

## Our mission

is to protect infants, children and teens from abuse, neglect, and family crisis. To this end, we provide free, round-the-clock crisis intervention counseling and emergency shelter, prevention programs in local communities, and advocacy throughout Connecticut.

Since its creation in 1978, Kids in Crisis has served more than 80,000 Fairfield County children and their families through a wide range of innovative counseling services, temporary shelter, and community prevention programs. This year, Kids in Crisis provided assistance and a “listening ear” to 8,188 adults and children, including 718 seeking intervention and counseling services, and 99 children who stayed at the Kids in Crisis campus in Cos Cob.

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*“Kids in Crisis is the safety net for children and teens suffering with problems they didn’t cause and are powerless to solve.”*

—BOARD MEMBER



**Kids in Crisis**

free, round-the-clock help  
for children, teens and parents

## Dear Friend of Kids in Crisis:

When children are frightened, they feel adrift. When parents believe there is no way out, they feel isolated. When families face crises, they feel overwhelmed. In each case, parents and children feel there is no one listening.

For almost three decades, Kids in Crisis has been an ally for families and children dealing with abuse, neglect, homelessness, family conflict, and more. All day, every day, Kids in Crisis is there for any family or child in need, available to listen to their concerns and create a plan for change.

We are proud to be the gentle voice on the Helpline, the soothing Counselor supporting struggling children, the kind mentor providing techniques for combating verbal and physical abuse. This year, Kids in Crisis provided help to more than 8,100 children and families, including 718 who received counseling services and 99 children who stayed at our Teen House and Crisis Nursery facilities.

Moving forward, we remain committed to providing unparalleled care, free of charge, to children and families from Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Ridgefield, Stamford, Weston, Westport, and Wilton. At the same time, we are dedicated to the goal of expanding our community outreach programs in Fairfield County schools through a wide array of prevention programs that have seen tremendous success and growth in recent years.

Another key goal of Kids in Crisis is advocacy for children who need safe, loving places to live when home is not an option. Too often, children are ready to leave Kids in Crisis, bolstered by extensive therapeutic, medical, and educational support provided by our outstanding staff – yet these children have few placement options. We believe so many more in need can be served if there are additional “next steps” for children; if we can seize the excitement and empowerment they feel when they are ready to leave Kids in Crisis and foster that by finding them caring, long-term environments.

We cannot – and will not be able to – do all that we do without the dedication and support of an outstanding staff and Board of Directors, dedicated volunteers, and loyal individual, corporate and civic donors who join us in bettering the lives of children throughout our cities and towns.

We thank you for helping us to answer the thousands of voices calling for help.

Shari L. Shapiro  
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Chairman of the Board