



Parent Resources

Early Childhood Virtual Resource Fair

Name of Resource Program and/or Group:

Mississippi Families for Kids



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Services Provided to Early Childhood

Incredible Years DINA Therapeutic Program is an innovative program for children ages 3-5 designed to help children learn the appropriate ways to resolve common conflicts, promote appropriate classroom behaviors, and enhance positive social skills. This service is provided in an effort to treat potentially debilitating behaviors, reactions and conduct before children begin elementary school. In doing so, we implement a positive-based curriculum that encourages desirable behaviors in order to redirect the children.

Relative Raising Others' Children (ROC) is a division of kinship care that provides resources and assistance to family members who are rearing their kin. The ROC program is primarily lead by grandparents and other caregivers who are ready for change as it relates to their needs by being addressed to better care for others' children. The ROC program provides access to services and resources in their own communities, builds community resources and formal support for children being raised by relative caregivers, and creates a network of community agencies that will partner to provide specialized services that meet caregivers' needs.

Help Me Grow is a system that builds collaboration across sectors, including health care, early care and education, and family support. Through comprehensive physician and community outreach and centralized information and referral centers, families are linked with needed programs and services. This program also offers free screenings on physical, cognitive, and emotional development.

Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes No

Website Link: www.mffk.org

Other links for your services:



Programs and Services

Mississippi Families for Kids is a statewide, private 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization instituted in 1994 and incorporated in 1998. The mission of Mississippi Families for Kids is to ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children and families through the development of educational services and specialized trainings. The organization's primary function is to implement child-focused, solution-based, and community service programs that are dedicated to improving the conditions of families and children. The agency offers a broad array of community based child welfare services, to include but not limited to the following:

Adoption placement works to place children considered to have special needs with families who reside in Mississippi and meet the eligibility requirements. The children to whom the adoption program specifically caters are those considered hard to place such as older children, those aging out of foster care, children with special needs, sibling groups, and those who have been abandoned, neglected or abused. Pre-adoptive and post-adoptive services are provided to families to help them adjust to the new addition to their home.

Wendy's Wonderful Kids is a partnership with the Dave Thomas Foundation which seeks to dramatically increase the number of adoptions of children in North America waiting in foster care. We work closely with the child and the child's caseworker to gain first-hand knowledge to develop an effective, child-focused recruitment plan prioritizing the child's individual history, experiences and needs in order to find the appropriate adoptive family.

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Rated Positive Girls (Rated PG) is a unique preventative program for young girls ages 6-12 guided by youth. The program is designed to help develop young, impressionable pre-teens into beautiful, happy, mature and well-adjusted teenagers. Girls will have an opportunity to express themselves and become educated in include peer pressure/ relationships, body image insecurity/ self-esteem, bullying, anger management, depression/ anxiety, and stress/ school frustrations.

REAL FLY (Realizing Excellence Among Leaders/Future Leading Youth) is a unique support group to enhance social skills in young boys ages 6-12. This group will help them construct positive choices in decision-making. The goal of REAL FLY is to help young men have a better experience at school and home and to reduce emotional stress sometimes felt by children. Group sessions include peer pressure/ relationships, body image insecurity/ self-esteem, bullying, anger management, depression/ anxiety, and stress/ school frustrations.

Help Me Grow is a system that builds collaboration across sectors, including health care, early care and education, and family support. Through comprehensive physician and community outreach and centralized information and referral centers, families are linked with needed programs and services. Ongoing data collection and analysis helps identify gaps and barriers to the system.

Mississippi Families for Kids is funded through individual donations, business contributions, Wendy's franchisees, the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, and through our annual Children's Golf Classic. Funds given to support the agency not only support the finding of permanent homes, but also contribute to the building of strong families, the development of secure kids who grow into productive adults, and an increase in stronger communities.

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The Barksdale Reading Institute



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Services Provided to Early Childhood

Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes _____ *No* _____

Website Link:

Other links for your services:



Barksdale Reading Institute

www.mseads.org



- ★ **Parent Academy is designed to equip and empower parents to work on kindergarten readiness skills at home.**
- ★ **Parent Academy is broken down into 5 hands-on modules to cover general development, oral language, early reading, writing and math skills.**
- ★ **We provide the modules and the support needed to implement Parent Academy.**
- ★ **After each session/module, parents take home a handbook with family-friendly activities that are modeled during the session.**

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