



Since 1978, The Children's Place has provided critical early intervention services to Kansas City's youngest citizens who have experienced abuse, neglect, and other traumas. At The Children's Place, children under the age of eight and their families receive the therapeutic and educational support they need to heal and build future resilience. The Children's Place staff believes in the unlimited capacity of the human spirit to overcome difficulties. By providing a safe, predictable environment, meaningful relationships, and developmentally appropriate treatment, the staff are able to enhance a child's capacity to grow and thrive.

**In 2016, our agency helped change the lives of 518 children.**

## Day Treatment

Then Day Treatment Program is a therapeutic, multi-disciplinary early childhood education program for children ages one to six years. Children enrolled in this program are immersed in a structured, NAEYC accredited environment designed to enhance their social, emotional, language, motor, and cognitive development. The goal of this program is to assist each child to overcome delays and achieve success at home and in traditional childcare or school settings.

**57,636**

Classroom hours provided to **97** children who have experienced developmental delays resulting from abuse, neglect, or trauma.

**79%**

Of the children enrolled in our Day Treatment Program have already experienced **three** or more traumatic events in their young lives.

**90%**

Of the children enrolled in our Day Treatment Program are living in foster or kinship placements.

**72**

Training hours of Conscious Discipline provided to agency staff and volunteers. Four staff members have attended national or regional trainings.

**15**

Months is the average length of treatment for a child who graduates from the Day Treatment Program.

## Outpatient Services

Outpatient Services provides comprehensive, evidence-based mental health treatment, including developmental screenings, psychiatric evaluations, case management, and individual and family therapy to help children overcome the impact of traumatic experiences.

**65%** Of the children receiving Outpatient Services have experienced between three and seven different traumatic events in their young lives.

**72%** Of the children who use our Outpatient Services program are living with their biological or adoptive parents.

**13** Months is the average length of treatment for a child who graduates from Outpatient Services.

## Parenting Support Services

Parenting Support Services provides biological, foster, and adoptive parents with the skills to handle the challenges of raising a child who has experienced traumatic events. Through groups and in-home services, individualized plans are created to assist caregivers in managing their own stress and promoting optimal growth of their children.

**117** In-home hours of Parenting Support Services help adults improve their ability to create safe and healthy environments.

**7** Months is the average length of treatment for caregivers receiving Parenting Support Services.

**THE NEED:** In Missouri, a child is abused every two hours and a child under the age of one dies every 15 hours as a result of trauma. Jackson County, where The Children's Place is located, claims the highest number of abuse cases in the state at 94% of all abuses cases statewide. These experiences often times cause children to exhibit extreme external behaviors including aggression and hyperactivity, which can impact both the family and classroom dynamics.

While most people will experience 2.5 traumas in their life, nearly 22% of the children who participate in the Day Treatment Program have experienced between 8 and 14 traumas. Child survivors of abuse, neglect, and other maltreatment face a 12-fold increased health risk for substance abuse, mental illness, and suicide attempts, heart disease, chronic lung disease, liver disease, and cancer (Adverse Childhood Experiences Study, 1998-ongoing).

Studies show that there is a relatively short window of time in childhood in which to repair this damage and prevent disease and other adverse health conditions before the age of five. The Children's Place targets children specifically at this stage and works to reverse delays by building and creating a safe and trusting environment.



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