



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Childkind

Welcome to Childkind

Life is not made up of years but of moments, great moments, dark moments, sad movements, triumphant moments. Elie Wiesel, November 9, 2009



We are each other's hope.
Elie Wiesel

Most children and families come to Childkind when they are in a dark or sad moment. The pictures on the left are of a child who has been in our foster care program. He became a part of a Childkind foster family as a “hospice” placement when he was a few months old, doctors had little hope he would survive six months. Yet there he is, an eleven-year-old caped crusader triumphantly running around a fellowship hall with several other children.

Though his life has had many dark and sad moments, because of his foster family, he has had even more great and triumphant moments. Not only did he survive past six months he has grown and thrived beyond anyone’s expectations. He is now nineteen years old.

For a family who has a child with a complex medical condition, life can be full of dark places. This was especially true of one father whose wife died after a brief illness. Now, being the sole caregiver of a daughter with substantial care needs, he lost his job and exhausted his savings. At the same, time his grieving daughter’s health got even worse. Today, because of Childkind’s “Take Charge!” service, the family is sustainable: The family has a network of support; the daughter’s health has improved; she is in school; and the father is able to maintain employment.

And, without our supporters, our life changing work would not be possible!

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Our Programs

Placement Services

For children with complex medical and developmental diagnoses who can no longer live with their biological families, Childkind provides foster-family placements. In some cases, a child's biological parents lack the capacity to meet their child's care requirements. In other situations, the child has been physically abused by a family member. For such children, Childkind recruits and trains specialized foster families and provides case management, nursing support, and behavioral interventions.

Home Based Services

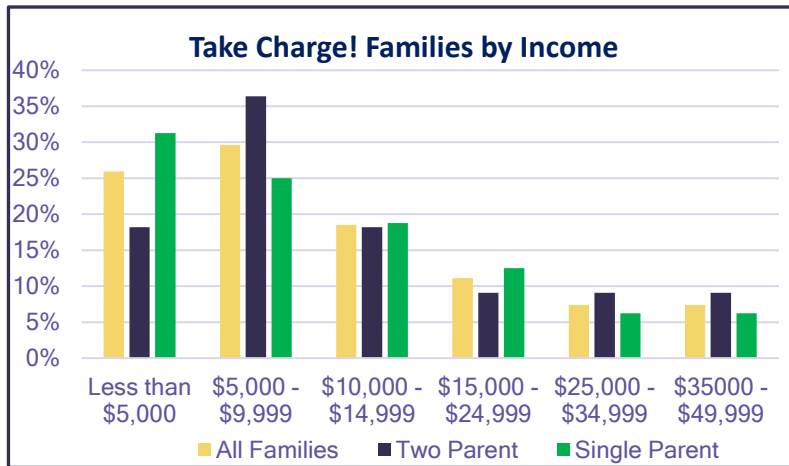
Childkind provides early intervention services for families of children with medical complexity. With the goal to increase parental care capacity and prevent unintentional medical neglect, Childkind's Home Based Services program provides major supports, care coordination, and thorough in-home medical instruction to low-income parents and caregivers of children with complex medical diagnoses.

Our Model – Take Charge! Medically-Based Parenting

In partnership with parents, Childkind's "Take Charge! Medically-Based Parenting" model addresses the social and environmental barriers these families face and guides them to success in each of the four domains: **Child Bonding** - nurturing attachment when typical means of communication are impeded by physical disabilities; **Parenting Sustainability** - building or strengthening the parents' ongoing personal support network; **Child Wellbeing** - teaching parents to understand their child's diagnoses and to manage their child's complex regimen of care successfully; and **Family Sustainability** - helping parents take charge of their exceedingly difficult circumstances and learn to become their own case managers and care coordinators and ensure the long-term economic sustainability of their family.

Program Highlights

Home Based Services



Childkind Home Based Services	
Total Households Referred	59
Total Households Engaged in Services	27
Average Size of Household Engaged	5
Total Parents Engaged in Services	38
Total Children in Households Engaged	97
Average Days in Program per Family	114
Family Information	
% Single Parent Households	59
% Two Parent Households	41
% Below 50% Federal Poverty Rate	78

Take Charge! Medically Based Parenting – Recent Referrals		
<p>Age: 11 months Diagnosis: Laryngomalacia, stridor dysphagia, failure to thrive, tracheomalacia, gastrostomy tube dependent, developmental delay</p> <p>Reason for Referral: “Mother is in need of extra support ensuring she attends Dr’s appointments and regular weight checks for patient. Patient is medically complex and mother has other children and just moved from South Carolina.”</p>	<p>Age: 3 Years Diagnosis: Type 1 diabetes</p> <p>Reason for Referral: “Assistance with management of Type 1 Diabetes”</p>	<p>Age: 12 Years Diagnosis: Congenital imperforate anus, chronic kidney disease, hypothyroidism of renal origin, Neurogenic Bladder</p> <p>Reason for Referral: “Family is struggling to be compliant and adhere to care for patient. DFCS has been involved in the case.”</p>
	<p>Age: 9 months Diagnosis: Status epilepticus, hyponatremia</p> <p>Reason for Referral: “Teenage parents with DFCS involvement, limited support.”</p>	
<p>Age: 13 Years Diagnosis: Juvenile idiopathic polyarthritis</p> <p>Reason for Referral: “[History] of poor compliance with follow up and medication. Mom was seriously ill and passed. Dad is new to coordinating [his daughter’s] care, has trouble keeping up with appointments and navigating resources, and has limited knowledge of her condition.</p>	<p>Age: 17 Years Diagnosis: Pressure Injury, trach dependent, quadriplegic (motor vehicle accident) neurogenic bladder, acute chronic respiratory failure.</p> <p>Reason for Referral: “Family needs support services.”</p>	<p>Age: 3 Years Diagnosis: Feeding difficulties, suspected autism, type 1 diabetes, speech delay</p> <p>Reason for Referral: “Family needs help with compliance and support and guidance with Autism services.”</p>

Placement Services

Childkind Placements - 2023

<p style="text-align: center;">Medically-Based Placements 45 Children</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Specialized multidisciplinary foster care placement for children with medical complexity</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Foster Placements 19 Children</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trauma informed foster care, often siblings of a child with a medical or therapeutic diagnosis.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Therapeutic Placements 14 Children</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Multidisciplinary foster care for children with significant behavioral challenges.</p>



Placement Services – Recent Successful Referrals		
<p>Age: 8 Diagnoses: Epilepsy, ADHD, speech and cognitive delay, seizure disorder, and peripheral pulmonic stenosis.</p> <p>Reason for referral: In 2018 this young girl was removed from her biological home because of sexual abuse. She was adopted in 2020. In 2024 the adoptive parent left the child at a DFCS office, no longer willing to provide care.</p>	<p>Sibling Group Age: 5 Diagnosis: Autism</p> <p>Age: 8 Diagnosis: No major issues.</p> <p>Reason for referral The children were found on a road by themselves. The mother was found asleep in a house and the father was under the influence of illegal drugs.</p>	<p>Sibling Group Age: 3 Diagnoses: No major issues</p> <p>Age: 4 Diagnoses: Posterior urethral valves, bilasterial hydronephrosis</p> <p>Age 7 Diagnoses: Spina bifida, neurogenic bowel and bladder, Chiari malformation type 2, meningocele, right front shunt, and developmental delay. He incontinent of bowel and bladder; he requires straight catheterizations every 4 hours and soap and water enemas every other day as needed to aid with waste elimination. He is non-ambulatory.</p> <p>Reason for referral: The biological parents tested positive for methamphetamine. The children had been left unsupervised and entered foster care in 2022.</p> <p>The children had lived with two earlier foster parents from other agencies who were not able to handle the behaviors of the children.</p>
<p>Age: 14 Diagnoses: A teenager diagnosed with Autism. She is non-verbal and has significant developmental delays. She requires diapers due to incontinence. She exhibits self-harming behavior when she is upset.</p> <p>Reason for referral: Her birthmother was arrested, leaving the child at school. There were no other available family members to provide care for the child. DFCS took custody, and without placement options, the girl was “hoteled.”</p>	<p>Age: 6 Diagnoses: Spina bifida, microcephaly, holoprosencephaly, central diabetes insipidus, severe developmental delay, g-tube dependent, bilateral hearing loss, non-ambulatory, nonverbal, neurogenic bowel and bladder, seizure disorder, bilateral club feet, bilateral hip dislocation, hypertonia, dystonia, hypoxia, restrictive lung disease, hydrocephalus, and sialorrhea.</p> <p>Reason for referral: The child was transferred from another foster placement to Childkind due to the high level of care needed.</p>	

Our 2023 Financial Reports



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Childkind, Inc. Statements of Financial Position

December 31,	2023
Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 409,233
Accounts receivable, net	425,038
Investments	792
Prepaid expenses	23,583
Total current assets	858,646
Non-current assets	
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net	10,236
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net	177,677
Total non-current assets	187,913
Total assets	\$ 1,046,559
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 173,745
Accrued liabilities	12,402
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	61,106
Total current liabilities	247,253
Long-term liabilities	
Operating lease liabilities, less current portion	118,232
Total liabilities	365,485
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	681,074
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,046,559

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Directors and Management of Childkind, Inc.

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Childkind, Inc.'s (the Organization) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Organization's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Organization's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Organization complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Childkind, Inc. Statements of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2023	
Revenue and Other Support	
State and federal awards	\$ 4,412,831
Contributions	66,315
Miscellaneous	3,461
Total revenues and other support	4,482,607
Expenses	
Program services	4,176,258
Fundraising	28,876
General and administrative	46,612
Total expenses	4,251,746
Change in net assets	230,861
Net assets at beginning of year, without donor restrictions	450,213
Net assets at end of year, without donor restrictions	\$ 681,074

Childkind, Inc. Statement of Functional Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2023				
	Program Services	Fund-Raising	General and Administrative	Total
Personnel costs				
Salaries	\$ 1,341,618	\$ 16,678	\$ 26,133	\$ 1,384,429
Employee benefits	387,488	3,179	11,352	402,019
Total personnel costs	1,729,106	19,857	37,485	1,786,448
Foster care, family services and transition services				
Rent	2,080,272	-	-	2,080,272
Auto expense	107,569	3,203	3,317	114,089
Office	56,696	-	286	56,982
Insurance	50,643	734	1,473	52,850
Communications	48,264	1,688	1,688	51,640
Professional fees	23,724	47	123	23,894
Public relations and marketing	21,489	659	816	22,964
Staff development	19,973	-	119	20,092
Memberships	14,034	19	511	14,564
Repairs and maintenance	8,425	2,158	75	10,658
Depreciation	10,128	153	334	10,615
Bank service charges	2,708	-	196	2,904
Postage and delivery	1,856	351	85	2,292
	1,371	7	104	1,482
Total expenses	\$ 4,176,258	\$ 28,876	\$ 46,612	\$ 4,251,746

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