



## Foster Care and Community Programs – Maryland

### Description

KidsPeace Foster Care and Community Programs (FCCP) is a community-based, family-focused, child-centered and strength-based therapeutic foster care program for children who need placement outside of their family of origin because of abuse and/or neglect. Our program serves children who require specialized services for emotional, behavioral and/or medical issues. We work closely with our partners in the local departments of social services to ensure safety, well being and permanency for children. The practice model utilized within FCCP is based on the principles of the resiliency model in which we strive to increase the protective factors and reduce the risk factors for children in order to enhance the opportunity for successful life outcomes. Because we realize that healing and growth happen within the context of the family, FCCP provides extensive training and ongoing support to those families selected to become foster parents. The program carefully matches children with foster families to promote stability of placement for a child. The program adheres to the principle that the first placement is the best placement. Additionally, the program supports healthy and enduring connections of the child with his/her biological family including siblings, parents, extended family and other caring adults and peers and considers them integral members of the treatment team.

### Population Served

The program serves males and females from infancy to 20 years of age. Treatment services address a wide variety of social and emotional difficulties, medical issues, developmental delays, learning problems, psychological and psychiatric issues 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

- 24-hour availability
- Crisis intervention
- Behavior modification
- Vocational Support: Vocational Specialist conducts individual assessments, provides support in obtaining a job and development and enhancement of skills to maintain a job and perform successfully in the workplace
- Family Therapy with a licensed Family Therapist with child and foster family and child and biological family to enhance positive and meaningful relationships
- KEYS (KidsPeace Empowering Youth to Succeed) Independent Living Skills Program for adolescents as they prepare for adulthood
- Regular and frequent in home foster family and community visits with a licensed social worker
- Quarterly individual service planning meetings with treatment team
- Teen Mother Program utilizing Evidenced-Based Nurturing Parent Curriculum
- Online trainings and monthly trainings in the office for therapeutic foster families
- Recruitment and Certification of Foster to Adopt Families in Baltimore City and surrounding counties
- Child specific recruitment
- Extensive internship Program with University of Maryland’s School of Social Work, which provides an additional support to children in the program.
- After-hour placement
- Respite care
- Case management

### Treatment Team

Individualized service plans are designed for each child by our interdisciplinary team, which may consist of input from the following members:

- Child/youth
- KidsPeace therapeutic foster family
- Child’s individual therapist
- KidsPeace vocational specialist
- Mentor
- KidsPeace Program Manager or Clinical Supervisor
- Biological family, extended family and other caring adults and peers
- Any other individuals identified as invested in the life of the child/youth.
- Department of Social Services social worker
- KidsPeace social workers
- KidsPeace marital and family therapist
- Teachers
- Tutors
- Interns

### Staff-to-Client Ratio

Maximum caseload is 1-9 children on a licensed social worker’s caseload.

### Hours of Operation

The FCCP Program is available to our foster parents and children in our program 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, the Program is available for placements at all times.

### *For additional information or admission, please contact:*

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