



HEALING THE FUTURE

Kristi House Children's Advocacy Center
is dedicated to helping children and
families overcome trauma.

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KRISTI HOUSE is here to help children and their families overcome traumatic events and avoid further suffering. We know what it takes to heal children, and do so every day.



We provide children and their families with proven, evidence-based mental health services which enable them to get past the trauma and go on with their lives. In most cases, children and youth who complete treatment with Kristi House are stronger than ever.

BRINGING A TEAM TOGETHER FOR EACH CHILD

Kristi House coordinates a team of agency partners dedicated to providing medical, legal, advocacy and support services children and families need to stabilize and heal. These partners have been working together for 20 years, intent on healing children and holding the perpetrators responsible. Partners include:

- **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**
- **GUARDIAN AD LITEM**
- **JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RAPE TREATMENT CENTER**
- **LAW ENFORCEMENT**
- **STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**
- **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**

CHILDHOOD TRAUMA CAN BE OVERCOME

One in two children will experience at least one type of the following childhood traumas:

- **SEXUAL ABUSE**
- **PHYSICAL ABUSE**
- **BULLYING**
- **PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE**
- **COMMUNITY VIOLENCE**
- **NATURAL DISASTER**
- **BEREAVEMENT**



Children who experience abuse and other forms of trauma face life-long serious emotional and social consequences — depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, physical health problems, education and career challenges — to name a few.

To overcome potentially devastating, long-lasting effects, Kristi House coordinates all the services a victim and his/her family will need for the healing process. We provide treatment, link families to other needed community resources, and serve as a bridge to law enforcement.



STEPS ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT CHILDREN

These guidelines provide simple and practical actions you can take to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.



STEP 1: LEARN THE FACTS

The facts about child sexual abuse can be staggering, but they can help us understand the risks children face.

STEP 2: MINIMIZE OPPORTUNITY

If you eliminate opportunities for children to be in isolated, one-on-one situations, you can dramatically reduce the risk of abuse.

STEP 3: TALK ABOUT IT

Children often keep abuse a secret, but talking openly about our bodies, sex, and boundaries can encourage children to share.

STEP 4: RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS

Don't expect obvious signs when a child is being abused. Signs are often there, but you have to know what to look for.

STEP 5: REACT RESPONSIBLY

Be prepared to react responsibly if a child discloses abuse to you, or if you suspect or see that boundaries have been violated.

SERVICES AT NO COST TO FAMILIES

Kristi House does not charge for its services and never turns away a child in need. This is possible thanks to generous support from individuals, corporations and community groups, along with public grant funds, that ensure quality services and programs to children in Miami-Dade County. All gifts to Kristi House are tax-deductible. Please call us for more information or visit our website.



MANDATED REPORTER AND WHAT IT MEANS

In Florida, any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, neglected, or abandoned by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the Abuse Hotline of the Florida Department of Children and Families. **1.800.96ABUSE**



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Prevention education is key to keeping our community's children safe. These programs are available at no cost:

- **STEWARDS OF CHILDREN**
- **CHILDREN & TRAUMATIC STRESS**
- **COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (TRAFFICKING) – “CSEC 101”**
- **CHILDREN WITH PROBLEMATIC SEXUAL BEHAVIOR**
- **TEEN DATING SAFETY**
- **HURRICANE TRAUMA**
- **TRAINING FOR FAMILIES**
- **CHILD SAFETY MATTERS**

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LOCATIONS

All services begin at our main Kristi House Children's Advocacy Center location where our agency partners are co-located. Thereafter, neighborhood locations are available for appointments with Therapists and Family Advocates.



KRISTI HOUSE MAIN LOCATION

1265 NW 12 Avenue
Miami, FL 33136
305-547-6800

MIAMI GARDENS

18425 NW 2nd Avenue, Suite PH-9
Miami, FL 33169
305-547-6870

HOMESTEAD

Campbell Shoppes
2008 NE 8 Street
Homestead, FL 33033
305-547-6810

PALMETTO BAY

8925 SW 148 Street, Suite 213
Miami, FL 33176
305-547-6890

NARANJA

Naranja Community Center
13955 SW 264 Street
Naranja, FL 33032
786-481-5885

PROJECT GOLD DROP IN CENTERS

305-547-6850

