

# Are You Raising Someone Else's Children?

**We may be able to help.**



## **Why the Fostering Healing Program?**

Children who have been abused, neglected, lost a loved one to homicide, witnessed domestic violence or experienced other trauma often show the impact of this trauma in their behavior or attitude. Caregivers often have questions, need information, or want help raising these children. Caregivers who are not legal guardians often face challenges in getting help for the children they love.

## **What We Do**

The Fostering Healing Program seeks to strengthen the lives of children living with relatives or in foster care and whose young lives have been touched by severe neglect, abuse, violence, or crime. Frequently caregivers ask for assistance with medical insurance matters, legal and court proceedings, and victim compensation eligibility. They may also seek assistance in obtaining critical support services regarding medical, mental health, and school issues.

## **Available Services:**

- In-home caregiver support and education regarding:
  - Child behavior and adjustment
  - Assessment of need for medical, mental health, education and legal services
- Trauma symptom assessment, referral & follow-up services
- Legal advocacy regarding school issues, guardianship and access to health care
- Assistance with Victim Compensation Benefits
- Crisis and short-term counseling
- Development of plans to help children feel safe
- Collaboration with other service providers
- Case management as needed

**Contact Kids Matter Inc. at 414-344-1220 or [www.kidsmatterinc.org](http://www.kidsmatterinc.org) for more information.**

These services are free, voluntary, and confidential. Services are offered through a grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice to assist child victims and their caregivers.