

KIDS IN DISTRESS

THE FACTS...

MISSION:

We are a nationally accredited agency dedicated to the prevention of child abuse, the preservation of the family, and the care and treatment of abused children.

AT KIDS IN DISTRESS:

we guard vulnerable children from abuse and shield them from neglect; provide for them in a safe and caring environment in which they can flourish and grow strong; maintain and strengthen them in their birth homes whenever it is safe; and strive to create healthy, enriching, permanent solutions for children whose families need us.

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HISTORY:

In 1979, Kids In Distress (KID) was formed by a group of volunteers and the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale in response to identifying abuse as one of the most serious problems facing children in Broward County. Abused youngsters, termed "black and blue babies," were being removed from their homes, but had nowhere to go. KID was incorporated as a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) agency with the primary goal of providing early intervention and treatment for young victims of child abuse.

DESCRIPTION:

Kids In Distress is a community-supported agency providing services for the prevention and treatment of child abuse in South Florida. KID's programs offer a continuum of care and essential services to child victims and children and families at risk for abuse and neglect. Our well-integrated system of care incorporates solid collaborations and partnerships with numerous community experts who work with us to meet the complex needs of the children and families we serve.

COMMITMENT:

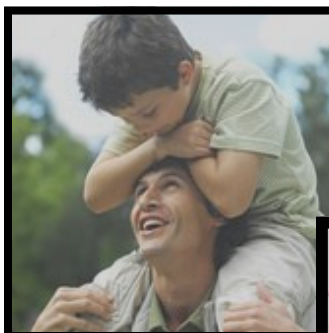
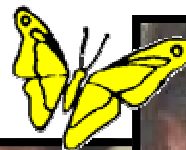
We are a local agency open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to help children and families in crisis with emergency shelters, and counseling. Our services include crisis intervention, foster care and adoption, therapeutic preschool, complete behavioral health services, intensive in-home family preservation services, parent education, domestic violence services, substance abuse treatment, kinship support, supervised visitation, access to medical care and rehabilitative therapies.

FOCUS:

Kids In Distress is committed to strengthening families with the belief that every family has strengths to build upon. Children with complex needs, who live in families with complex needs, can best be addressed with comprehensive services that treat the entire family (keeping safety as the highest priority). In order to change the course of a child's life, the needs and resources of the family as a whole must be taken into account, along with the needs of the child. Focus is placed on creating and strengthening social and natural support systems for families within the framework of their needs, norms, preferences and cultures.

APPROACH:

Based on best practices in the field, our approach emphasizes highly structured, comprehensive, coordinated services that address the broad spectrum of family needs. KID uses a multidisciplinary team approach that utilizes the expertise of professionals in many fields to work with all family members and significant others connected to the child's life to address medical, social, emotional and spiritual needs. The team (including professionals from many other community agencies that collaborate with KID to meet the needs of children and families) assists the child and the family in the achievement of physical, social, emotional and academic success.



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EVERY YEAR WE:

Serve more than 7,500 children and families.

Care for **130** medically fragile and drug addicted infants and toddlers. Many of them come to us directly from the hospital days after birth or after enduring injuries inflicted on them by their parents.

Shelter and care for more than **250** traumatized children whose families can not adequately care for them.

Place and supervise more than **400** children in safe, caring foster homes, because their families can not safely care for them.

Place more than **80** children in permanent adoptive homes and provide ongoing support services to them.

Coordinate medical care for more than **500** children.

Coordinate multi-agency meetings addressing the needs of more than **200** substance abused newborns.

Counsel and train more than **5,000** families to create safe and loving homes for their children.

Provide therapeutic preschool for more than **200** children.

Provide more than **500** comprehensive behavioral health assessments on children who have been removed from their homes.

Provide kinship support to **200** families.

Provide after school care and summer camp to more than **100** children.

Provide supervised visitation for more than **100** families.

Provide computer and tutoring services to more than **100** children.

PROGRAMS:

Therapeutic Preschool: serves children 18 months through 5 years in structured educational settings that provide youngsters with the skills they need to succeed in kindergarten.

Residential Programs:

Shelters: serve children birth through 12 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect and are in need of a higher level of medical, behavioral, or emotional care than can be provided in foster homes.

Supported Foster Care and Adoption: cares for children birth through 18 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. Foster families provide a loving and nurturing home while the legal system determines each child's permanency. KID trains and licenses the foster and adoptive families and determines the best placement for each child or sibling group. (Broward and Palm Beach Counties)

Community Based Services:

Kids In Distress provides children ages birth through 18, and their families, with counseling and clinical services geared to healing the effects of trauma from abuse and neglect in Broward and Palm Beach Counties).

Prevention Services Healthy Families, Healthy Start, Coordinated Family Services, Family Intervention, KID FIRST (Broward & Palm Beach Counties):

serving children from birth to age 18, along with their families, by providing holistic in-home and community-based services before problems reach a crisis stage. Services create strong families by helping parents learn coping skills and how to utilize available resources so they can be effective and successful caregivers.

Supervised Visitation: court ordered, supervised, and therapeutic visits are provided to parents in Broward County.

Kinship Support Program: services support relatives caring for children, who may not otherwise have the knowledge or resources to meet the needs of children in their care.

Volunteer/Mentor Programs: recruits, trains, and supports volunteers and mentors from the community to help with a variety of services from administration, special events, and caring and supporting our children and families in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

MAJOR FUNDERS:

ChildNet
Children's Services Council
Broward County Schools
Broward County Commissioners
Child and Family Connections
(Palm Beach County)
Medicaid
Family Central /
Early Learning Coalition
Healthy Families Broward
United Way of Broward
Broward Community Foundation
Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties
Department of Children and Families
City of Hollywood
City of Pompano Beach
City of Fort Lauderdale
City of Sunrise
KID Auxiliary
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And many private foundations

