



Foster Care and Community Programs – District of Columbia

Description

KidsPeace Foster Care and Community Programs (FCCP) is a community-based traditional and therapeutic foster care program for children needing placement outside of their family of origin. The program also serves children who require specialized services for emotional, behavioral and/or medical issues. Our program is based on the resiliency model in which we help children increase the protective factors and reduce the risk factors in their lives in order to promote successful life outcomes. The FCCP program trains qualified families in the community to provide individualized treatment to children in care. These qualified families can reside in the District of Columbia or within 25 miles of the surrounding Metro area. Treatment needs are best met when the characteristics of the treatment family are closely matched with the individual needs of the child. The FCCP program operates out of our office in Washington, DC. The FCCP program is available for placements 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Population Served

The program serves males and females from infancy to age 21. Referrals are generally received from the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA). Treatment services address a wide variety of social and emotional difficulties, medical issues, developmental delays, learning problems, psychological disturbances and behavioral challenges. The program has also worked successfully with pregnant teens and teenage mothers. The program is inappropriate for children who are actively suicidal, active fire-setters or who are in need of 24-hour awake supervision.

Services provided by KidsPeace

- 24-hour crisis intervention
- Monthly review of placement
- Case plans (child and family)
- Quarterly individual service plans (ISPs)
- Outcome-based clinical services
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- Minimum attendance at administrative reviews at CFSA every 6 months
- Coordination of medical services in the home and community.
- Regularly scheduled in-person casework services
- Counseling
- Respite care
- Emergency shelter care
- Minimum court appearances every 6 months
- Minimum twice monthly visits to child and foster home

Services provided by a contract agent of KidsPeace or a community provider:

- Psychiatric evaluations
- Medical/physical/dental examinations
- Individual therapy
- Behavioral intervention when necessary.
- Psychological evaluations
- Appropriate educational placement
- Group and/or family therapy when appropriate

Treatment Team

Individualized service plans are designed for each child by our interdisciplinary team with input from the child, the child's family of origin, treatment family and referral source. Members of the treatment team may be composed of, but are not limited to, the following:

- Board certified psychiatrists
- Licensed clinical psychologists
- KidsPeace treatment parents
- Certified special education teachers
- Clinical supervisors with dual clinical licensure in Washington, DC, and Maryland
- KidsPeace Program Manager with dual clinical licensure in Washington, DC, and Maryland
- Master's level social workers with dual graduate license in Washington, DC, and Maryland.
- Therapists
- KidsPeace caseworkers
- Family of origin

Staff-to-Client Ratio

Maximum caseload is 7 children per caseworker to ensure sound clinical and case management practice.

Hours of Operation

The FCCP program is available for placements 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Notification of acceptance into the program will be given at the time of the referral, for emergency placements or at the earliest opportunity. All referrals must be approved by the program manager.

For additional information or admission, please contact:

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