

Are You Raising Someone Else's Child?

We may be able to help.

Why the Fostering Healing Program?

Children who have been abused, neglected, lost a loved one to homicide, witnessed domestic violence or experienced other trauma often show the impact of this trauma in their behavior or attitude. Caregivers often have questions, need information, or want help raising these children. Caregivers who are not legal guardians often face challenges in getting help for the children they love.

What We Do

The Fostering Healing Program seeks to strengthen the lives of children living with relatives or in foster care and whose young lives have been touched by severe neglect, abuse, violence, or crime. We strengthen lives by educating the community and caregivers about the impact of such circumstances on children and by assisting children and their caregivers in accessing all the services the children need to heal.

Available Services

- Assessment of need for medical, mental health, education and legal services
- Help navigating complex systems, including child welfare, criminal, and public benefits
- In-home trauma focused therapy
- Legal advocacy and representation
- Assistance with Victim Compensation Benefits
- In-home caregiver support and education regarding child behavior and adjustment
- Crisis and short-term counseling
- Development of plans to help children feel safe
- Collaboration with other service providers
- Case management as needed

These services are free, voluntary, and confidential.

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Additional Resources

Minor Guardianship Legal Clinic

Receive free brief legal advice and assistance completing the paperwork required to petition for legal guardianship of a child in Milwaukee County under Ch. 54. Kids Matter Inc. hosts a clinic two times per month at the Vel R. Phillips Juvenile Justice Center, which allows for a same day review and filing.

Call Kids Matter Inc. at 414-344-1220 for more information and to complete an intake to learn whether you may qualify. The clinic is by appointment only.

This service only provides assistance related to people seeking to become guardians and is not available to assist with termination of an existing guardianship.

In Person Support Group

Grandparents and other relative caregivers are invited to join our Grandfamilies Matter Support Group, where you will meet others who share similar experiences and receive encouragement, information and guidance on topics that are unique to grandfamilies.

Meetings are typically on the last Tuesday of each month.

A new support group will be forming this January. Contact Kids Matter at 414-344-1220 or by email at adam@kidsmatterinc.org if you're interested in joining.

Online Support Group

Join our new group! The private Facebook group is a space to discuss challenges, offer advice, connect to resources, and share stories related to grandparents and other relative caregivers raising children in Wisconsin.

Find the "WI Grandfamilies Online Support Group" at:

www.facebook.com/groups/WIGrandfamilies



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