



A million dreams

REACHING FOR THE STARS AND MAKING DREAMS POSSIBLE



family
central
Changing lives for a lifetime

Annual Report
2023-2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

This year, guided by the theme "A Million Dreams," we have embraced the boundless possibilities that arise when a community comes together with a shared vision for a brighter future. We are immensely grateful for the milestones achieved, dreams realized and your steadfast support.

In June, we expanded our impact and reach when we proudly opened the doors to our new Family Support Center in Miami Shores. This state-of-the-art facility is home to our Miami-Dade based community services team, who provide critical resources and services to families in need. From counseling and educational programs to emergency assistance, this center represents our commitment to creating safe and supportive environments for every child to thrive.

We continue to practice and strengthen our "upstream philosophy," preventing child abuse and neglect, by expanding our maternal health programs. Based on our results, we have reached more mothers and infants across three counties than ever before. By increasing our services in prenatal care, parenting education, and access to essential resources, we are ensuring that every mother has the tools and support needed to nurture the next generation of dreams.

Another exciting development this year was the launch of our Parents as Teachers Program. This evidence-based initiative empowers parents with the knowledge and skills to support their children's early learning and development. By nurturing strong parent-child relationships and providing personalized support, we're preventing child abuse, neglect and improving overall family health and well-being.

We also take great pride in the sustainability of our fiscal sponsorships. We believe when we are providing operational support and shared resources, we are fostering a network of organizations united in their mission to serve vulnerable populations. Together, we are amplifying our collective impact and ensuring a lasting legacy of support for those who need it most.

None of these achievements would have been possible without you. Your generosity and belief in our mission have been the cornerstone of our success. Whether through financial or in-kind contributions, volunteer efforts, or advocacy, you have played a vital role in shaping the future for countless children and families. For this, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

As we look ahead, our dreams remain as vibrant as ever. With your continued partnership, we will reach even greater heights, touching more lives and creating opportunities for children to grow, families to heal, and communities to flourish.

Thank you for sharing in our vision and helping us turn a million dreams into reality. Together, we are building a brighter tomorrow for all.

With deepest gratitude,



Mark D. Dhooge
President and CEO



FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Kids In Distress, Inc. and affiliates Family Central, Inc. Consolidating statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2024.

REVENUES

Contributions	\$	4,969,275
In-kind contributions		576,625
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		5,545,900
Governmental grants and contracts		27,252,511
United Way		125,099
Medicaid/HMO revenue		241,437
Fees		1,213,837
Rental and other earned income		932,778
Other revenues		479,329
Investment earnings, net of investment fees of \$58,300		1,929,722
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		37,720,613

EXPENSES

Program services		
Childhood education		21,668,973
Abuse/neglect prevention		5,244,033
Family counseling		1,127,494
Foundation, dental, optical, and FLIPANY		912,569
Maternal and child health		688,555
Residential		893,730
Adoption		314,448
Supportive foster care		1,182,096
General programs including facilities		896,274
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES		32,928,172
Supporting services:		
General and administrative		1,853,231
Marketing and development		965,329
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES		2,818,560
TOTAL EXPENSES		35,746,732
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		1,973,881

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS:

Investment earnings, net		187
Net assets released from restrictions		(187)
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS		-

“CHC can't express enough gratitude for the incredible support and collaboration that KID provides from the leadership to the whole team. Their unwavering support and dedication to helping us succeed toward our mission is truly unmatched!”

-Tracy Perez, Psy.D. LMHC
Regional Executive Director
Center for Hearing and Communication

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,207,203
Grants and contracts receivable, net		4,630,991
Investments		14,998,294
Prepaid expenses		663,486
Other assets		16,189
Land, buildings and equipment, net		11,497,466
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	34,013,629

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	2,941,151
Child care provider payables		1,326,846
Refundable advances		356,245
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,624,242

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions		29,276,887
With donor restrictions		112,500

TOTAL NET ASSETS **29,389,387**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$34,013,629

NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR

\$27,415,506

NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR

\$29,389,387



Foster Care

Treating Child Abuse & Neglect.

Every day, children in Broward and Palm Beach Counties are removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, and abandonment. We believe that every child deserves a safe and loving place to call home. The KID Supported Foster Care Program provides short and long term placements for children while their birth family works towards their goal of reunification.



All in all, they are living their best life and enjoying their childhood. We have ups and downs and upset moments when they miss their biological parents, but we get through it together and move on.

So while we are having the times of our lives, Daryl and I wanted to give you all a "Got You Date" update and relay our deepest personal gratitude for all that you all did to get us to where we are now. You will never be forgotten and always respected! YOU all are truly doing meaningful and impactful work. So, when you have a bad day— because let's face it, you all see the gritty side of humanity daily— please remember us and know that you will win. The Light always shines brighter than the dark!"

-Patrick and Daryl

KID Foster & Adoptive Parents

Foster Home Management

70 NEW FOSTER FAMILIES

270 CHILDREN PLACED

40 ADOPTIONS

Foster Family Sibling Group Homes

65 CHILDREN

Adoption Support

19 GROUPS

Early Childhood Education

Learn for a Lifetime.

We believe in providing a safe and enriching setting in which all children learn, explore, create, and thrive developmentally, while being supported and guided by caring, passionate educators.

KID Preschool Plus

119 CHILDREN

Little Cruisers Preschool

99 CHILDREN

KID Aftercare/ Summer Program

Serves at-risk elementary school children from four Title I Schools in close proximity to the campus.

157 CHILDREN

Jump Start

Providing social-emotional support to early care and education programs catering to children with behavioral challenges who are at risk of expulsion or suspension

70 CENTERS

3,035 SESSIONS

“ Thanks to this early education, I learned my shapes, letters, numbers, colors, and the alphabet, and even learned to write my name before starting kindergarten. The program gave me a significant advantage, allowing me to enter elementary school ahead of my classmates.

HIPPY also had a profound impact on my social life. I fondly remember participating in family events hosted by the program and volunteering at a young age—whether painting faces, distributing food, or handing out school supplies and toys during the Christmas holidays. It was fulfilling to contribute to my community, a passion that continues to this day.”

- **Arelis Estrada Castillo**
2009 HIPPY Graduate
2024 FIU Graduate

West Palm Beach

137 CHILDREN

Broward

130 CHILDREN

Miami- Dade

137 CHILDREN

404 TOTAL CHILDREN

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters

HIPPY is a structured, home-based model focused on parent-child centered learning designed to remove barriers and to reach low income families with limited education to become their child's first teacher.



Family and Community-Based Services

Keeping Families Together.

We proudly offer a *continuum* of programs designed to strengthen families, protect children, and promote positive development. These include in-home family preservation initiatives like KID FIRST (*Family Intervention, Response and Support Team*) and Homebuilders®, which provide intensive support to prevent out-of-home placements.

The Family Counseling Center addresses childhood challenges, foster care, and adoption needs, while Healthy Families and Healthy Start focus on parenting support, child development, and maternal health. Kinship Support aids caregivers with limited resources, and Family Services stabilizes high-risk families through community-based interventions. Parent education programs like Nurturing Parenting and Parents as Teachers promote skill-building and protective factors, while Benefits Enrollment Services assist low-income families in accessing essential resources. Overall, we believe in providing maternal and child health services to support and strengthen the family.

KID FIRST

1,167 CHILDREN

Family Counseling Center

281 CHILDREN

Healthy Families

401 CHILDREN

206 FAMILIES

Healthy Start

481 CHILDREN

956 FAMILIES

Homebuilders®

361 CHILDREN

114 FAMILIES

Family Services

273 CHILDREN

178 FAMILIES

Nurturing Parent Program

Broward & Miami-Dade

311 CHILDREN

311 FAMILIES

Kinship Support

431 CHILDREN

135 FAMILIES

Parents As Teachers

62 CHILDREN

62 FAMILIES

Benefits Enrollment Services

Broward & Miami-Dade

1,351 CHILDREN

1,570 FAMILIES

#KIDPossible South Florida Impact

7,567,748

Meals and snacks served across South Florida through the Child Care Food Program

69,558

Meals and snacks were served through KID Educational Services - a 10% increase from 2023-2024.

\$.92

of every dollar directly benefits South Florida Children and Families.



**Jumpstart received the Children's Trust
Program of the Year award.**



**Opened Miami-Dade
Family Support Center**

Awards & Recognitions:

Loraine Hewling (FSP) -
Healthy Start Excellence Award

Jessy Allain -
United Nations Leadership Award

Nicole Bortnik, LMHC, ATR -
Infant Mental Health Specialist Award
by the Florida Association
for Infant Mental Health

Thank you

for your help in making the
impossible **KIDpossible.**

KIDS IN DISTRESS, INC.

Mission

To prevent child abuse, preserve the family, and treat children who have been abandoned, abused, and/or neglected.

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FAMILY CENTRAL

Mission

To strengthen relationships and create nurturing communities where children and families flourish.

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