



FY24 Annual Report

JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

Investing in Chicago families
for a brighter future



"Our Kaleidoscope caseworker closed all the gaps left behind from our previous caseworker. I thank her for all her dedication to our family." – Intact Parent



FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

Fresh off of our 50th anniversary in June 2023, we began this fiscal year with a renewed commitment to Chicago's children, youth and families.

In child welfare, we often reference a quote attributed to Desmond Tutu: "There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in."

Kaleidoscope has always pulled families out of the river of abuse and neglect, and we connect them with the resources they need to stay safe. We were founded on the belief that children are best served in their families, in homes, in communities. Our legacy of family-centered care is built on this revolutionary principle. Our future is putting it into more direct action.

Our newest program, the Chicago Collaborative for Thriving Families (THRIVE), positions Kaleidoscope and our community partners upstream, catching families before children are ever harmed. We keep kids safe by connecting families with the vital resources they need: housing, food, medical and mental healthcare, employment, education, and childcare. We're eager to share our first steps in with you on the following pages.

As ever, we are grateful to you, our community of supporters. Your donations, sponsorships, relationships and other contributions enable us to go above and beyond for every family. Thank you.

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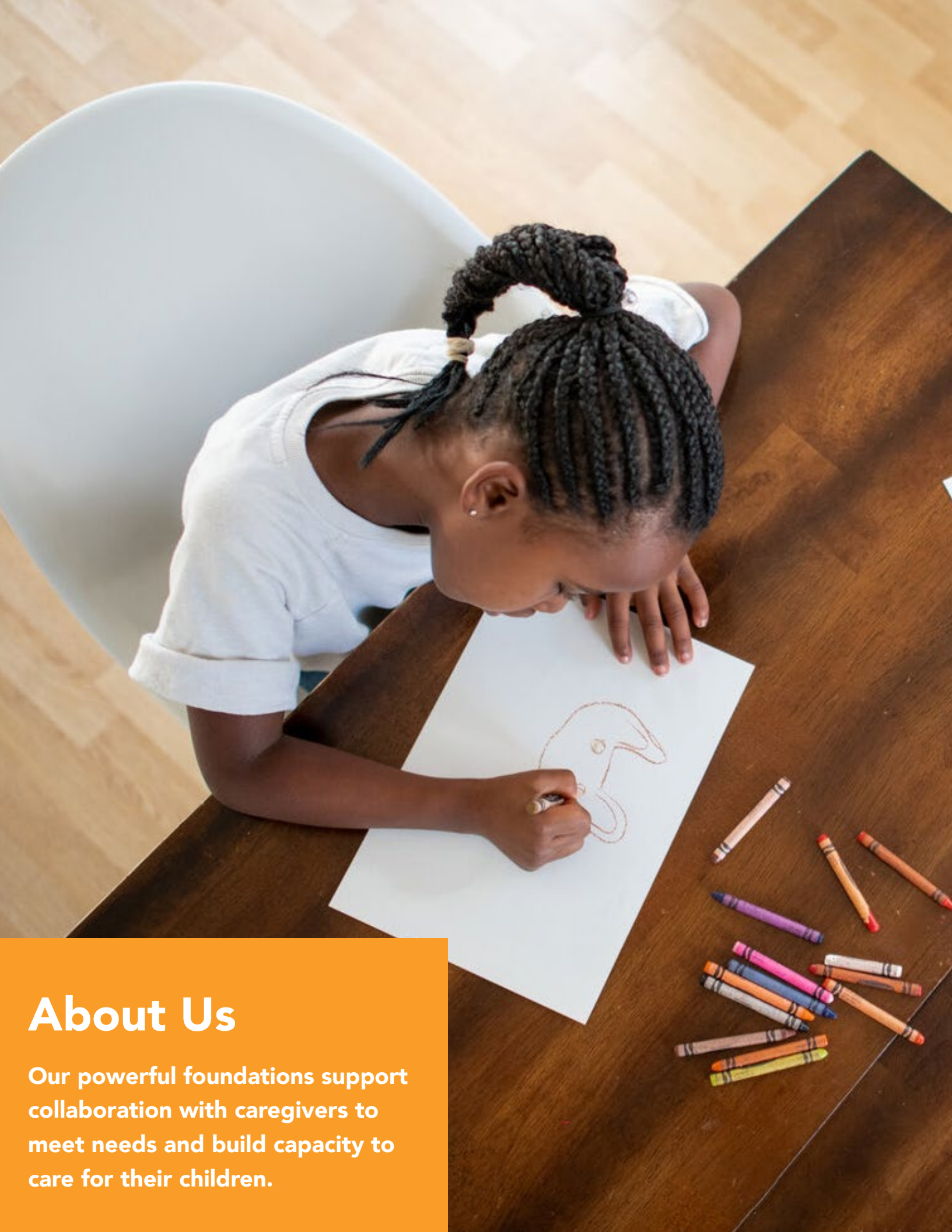
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About Us

Our powerful foundations support collaboration with caregivers to meet needs and build capacity to care for their children.

WHAT WE DO

Kaleidoscope helps children and families to prevent and heal from abuse and neglect. All of the children we serve have experienced some form of trauma, such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect or exposure to substance abuse or domestic violence. They are also often exposed to extreme poverty, community violence, substance abuse, and more.

We recognize that every child is unique and needs different supports to heal from trauma. So we've built an agency of experts who bring a wide array of perspectives, knowledge, and evidence-based interventions to meet each child's needs. Kaleidoscope's staff are experts in serving kids who have severe emotional trauma and medically-complex conditions, as well as developmental and intellectual disabilities.

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, so that children and youth are safe, have the chance to heal, and are empowered to live successful, happy lives.

Our **mission** is to enhance child and family wellbeing by delivering innovative, individualized care and strengthening community connections.

Our **vision** is that all children and youth have the opportunity to enjoy safe and healthy lives nurtured by supportive adults and engaged communities.

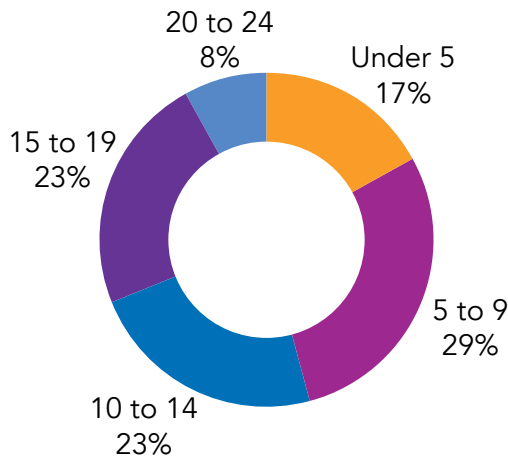
WHO WE SERVE

Children and youth are referred to Kaleidoscope through DCFS when there are allegations of abuse or neglect. The kids we serve range in age from birth to 24 and have severe emotional, behavioral and medical issues that require comprehensive support.

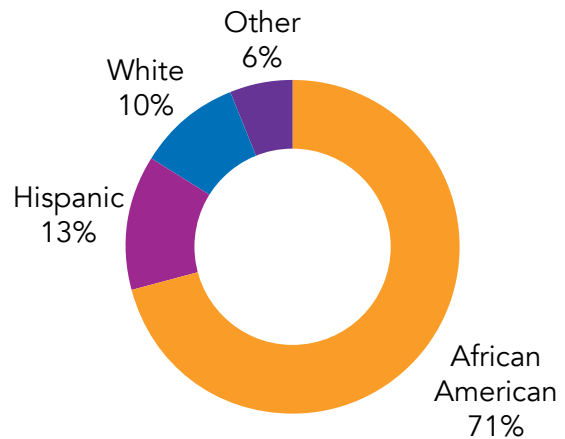
Through our services, we provide the specialized care, nurturing families and other services that children need to be safe, create a stable support system, and overcome trauma to lead healthy, happy lives.

This fiscal year, we served 955 children, youth, young adults and caregivers across our programs.

Client Ages



Client Race/Ethnicity



"My case manager did everything and more for me and my children. She showed us nothing but love. I'm going to miss our meetings and conversations. You gave me hope, but more importantly: you made me a better parent than I was when I entered this program. Thank you Kaleidoscope for giving me the tools and extra push I needed to pave a way for my children." – Intact Parent

THRIVE COLLABORATIVE

The Chicago Collaborative for Thriving Families (THRIVE) is our newest program, designed to connect caregivers with vital resources before a child is ever harmed. THRIVE is an innovative partnership between Kaleidoscope and Bethel New Life, in cooperation with 15+ community organizations on the West Side.

Together, we will prevent child abuse and neglect by investing in community resources and developing an infrastructure of services to support families in Austin, Humboldt Park and West Garfield Park. Families in these under-resourced neighborhoods are disproportionately involved with the child welfare system, and they have low access to childcare, mental health care, and medical care.

THRIVE addresses these needs by building networks and capacity of service providers. Throughout, we ensure parents have the fundamental community services they need to raise their children safely and well – right in their communities.

Core THRIVE Partners



A young boy with short brown hair is riding a black and red bicycle on a sandy beach. He is wearing a dark grey t-shirt, red shorts with a black geometric pattern, white socks, and green and white sneakers. He is looking down at the handlebars. In the background, there is a body of water and a city skyline with several tall skyscrapers under a cloudy sky.

Our Programs

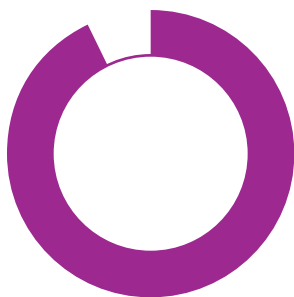
We provide assessment, case management, counseling, specialized foster care, independent living preparation and other services for children and youth involved with DCFS. We believe that our kids need adults' support, patience and guidance to keep them safe and help them lead happy, successful lives.

INTACT FAMILY SERVICES

Resolving issues to keep families together while ensuring children's safety and wellbeing

198
parents
served

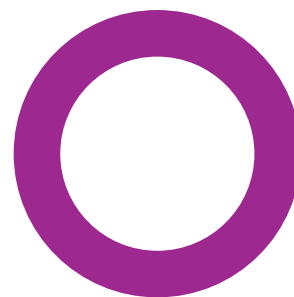
447
children
served



93%
of families
remained intact



99%
of families did not
experience maltreatment
during service provision



100%
of families were satisfied
with services at discharge

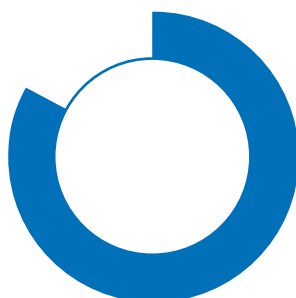
"I'm happy that they helped me get back on the right track and stay focused. They showed they were there because they loved their job and were determined to keep my family together – not just working for a paycheck." – Intact Parent

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Providing safe, nurturing homes for children and youth healing from trauma

89
youth
served

6
new foster
parents



83%
of youth reported
program satisfaction

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

Developing youths' skills and external supports necessary to live in the community when they become their own guardians

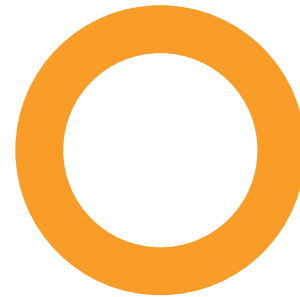
26
young
adults
served



75%
of young adults had
employment at discharge
from program



70%
of young adults had
income/savings to meet
6 months of expenses
post-exit from care



100%
of young adults reported
they were satisfied
with services

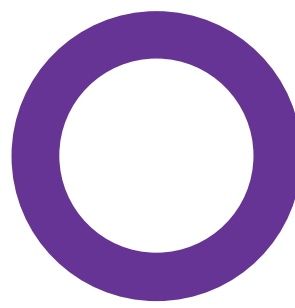
INTENSIVE PLACEMENT STABILIZATION

Increasing stability of foster children and youth through strengthening relationships and community connections

86
youth
served



76%
of youth achieved
service goals at
discharge



100%
of youth, caregivers
and referring staff
were satisfied with
services

"I liked when I needed help with something she help me right away. We got through so much stuff" – IPS Youth

CLINICAL SERVICES

High-quality, individualized, and outcome-focused clinical services to children, youth, and families

8

youth +
caregivers
served



94%

of clients achieved
quarterly treatment
objectives



80%

of clients reported
improved quality
of life

SUPPORT SERVICES

Find Your Future

Matching current and former foster youth in college with paid internships and vocational training

48

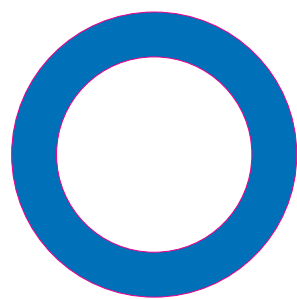
youth in
internships

Transition to Adult Services

Helping caseworkers statewide transition youth with intellectual disabilities from DCFS care

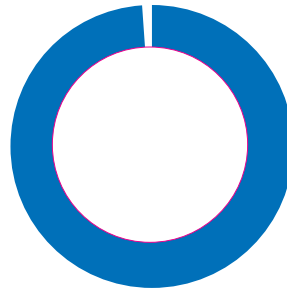
9

trainings
conducted



100%

of interns showed
improvement in
financial literacy
knowledge based
on pre- to post-
test scores



99%

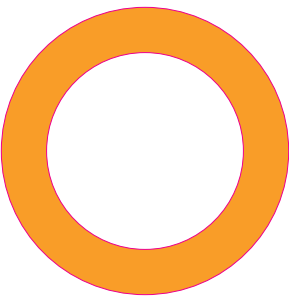
of trainees
reported increased
knowledge

"The Intact Family Services program has been a great help to me and my family." – Caregiver

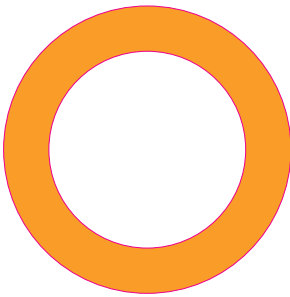
Enhanced Clinical Community Support

Achieving safe, permanent home environments for children and youth, supported by responsive caregivers

91
youth
served



100%
of caseworkers,
collateral staff and
caregivers reported
improved quality of
life



100%
of youth reported
they have
supportive adults
other than their
therapeutic respite
provider in their
lives

OUR FINANCES

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

EXPENSES

Foster Care	\$1,758,130
Independent Living	\$560,314
Summer Internship (FYF)	\$128,628
Transition to Adult Services	\$104,729
System of Care (IPS)	\$511,301
Enhanced Community Clinical Services (ECCS)	\$1,059,966
Intact Family	\$1,411,852
Resource Development	\$169,634
Management & General	\$906,281
Total Expenses	\$6,610,835

REVENUE

IDCFS - State Funding	\$6,408,779
DCFS Excess Revenue Allowance	\$(23,551)
Contributions & Events	\$230,061
Private Grants	\$20,000
Interest Income	\$59,031
Miscellaneous Income	\$52,662
Total Revenue	\$6,746,982

Net Assets June 30, 2023: \$1,420,299 | Net Assets June 30, 2024: \$1,556,446
Change in Net Assets: \$136,147



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"I like that she was very nice, respectful
and understanding. I liked how she
listened to me also." – IPS Youth

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"I'm eternally grateful for their
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