

Giving Kids The Chance of a Lifetime



Founded in 1851 in response to a growing immigration crisis, The Children's Village (CV) is a charity that works in partnership with families to help society's most vulnerable children and families so that they become educationally proficient, economically productive, and socially responsible members of their communities.

Today, we serve more than 10,000 children and families in the New York area, and we have begun to use our 160 years of experience to encourage best practices in child welfare both nationally and internationally. As recognized leaders in the practice of providing children safety, shelter, and support following traumatic events, we are using our expertise to support critical international initiatives by:

- Providing short-term shelter, long-term foster care, home study, and post-release services for undocumented children within our Division of Immigration Services, a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) funded program.
- Consulting with Mulitsystemic Therapy teams in the Netherlands to provide weekly case review, training, and technical support on hundreds of cases annually.
- Providing shelter to displaced orphans following the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti.
- Training mental health workers in Iraq in new ways to work with the estimated
 2.5 million orphans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- Offering protection for South Korean children in the United States who were in need of temporary emergency care.
- Training local personnel and NGO staff at a refugee resettlement center in postconflict Croatia in the early 1990's.
- Sending student workers to Ghana to install computers that they refurbished in our PC Repair program in local schools.

In 2011, CV was awarded a commendation by the Office of Refugee Resettlement for its support of Haitian orphans. CV received The Child Welfare League of America and the Walker Trieschman Center's 2010 David Liederman Award for innovation and was named Agency of the Year by the Alliance for Children and Families. CV is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and the Better Business Bureau.

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CV is a founding member of the Association for Evidence-Based Programming and is a leader in using and developing programs that document positive outcomes. Our success in serving high-risk youth and the unique interventions we deploy are widely recognized. Media outlets such as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, MSNBC, Fox News, and NOW with Bill Moyers have prominently featured CV's program philosophy and success.