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KidsTLC exists to transform the lives of children and families experiencing mental and behavioral health challenges, developmental trauma and autism.

We create supportive, family-focused communities to build resilient, trusting relationships and to transform sometimes painful realities into hopeful futures full of courage and joy. Because we understand the challenges facing our clients, our therapeutic campus is built upon a unique continuum of care that allows children and families to step-up and step-down to their needed intensity of care. KidsTLC’s innovative and successful programming enriches young lives through residential and outpatient services, autism treatment, parent support and navigation to community resources for local families who are homeless or at-risk for becoming homeless.

Parenting children in today’s world is complex, even if life is going well. Bullying, depression, anxiety, suicide, medical diagnoses and unrealistic demands on children and families lead to difficult levels of distress that seem overwhelming. KidsTLC’s understanding of the bigger picture surrounding a child’s behavior guides our recommendations, plans and actions. Because we care about children and families, our programs utilize methods that are science- and evidence-based to further their lives in meaningful and purposeful ways. Enhancements include healing on all levels through expressive therapies such as art, play and music; chaplaincy services; and opportunities to improve physical health through nutrition and wellness. The dedicated staff at KidsTLC are provided opportunities for continuing education which leads to more successful outcomes and helps fulfill our mission to transform lives in our community!
Most of the children we see in KidsTLC’s PRTF have a history of childhood trauma, abuse or neglect, as well as disrupted attachments. Many are now being raised by foster parents, adoptive parents, grandparents or other relatives and have often had numerous failed placements prior to coming to the Phoenix program. Our residential community uses a treatment philosophy based on Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy (DDP), a highly relational model of care providing an emotionally and physically safe environment in which complexly traumatized children can begin to form attachments with safe and emotionally regulated adults. Therapists and staff connect with children and their families to reduce destructive behaviors, redirect the attitudes and feelings contributing to those behaviors and build trusting relationships where they will not only survive, but thrive!

The Phoenix Residential program provides a supportive environment for learning positive ways of interacting with others. Clients develop skills to build strong, emotionally safe and connected relationships with the significant people in their lives, which are necessary for mental wellness and emotional health.

229
Clients served

21,946
Total days of care

4.8% increase in days of care from 2016

100% of parents surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied with services, 87% of parents saw a decrease in problem behavior in the first 90 days of treatment, and 100% stated that their child can demonstrate new skills since beginning treatment.

KidsTLC’s autism program offers a collaborative, interdisciplinary team assessment as well as single specialization assessments to identify and treat each child’s needs in the areas of social behavior, language and communication, fine and gross motor functioning, sensory needs and academic and adaptive functioning. KidsTLC utilizes Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) techniques and principles to bring about meaningful and positive change in behavior. Parents are involved in their child’s services by participating in direct training or through observation of their child in the clinic, home or community during their therapy sessions.

23% increase in treatment service hours from 2016.
TRANSFORMING LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Phoenix Sanctuary

The ultimate goal of the Phoenix Sanctuary is to provide a safe place to keep children and adolescents out of custody, prevent long-term treatment, offer respite care, and to provide a step-down service for children. Our team of professionals is committed to supporting our clients who are ready to be discharged but have difficulties in placement or need additional transition work to move onto their next place in life. Phoenix Sanctuary provides short-term care in a trauma-focused, staff-intensive 24-hour campus-based environment. Referral sources often include JIAC, DCF, JCMH, and various other placement agencies. The program accepts 12 youth, males and females ages 6 through 17, with moderate social, emotional, and family or placement problems.

CARES (Caregiving Attitudes Reinforced by Education and Support) offers parents and caregivers of youth in KidsTLC’s Phoenix Services free education, and provides networking and support systems through shared peer partnerships. With support from experienced parent liaisons and KidsTLC professionals, families are given opportunities to seek guidance, discuss personal experiences, share parenting approaches and benefit from materials presented each week.

KidsTLC is in THE TOP 1%

*Since 2007, we’re in the top 1% of Charity Navigator rated non-profits. Charity Navigator’s highest 4-star rating indicates that KidsTLC adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. Only 1% of the charities evaluated have received at least 9 consecutive 4 star evaluations, indicating that KidsTLC outperforms most other charities in America and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public.

Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)

IOP is designed for children and families experiencing greater difficulties than traditional outpatient services can provide. The purpose of this program is to keep families together and prevent out-of-home care. The focus of this program is to improve relational abilities that will improve family, school, and community life. The format focuses on group activities and skills but includes individual support for the child as well as family therapy and parenting education and support groups.
80% of individuals housed by SOS have not experienced further episodes of homelessness.

Street Outreach Services

KidsTLC’s SOS services meet a growing trend by focusing on housing as the primary solution for homeless youth and families, or youth and families at risk of becoming homeless, in Johnson County and the Kansas City metro area. Through a targeted program of education, basic needs, crisis intervention over the phone through its resource hotline, and access to medical and behavioral healthcare, KidsTLC’s SOS program offers the critical support that moves vulnerable youth and families out of harm’s way and into a life of independence.

ADACEA

ADACEA, (a version of CARES) is for Hispanic families and delivered in Spanish. This stands for Actitudes que Dan Amor Con Educación y Apoyo, meaning Attitudes that give Love with Education and Support. KidsTLC realizes that the struggles of Hispanic/Latino families are a concern for the Olathe community. The ADACEA program provides psychoeducation, training and support to families whose children are receiving services within KidsTLC’s programs, as well as families in the community at large.

Chaplaincy Services

KidsTLC’s Chaplaincy program is available to clients and staff who seek spiritual guidance. The program provides youth group activities and assists youth who wish to attend church services.

133 individuals from Johnson County entered our SOS housing case management. 113 were permanently housed, 17 were referred to shelters and 3 were referred to Transitional Living Programs.

85%

Volunteer Stats:

- Total volunteer hours: 6,336.75
- Total number of volunteers: 1,252
- Number of new individual volunteers: 35
- $ Value for number of hours volunteered: 2017 rate of $24.14 per hour = $152,969.15

Revenue

KidsTLC 2017 Revenue totaled $16,379,724.

Program Revenue: $13,645,419

Contributions, Grants, Fundraising & In-kind: $2,734,305

Expenses

PRTF: 66%
Autism: 14%
OBH: 10%
Sanctuary: 5.4%
IOP: 2.5%