



## Intensive Placement Stabilization Program

*Kaleidoscope's Intensive Placement Stabilization (IPS) program provides services to stabilize youth in their home, whether it is with their birth family, foster parent, or other caregiver. A trauma-informed clinician works with the family to facilitate youth development and ensure young people's safety and well-being in their current home.*

### Who We Serve

Our IPS program is for youth who are in the custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), are living in traditional or home-of-relative foster care and need intensive services to remain in their current home. IPS services may also be available to youth in DCFS care who are returning to the community from residential care or psychiatric hospitalizations.

### Our Services

IPS services help youth and families remain in their current home setting, while maintaining youth's safety and well-being. IPS specialists work with families to build on their strengths and develop customized plans that meet their short-term, individualized needs in all areas of family life. These chosen interventions address the behavioral, emotional, and physical needs of the child, as well as other issues affecting the family. Examples of services include:

- Trauma-informed individual counseling
- Art- and play-based therapy
- Family counseling
- Caregiver support
- Psychoeducation on mental health and the effects of trauma
- Therapeutic parenting education and support
- Connections to community-based services
- School advocacy
- And more!

The IPS specialist works with the entire treatment team – including the youth's primary caseworker, school, and other therapeutic providers – to connect the family with community-based services and resources for long-term support and stability.

### Service Provision

Referrals are accepted from caseworkers at DCFS and Purchase of Service (POS) agencies. A referral is appropriate for IPS when circumstances arise that may threaten the current placement, such as a 14-day notice, recent SASS assessment or hospitalization, when the child is on a waitlist for long-term services, or when their needs cannot be met through the existing array of services. In addition, IPS can provide home-based services when a youth steps down from a hospitalization or residential care, to support the entire family as the youth adjusts.

### Our Service Areas

Armour Square  
Avalon Park  
Avondale  
Berwyn  
Burnside  
Chatham  
Cicero  
Douglas  
East Garfield  
Greater Grand Crossing  
Humboldt Park  
Little Village  
Logan Square  
Lower West Side  
Near South Side  
Near West Side  
North Lawndale  
Oakland  
Oak Park  
Pilsen  
River Forest  
South Lawndale  
South Shore  
Stickney  
West Town

**Send IPS referral forms to Kaleidoscope via fax: 773.278.5663**