



FY25 Annual Report

JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025



"I am glad we had the chance to partake in the program it was very beneficial. Thank you so much. [Our clinician] was very thorough and helpful, engaging during this process. Thank you again." – Parent

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

This year has been an exciting one for Kaleidoscope, our families, and our community.

We continue delivering our programs for families healing from child abuse and neglect – including immediate, short-term care for families who need extra resources, as well as longer-term support for youth aging out of the child welfare system. As you'll see in the following pages, our results are strong, and the youth and caregivers we serve continue to be pleased with our caring, professional teams.

At the same time, we've expanded our vision and programming to prevent child abuse and neglect through the Chicago Collaborative for Thriving Families (THRIVE). Through our pilot on the West Side, we keep kids safe by connecting families with the vital resources they need: housing, food, medical and mental healthcare, employment, education, and childcare. We've expanded our partnerships this year, and we're eager to continue growing this innovative program.

You sustain this vital work. Through your donations, sponsorships, relationships and other contributions, you make it possible for our teams to go above and beyond for every family. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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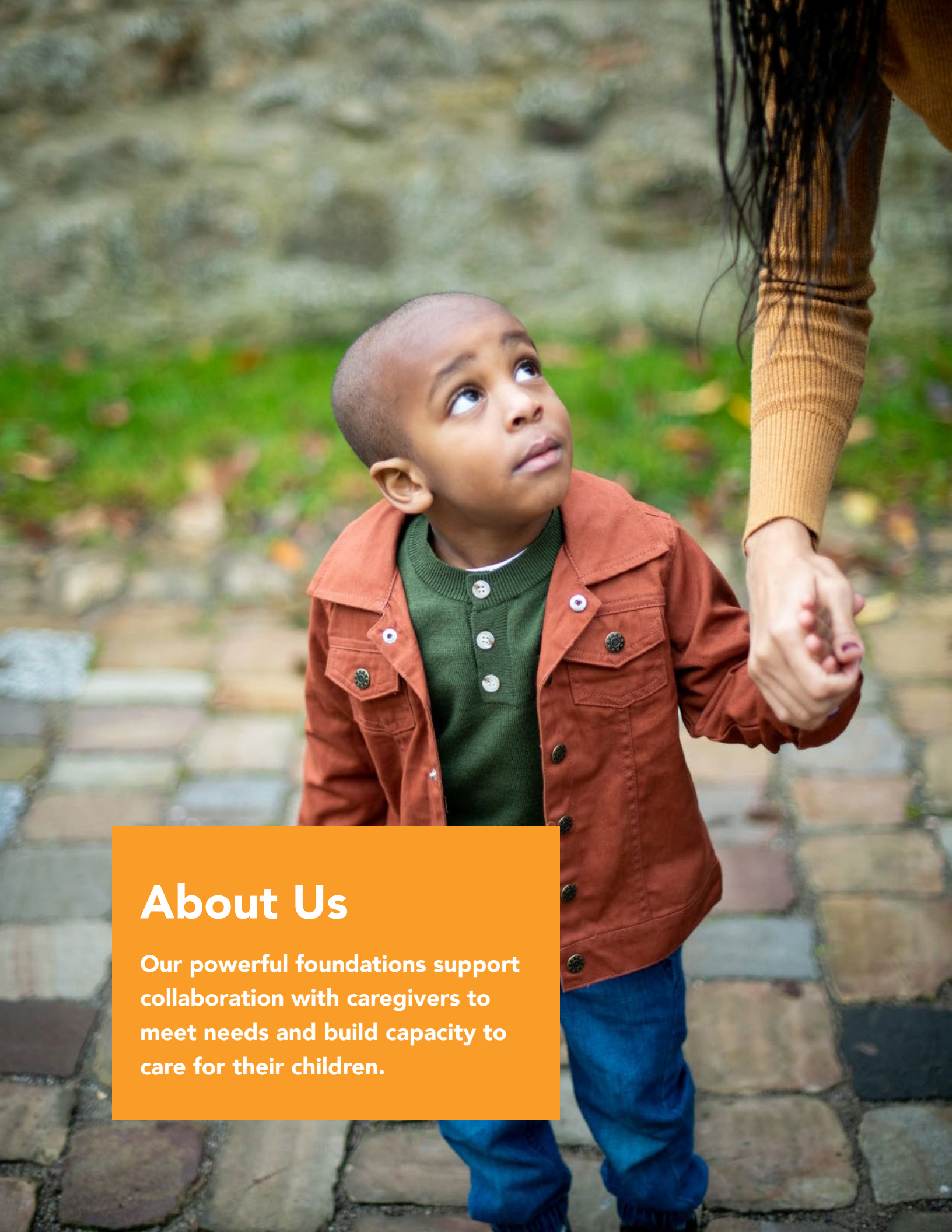
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I would not be the successful man I am today without
my caseworkers." – Independent Living Young Adult

A young child with short hair, wearing a green sweater and a brown jacket, is looking up at an adult's hand. The adult is wearing a brown sweater and has long dark hair. They are standing on a stone path with green grass and trees in the background.

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.

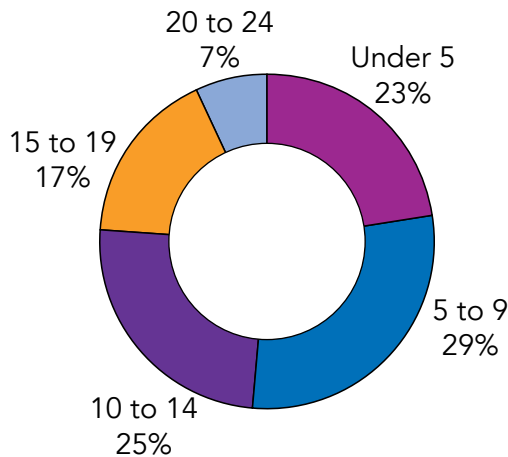
WHO WE SERVE

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.

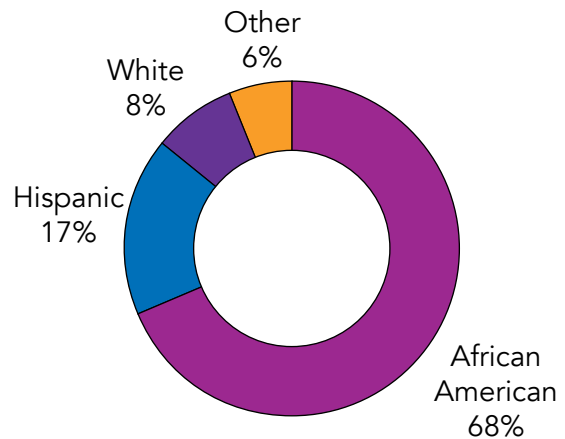
Through our services, we provide the specialized care, nurturing families and other services that children need to be safe, create a stable support system, and overcome trauma to lead healthy, happy lives.

This fiscal year, we served 831 children, youth and young adults across our programs.

Client Ages



Client Race/Ethnicity



"Our services could not get any better. My caseworker understood my child's needs more than I thought she would. My household is a little more peaceful. My worker went over and beyond her duties." – 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, Bethel New Life, and Mary Crane Center. In all, THRIVE represents collaborations among 15+ organizations on the West Side, with three partners serving as community hubs:

- Bethel New Life in Austin
- Breakthrough Urban Ministries in West Garfield Park
- BUILD, Inc. in Humboldt Park

Together, we are preventing child abuse and neglect by investing in community resources and developing service infrastructure for families in these under-resourced neighborhoods. Families in these areas 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





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

201
families
served

547
children
served



85%
of families
remained intact



98%
of families did not
experience maltreatment
during service provision



97%
of families were satisfied
with services at discharge

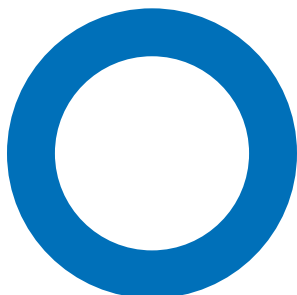
"The service was great. I appreciated everything I was offered. I feel I have learned and received great services that will impact my life." – Intact Parent

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

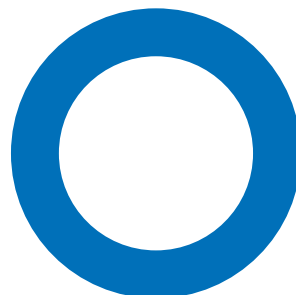
Providing safe, nurturing homes for children and youth, supported by responsive caregivers

43
youth
served

5
new foster
parents



100%
of foster youth
reported program
satisfaction



100%
of foster parents
reported program
satisfaction

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

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

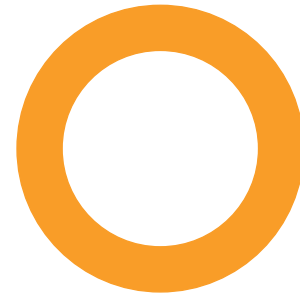
59
young
adults
served



84%
of young adults had
employment at discharge
from program



95%
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

95
youth
served



83%
of youth achieved
service goals at
discharge



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

*"I like it because my worker was very easy to talk to."
– Intensive Placement Stabilization Youth*

CLINICAL SERVICES

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

23

youth +
caregivers
served



75%

of clients achieved
quarterly treatment
objectives



80%

of clients reported
improved quality
of life

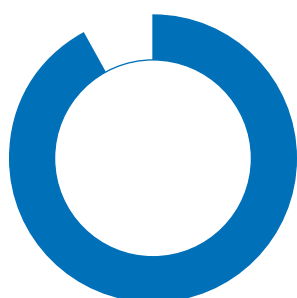
"I appreciate all my therapist has done for me,
truly grateful." – Youth

ENHANCED CLINICAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

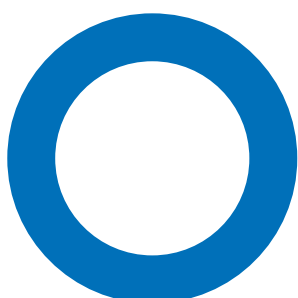
91

youth
served



92%

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

"My son's therapist was so accommodating. She answered all questions so fast and thoroughly. And my son loves her – she holds him accountable, and she can read him. You can tell he has grown emotionally in all aspects of life." – Intensive Placement Stabilization Caregiver

SUPPORT SERVICES

Find Your Future

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

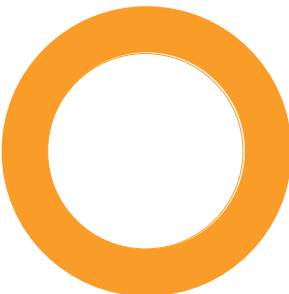


Transition to Adult Services

Helping caseworkers statewide transition youth with intellectual disabilities from DCFS care



90%
of interns reported they would recommend the program to a peer



100%
of trainees reported increased knowledge

OUR FINANCES

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

EXPENSES

Foster Care	\$1,530,838
Independent Living	\$1,627,048
Summer Internship (FYF)	\$177,810
Transition to Adult Services	\$140,667
System of Care (IPS)	\$560,610
Enhanced Community Clinical Services (ECCS)	\$1,392,010
Intact Family	\$2,036,725
Resource Development	\$90,200
Management & General	\$995,719
Total Expenses	\$8,551,627

REVENUE

IDCFS - State Funding	\$8,956,748
IDCFS Excess Revenue Allowance	\$(302,948)
Contributions & Events	\$124,328
Private Grants	\$29,375
Interest Income	\$88,120
Miscellaneous Income	\$607
Total Revenue	\$8,896,230

Net Assets June 30, 2024: \$1,556,446 | Net Assets June 30, 2025: \$1,901,049
Change in Net Assets: \$344,603

An aerial photograph of Chicago, showing the city skyline in the background with the Willis Tower prominently on the left. In the foreground, the United Center arena is visible, with its name 'UNITED CENTER' written in large blue letters on the white roof. The surrounding area includes various urban buildings, parking lots, and green spaces.

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