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Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries seeks to establish a "Healing Center" that promotes permanency, the incorporation of forever families, and an educational component focusing on trauma and interventions. In an effort to assist families in this process "The Healing Center" will provide opportunities to aid in determining the most effective intervention with a better understanding of the development and functioning of the brain following exposure to trauma.

The Healing Center of Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries seeks to provide a holistic, comprehensive focus on trauma and healing within the child well-being spectrum. The anticipated outcome is to establish increased permanency and reunification of the family unit. The intention is to establish focused, individualized attention to the child and family members through the use of various evidence-based models. This will assist in better understanding where each individual's needs are to implement effective treatment plans, goals, and interventions.

Other primary goals of the proposal are to establish:

- Having professionals ask "What Happened to You" rather than "What is wrong",
- Promote Educational opportunities for staff, care workers with direct child contact, children, and parents to better understand the impact of trauma as well as intervention strategies, and,
- To increase nonclinical community-based support services in geographic areas where we have a physical presence.

As The Healing Center provides direct services to the community and professional arenas, it permits the incorporation of a multitude of collaborations to occur. These collaborations further the development and implementation of partnering organizations to gather and share information.

These partnerships consist of local, state, and academic parties such as:

The Medical University of South Carolina,
Duke University,
Cornell University,
Baylor University,
The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill,
Clemson University,
Lander University,
Piedmont Technical College,
The South Carolina Department of Social Services,
The South Carolina Department of Mental Health,
Child Trauma Academy, and

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

These are a small sample of influencers The Healing Center can incorporate into its research and practice to enhance understanding and services. The following information provides a brief outlook of the current status of needs for children and families in South Carolina:

- South Carolina Department of Social Services, Family Preservation Services reports on any given day there are roughly 14,312 children with open cases in need of assistance,
- In 2018, South Carolina KIDS Count data reported 23% (or 210,441) children were reported with one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental conditions, and
- According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation over 38% in every state have had one or more adverse childhood experiences (ACES).

As the process continues to expand so too does the reach to school systems, the workplace, daycares, after school programs, and churches. All with the same vision in place of providing ongoing communication to ensure consistency and continuity while promoting healing.

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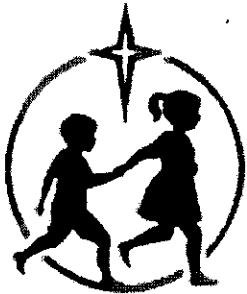
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