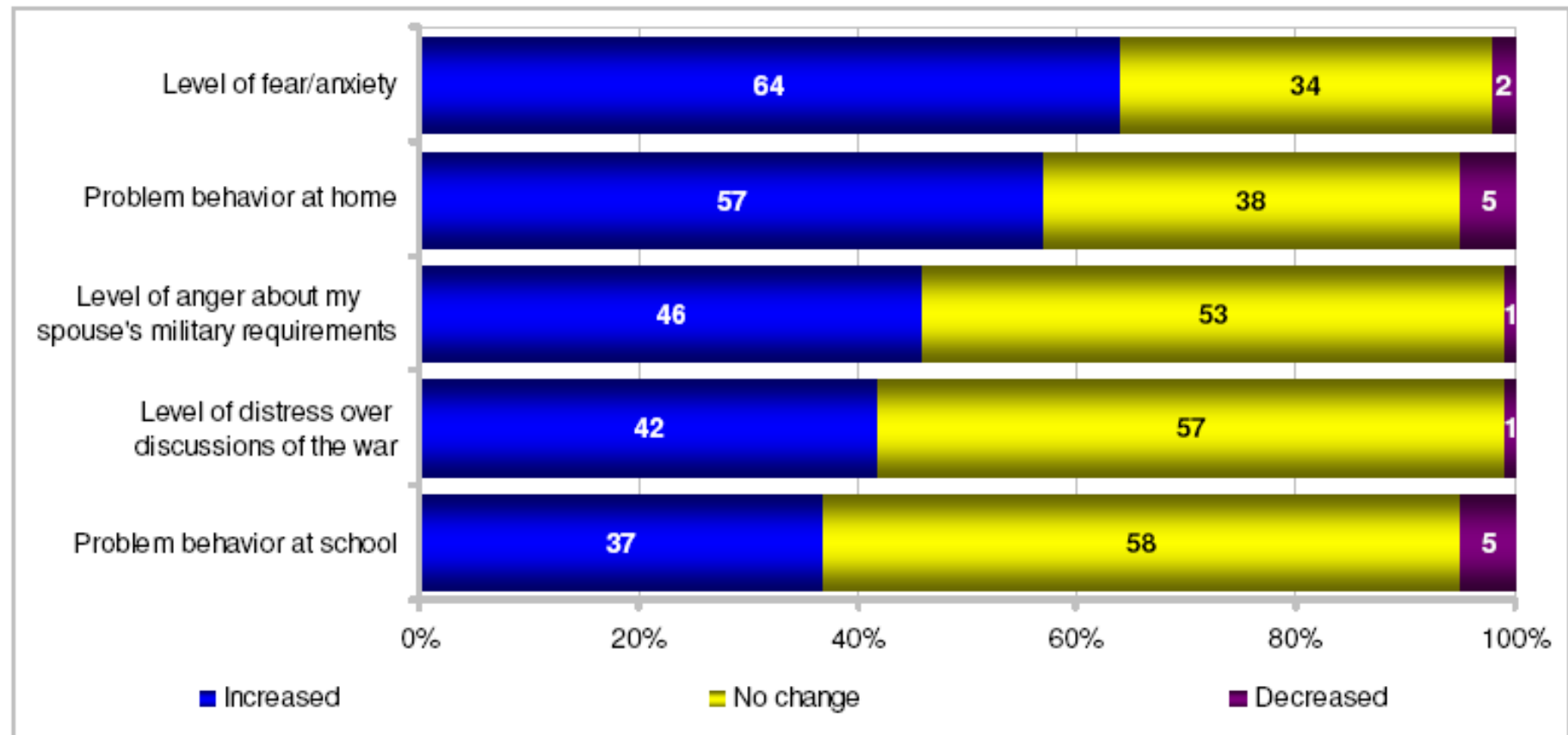


Factors that Complicate Grief, Loss and Separation Process

- Geographic Dispersion
- Deployment Stress
- Loss of culture and traditions
- Change in family structure
- Notification Process
- Media and public nature of war
- Children with special needs

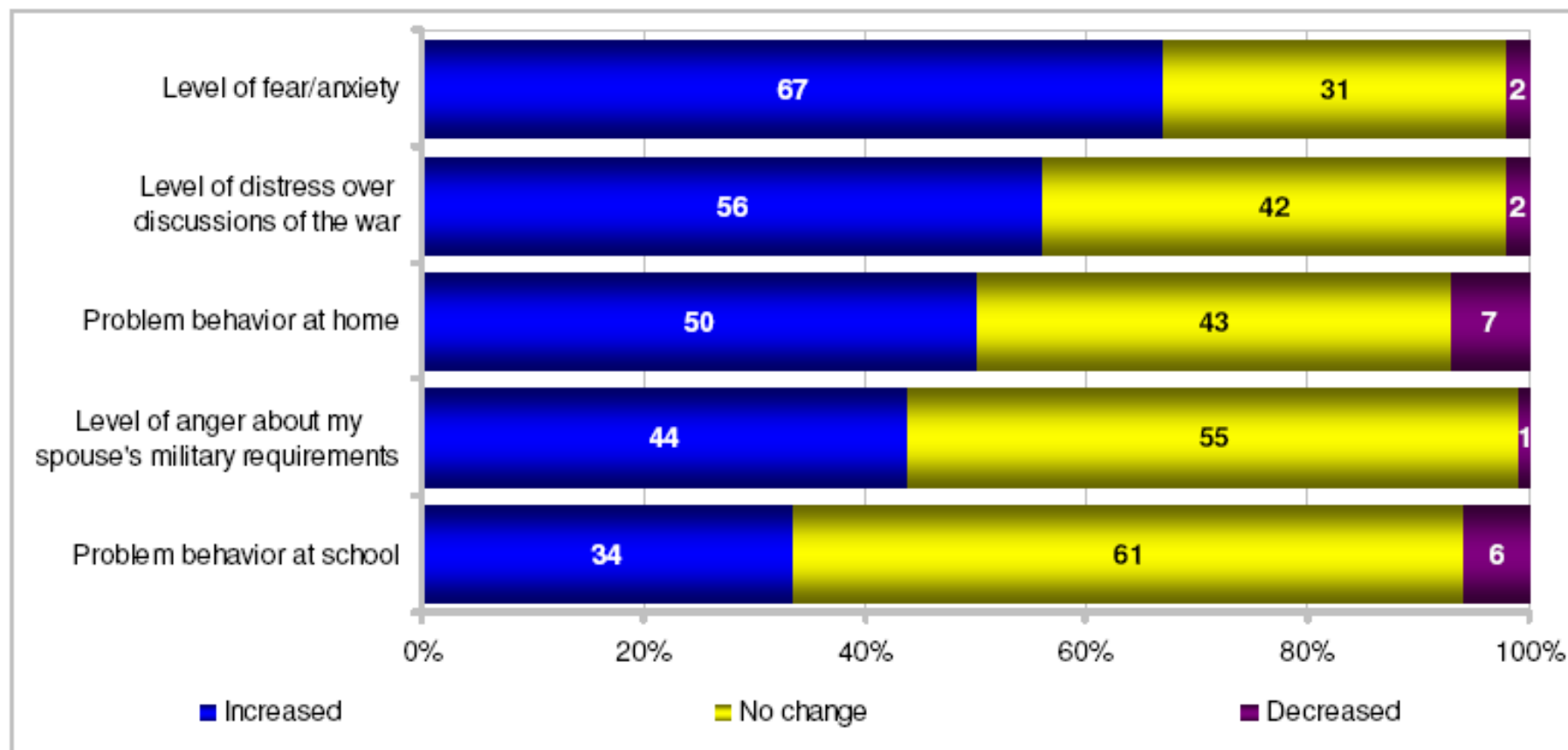
Most Impacted Child's Negative Emotional/Behavioral Changes in Response to Deployment

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Components of the Living in the New Normal System

1. Professional Development
 - LINN Institute (12 contact hours over two days)
 - LINN Practicum (6 contact hours over one day)
2. Resources
 - Resource List
 - Website Listings
3. Public Engagement



LINN Public Engagement

Is a CALL TO ACTION! Each community member is:

- ✓ Needed for the home front
- ✓ An expert
- ✓ A contributor
- ✓ A learner
- ✓ An influencer

Together, we can all can make a difference in our communities...for the sake of the child.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



MCEC Science Advisory Board

The mission of the Science Advisory Board is to provide expert advice through research-based data to the LINN committee and the MCEC to ensure the efficacy of the knowledge base and to enhance the ethical and professional reliability of the Living in the New Normal system.

FOCUS: Resilience, child development, trauma, and loss, positive psychology, multiple deployments and reintegration.



How can we help?

Questions?