

4KIDS

GROWING BEYOND



A CAMPAIGN THAT BRINGS
HOPE, HOMES, & HEALING TO ALL



**“I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU
AS ORPHANS,
I WILL COME TO YOU.”
JOHN 14:18**

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GROWING BEYOND

Introducing a special initiative designed to propel, strengthen, and protect the precious ministry of 4KIDS. With three main components at work, *Growing Beyond* for the next generation is possible. [Here is a look at this campaign in action.](#)

Regional Impact

The need for high-quality foster care and support services is still great in other areas of the state. 4KIDS was invited to help solve the crisis in Southwest Florida and Miami. Those regions require strengthening and investment to meet growing needs for families and kids in crisis.

A Lasting Legacy

As we look ahead to the future of 4KIDS, our vision is to create a foundation that cannot be shaken by government policy change or economic hardships. No matter what the future holds, we want to be there for kids who will still need us. Building up this legacy takes passion and partnership but the results have the power to impact generations to come.

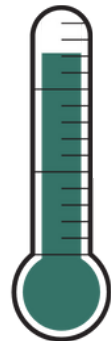
Innovative Support

For families who are struggling and at risk of breaking down, 4KIDS can intervene with the *hope* of prevention. Foster and adoptive families need special resources and skills with therapeutic training and services. Strengthening all of these families means greater stability for kids.

\$2,000,000 TO GO!

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

In 2022, 4KIDS embarked on a 3-Year Capital Campaign journey. Thanks to early adopters and faithful friends, a significant amount of funding has been raised so far. Now it's up to this community to reach this final goal for kids and families. In this last leg of the campaign, it will take our incredible 4KIDS community to come together to raise the final 2 Million.



A CRISIS FOR KIDS



6-10

Kids are removed from their homes every day in our community due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment.



81%

Of the young men who age out of foster care with nowhere to go, become incarcerated.



627

Children and teens are living in shelters across the 13 counties 4KIDS serves as of December 2024.



71%

Of young women aging out of foster care experience a pregnancy before they turn 21. Half of those babies will end up in foster care.



80%

Of children in foster care have significant mental health issues.



97%

Of young adults who age out of foster care with nowhere to go, face chronic poverty.



2X MORE LIKELY

Kids who have spent time in foster care are 2x as likely as US war veterans to experience PTSD as adults.



90%

Of youth with 5+ foster placements will enter the justice system.

Sources: DCF Office of Child Welfare Online Dashboard, National Conference of State Legislatures (2019), Northwest Foster Care Alumni Study (2005), Administration on Children, Youth, & Families (AFCARS) & Children and Youth Services Review (2008)

IMPACT ACROSS REGIONS

When 4KIDS was invited to expand into Southwest Florida and Miami-Dade Counties, the need had never been greater for those communities. Bringing this foundation of loving foster families to more kids in need is changing lives every day across 13 Florida Counties.

The Crisis in Southwest Florida & Miami-Dade County



499 SWFL
677 Miami

Babies, children, & teens were removed from their homes last fiscal year



145 SWFL
137 Miami

Kids in foster care are living in a shelter instead of a loving foster family as of December 2024



191 SWFL
299 Miami

Siblings were split up as they entered the foster care system last fiscal year

OUR 4KIDS FAMILIES



Our first 7 years of fostering was not with 4KIDS, as we originally became licensed in 2012 before 4KIDS was in the Treasure Coast. Now having people pray with us and for us, plus all the additional support and blessings has been beyond anything we could have expected.

*Bethany McLaughlin,
4KIDS Foster Parent*



MEET THE MCLAUGHLIN FAMILY



The McLaughlin family has been fostering for over a decade and in that time they've welcomed over 20 different children into their home. They shared, "One of our greatest joys as a foster family is watching people bloom into who God made them to be. Whether that's a baby starting to reach milestones once in a safe and loving environment or a birth mom gaining the tools and confidence to be the mother she wants and needs to be for her kids. We love being a witness for kids getting to experience positive firsts like going to the beach, the first steps, first time on a sports team, and more!"

FAMILIES ARE WAITING

Our Cumulative 10-Year Goals Per Region

CAREPORTAL

- 50** local churches
- 8,500+** family members served
- \$1,900,000+** economic impact

FOSTER CARE

- 100+** new, 4KIDS Foster Homes in each region
- 100,000+** safe nights, for kids

EPIC THERAPEUTIC

- 20,000+** hours of clinical care offered by 4KIDS EPIC Clinicians
- 2,200+** family members served by a 4KIDS EPIC Clinician

10 YEAR TOTAL IMPACT

- \$18,000,000+** total economic impact
- 11,000+** children & families served

A LASTING LEGACY

The heart of 4KIDS is to bring *Hope, Homes, and Healing* to kids and families who need it most. This essential work can continue on for generations to come, impacting countless lives in the process.

4KIDS FOSTER CARE & SPECIALIZED HOMES LAST FISCAL YEAR

- 1.26** moves per 1,000 days for kids in a 4KIDS home, compared to the statewide rate of 5.41
- 4,949** safe nights were experienced in 4KIDS Specialized Foster Homes
- 68** kids were reunified with their biological families
- 17** kids were served in 4KIDS Specialized Foster Homes

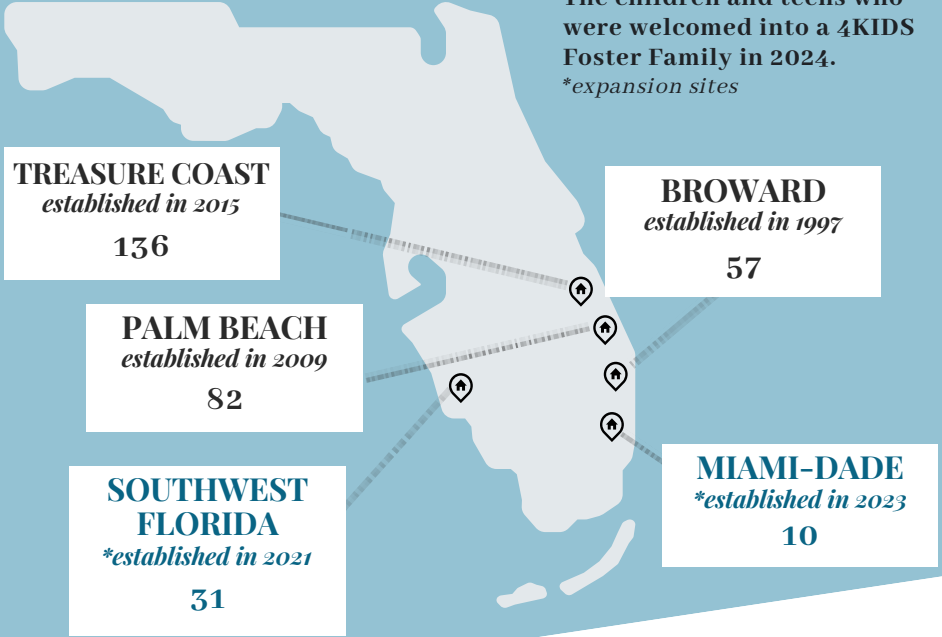
THE HEART OF 4KIDS' HOMES



Tex and Courtney may be two of the biggest young advocates! Tex and his siblings grew up in foster care. When he aged out, Tex decided to enter 4KIDS' Independent Living program. He took what he learned as a resident, and used it to become a Resident Advisor in the program. He compassionately led in this role for 9 years. After marrying, Tex and Courtney welcomed a baby boy of their own, and decided to open their home as foster parents. The same day they received their foster care license, they received a call for two brothers, ages 5 and 7, who needed a home who could keep them together — Tex and Courtney couldn't wait to say 'yes!' "There are kids in our own city who are being neglected. We knew that there was a problem and we could offer a solution, so that's what we did," said Tex.

HOMES FOR ALL

The children and teens who were welcomed into a 4KIDS Foster Family in 2024.
**expansion sites*



WHY LEGACY MATTERS

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The theme of what we learned at 4KIDS, especially through EPIC, was ‘connection’ at all costs. And isn’t that gospel?!

Casey Cleveland, 4KIDS Adoptive Parent & Avenue Church Pastor

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INNOVATIVE SUPPORT

Opening homes and stabilizing families isn't our only goal, we also believe in strengthening families with tools that allow them to thrive. With trauma-informed trainings, therapeutic care, and innovative resources families are being equipped and transformed locally, nationally, and internationally.

EXPANDING HEALING



The *healing* of 4KIDS unique EPIC Therapeutic Approach is spreading across the state, nation, and even across the world. Through online training resources and local collaborations, trauma-informed healing is stretching far beyond South Florida to reach over 7 unique countries.

Trainings allow entire families to be transformed for the better and with these three powerful trainings, parents and caregivers are uniquely equipped:

- Intro to Trauma-Informed Care | A foundational course designed by 4KIDS to teach parents and caregivers about trauma and connection.
- EPIC Training | This cutting-edge course explores sensory processing, infant mental health, and attachment, allowing trust-based relationships between kids and parents to flourish.
- TBRI® Training | 4KIDS hosts this evidence-based, trauma-informed intervention designed for children who come from hard places, highlighting the importance of connecting with children in a trauma-informed way.



International Reach

"Since this training, my mind and the way I will interact with any child has changed completely. Now I know that if they didn't have a secure person in their life, that's why they struggle to interact with and trust others." - EPIC Trainee, Peru

EPIC IS CHANGING LIVES



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"We really enjoyed learning about EPIC and it helped us understand the kiddos in our home a lot better."

*Valerie Lovell,
4KIDS Foster Parent*

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HOPE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

HopeConnect™ at Work



HOPE
CONNECT

HopeConnect™ is a one-of-a-kind digital resource designed for kids who have experienced trauma. With easy to use Everyday Moments™ designed by experts, parents can create a safe, healing connection with their child as they introduce the hope of God's Word.

AT A GLANCE

- 6,000+** HopeConnect™ Users since our launch
- 17,000+** Parents trained
- 8** National and global alliance partners

“And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

Matthew 18:5

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There's ways to leave an impact at a variety of levels. You can learn more and join the movement by scanning this QR code or visiting:

4KIDS.us/Give/Growing-Beyond



OUR VISION:

A Home for Every Child

OUR MISSION:

Providing Hope for Kids in Crisis