



guidance

FUNDING AND SERVICE LOCATIONS

Funding for Intensive Foster Care and Respite services is provided through a contract with the Massachusetts Department of Social Services.

Intensive Foster Care is provided from three of Kennedy-Donovan's program offices: Cape Cod, Milford and New Bedford.

Serving Southeastern Massachusetts:

Kennedy-Donovan Center
376 Nash Road
New Bedford, MA 02746
Phone: 508-997-5875
Fax: 508-999-3068

Serving Cape Cod and the Islands:

Kennedy-Donovan Center
32 Commercial Street
Yarmouth, MA 02664
Phone: 508-385-6019 or 800-494-3060
Fax: 508-385-7475
Email: kdc_cape@kdc.org

Serving Blackstone Valley region and Metro West:

Kennedy-Donovan Center
258 Main Street, Suite 205
Milford, MA 01757
Phone: 508-473-5700
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For additional information,
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www.kdc.org





MISSION STATEMENT

Kennedy-Donovan Center (KDC) supports individuals and families with disabilities and other similar needs to reach their maximum potential and quality of life through advocacy and individualized services.

OVERVIEW

Kennedy-Donovan Center is a non-profit organization, founded in 1969 on the principle that all children and individuals have the right to participate and thrive in their community. Today, KDC serves nearly 5,000 infants, children, adults and families annually throughout eastern and south central Massachusetts. With a diverse and dedicated staff of 350 employees and 300 respite, home care providers and foster parents, KDC operates a range of program models from eight community offices and ten residences, and offers in-home services to thousands of families in 150 communities.

Kennedy-Donovan Center has been providing foster care since 1989. Over 200 children have successfully moved through foster care into adult life in the community. The Intensive Foster Care program serves children with developmental delays, medical needs, and/or emotional or behavioral issues.

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Intensive Foster Care is for children, birth to 22 years of age. Each child is matched with a foster family based on their needs and the skills of the foster family. All types of families and people are needed to provide homes and support for these children. KDC provides families with the training necessary to foster children with complex needs.

Social workers, program coordinators, clinical coordinators, and foster families work together to create the treatment plan that will identify areas of growth for the children as well as develop permanency.

Kennedy-Donovan Center trainings would include: caring for the medically involved child, providing support as they begin the reunification process with their birth family, behavior management for the child with developmental delays, as well as additional subjects during our 30-hour training program. KDC offers weekly home visits, free trainings, 24-hour support, generous stipends, support groups and vacation time!



love and caring

THE REWARDS OF FOSTER PARENTING

Becoming an intensive foster parent is an opportunity to work out of your home to provide the love and caring that a child needs. Foster families have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child. Many children are in need of loving and nurturing families to help them gain the independence they need to succeed as members of their community. In addition, there are other rewarding reasons for becoming a foster family when you consider that you can:

- Provide a family for a child who would not otherwise have one.
- Be an agent of change in a child's life.
- Provide a safe and nurturing environment.
- Enhance the lives of children through social, recreational, and cultural activities.
- Assist in the reunification of birth families.
- Protect children at risk for abuse and neglect
- Assist birth families in learning to care for their child.



make a difference

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

If this sounds interesting, but you are unable to make this type of commitment, there are more opportunities available to help a child. KDC has a growing need for respite providers who are able to care for children periodically when full time foster parents have other obligations or need a break. Respite providers care for children for shorter periods of time ranging from a few hours to a few weeks. A generous stipend is provided for respite services .

