



Our Clinical Philosophy

At Kaleidoscope, we believe in the power of relationships to heal. Each of our services relies on these relationships – biological, foster, adoptive, chosen and community – to keep young people safe, help them heal and set them up for a successful, happy adulthood.

Many of the children and young people served at Kaleidoscope have experienced at least one form of trauma, such as child abuse, domestic violence, exposure to substance abuse or poverty. These traumatic experiences can have a profoundly negative impact on the development of healthy neural pathways in the brain, and they often result in emotional, behavioral and relational challenges. Through Kaleidoscope's programs and services, we equip adults to help young people overcome these traumas.

Families are the most important relationships that children have, so they are the core of Kaleidoscope's model. Whenever possible, we work directly with a child's biological family to help them provide the best care for their child. When a child's safety is at risk or compromised within their biological family's home, we match them with foster and/or adoptive parents who work hard to build a new family that provides the healthy connections young people need.

Whether biological, foster or adoptive, families in Kaleidoscope's services are equipped with the skills, resources and support to help youth heal and stabilize their lives, while building the foundation for a happy, healthy adulthood.

As we work with families directly, Kaleidoscope staff provide additional supportive relationships through our teams of case managers, social workers, therapist and other experts. These passionate, dedicated professionals offer families comprehensive resources and support, all while advocating for what is in the best interest of each young person in our care. In addition, we work closely with a young person's existing community of teachers, faith leaders, mentors, and other caregivers. We know that young people thrive when the adults in their lives surround them with care and support, and we aim to leverage strengthen each of these lifelong relationships.

Beyond working with individual families, Kaleidoscope participates in larger efforts to ensure the child welfare system best meets the needs of our young people. Our staff receives rigorous training on best practices of care, interventions and techniques. We go above and beyond state regulations, and we work closely with the Department of Children and Family Services as they continually enhance their efforts.

In all, Kaleidoscope's philosophy is simple: We believe that relationships, and families in particular, are the best way for children to heal from trauma and grow into happy, healthy, successful adults. Through our expert programs and services, we equip the adults in a young person's life to provide the best care possible.