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“One of the only things you can never lose or have taken from you is your education.”

-Lake County Foster Teen

Kids Central, Inc.

Who We Are

Kids Central is the lead nonprofit agency charged with caring for the abused, neglected and abandoned children in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties. Focused on prevention and diversion, Kids Central provides specialized programs to prevent and divert children from care.

Protecting Children • Supporting Families
Engaging Communities

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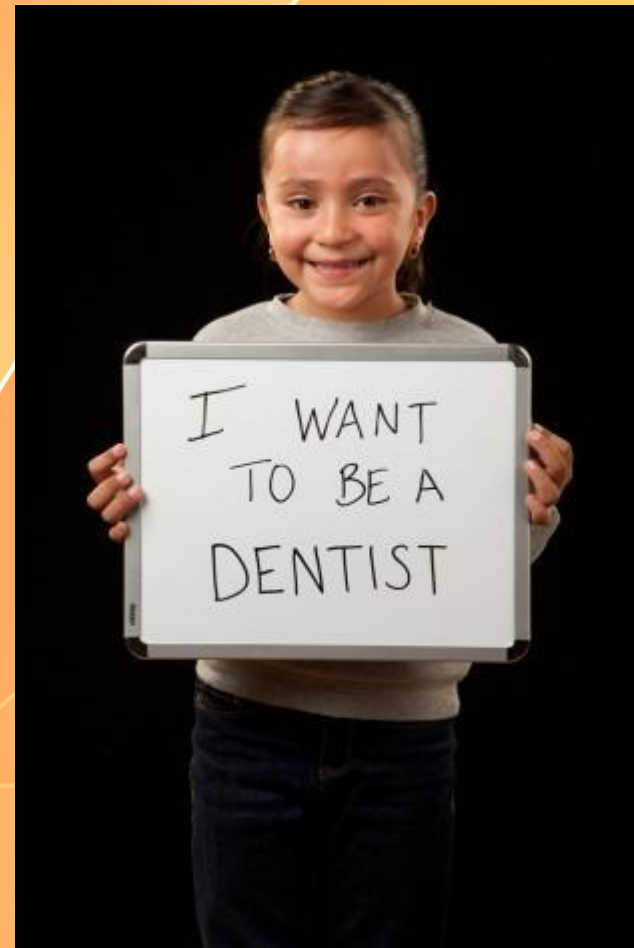
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Fostering Dreams Through Education



Dreams Education Program

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Kids Central Dreams Education Program: Achieving Results and Changing Lives

Dreams Overview

Beginning with the award of the federal DREAMS Education Grant in 2011, the Dreams Education Program's continuation is modeled after the grant.

Monitor

Case managers proactively monitor the school-aged children's educational data, including absences and grades, for concerning patterns. When a red flag alerts the team to a child potentially slipping, the case managers refer the children to the Educational Liaisons who reach out to learn more.

Intervention

Children in need of educational assistance, such as tutoring or special education services, are provided individualized assistance. The Education Liaison focus on making school work for the children.

Follow Up

The Educational Liaisons continue to monitor and evaluate the children's progress and case. If the children or caregivers need further help, the liaisons are available for follow up.

SUCCESS

Kylie was struggling in school despite having an education plan which was meant to address her educational needs. When the Dreams Educational Liaison became involved, he successfully brought all of the professionals and the child together to collaborate and develop a plan. Kylie now feels like school works for her. Due to the Liaison's intervention, the child is now more successful in school.

Milestones

- Kids Central's Education Program established single points of contact in each county's school systems to facilitate the follow of two-way communication.
- Two dedicated Education Liaisons advocate for the children served by the dependency system.
- Children in foster care are 3x more likely to have an education exceptionality than the national average.
- Administered 336 hours of tutoring in FY 2013-14.
- The DREAMS Education grant resulted in garnering more attention for foster children's educational outcomes from all professionals surrounding the child.
- Provides various trainings for professionals throughout the child welfare and school systems.
- The Education Liaisons routinely monitor an average of 150 children at any time for major concerns threatening educational outcomes.

WILL YOU HELP

The contract funding Kids Central receives from the Department of Children and Families is specifically allocated to meet the basic needs of the child welfare system; however, the children and families we serve have additional necessities. Donated funds allow us to enhance the children's quality of life by providing life enhancing resources, for example technology, extracurricular activities, and recognition events.

Dreams Needs

Tutoring

\$350

- Individualized tutoring to meet a child's educational needs
- Children who have experienced trauma and abuse are commonly behind in school

Developmental Summer Camp

\$450

- Assist a grandmother caring for her grandchild by sponsoring summer camp
- \$450 allows a child to attend camp for the summer

Summer Education Credit Recovery

\$500

- A summer program to help youth recover educational credits and raise GPA
- Relocating between homes can cause children to fall six months behind in their studies

GED Acquisition

\$800

- Provide a teen seeking a GED with the prep courses and textbooks needed to prepare for the GED
- Allow a teen to take the GED test

Textbooks and Technology

\$1,000

- At times, the children served need to purchase additional textbooks.
- Every child and teen needs access to technology in order to succeed in school today.

The above list should be used as examples of what the funding could be used for. Donations made to the Dreams Program will be earmarked to meet the needs of the education program.

Education is the lifeline for
youth in foster care