

# THE KEMPE THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL

A place where children can finally begin to believe in themselves.

## Why CARE:

Severely disturbed 3-6 year-olds cannot fit in or succeed in a typical preschool. Yet if they don't get a good start on education, they will be forever behind and will not have the skills or the confidence to overcome their rough start in life.

## Why KEMPE:

Our highly specialized preschool provides a caring, predictable environment where children learn to develop trusting relationships, positive self-esteem, and acceptable social interactions.

THE KEMPE FOUNDATION FOR THE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT



Renowned experts.  
*Remarkable compassion.*  
Real hope.

# OUR PRESCHOOL

is a safe place to grow and be hopeful, so children can look forward to the rest of their lives and know they have the power to succeed.



## **Engaging these children in preschool is the first step to a better life.**

The Kempe Therapeutic Preschool is a highly specialized treatment program that helps severely emotionally disturbed 3-6 year old children who have been abused and neglected. The preschool provides a full range of mental health services including psychological testing, psychiatric diagnostic workups, and assessment of family functioning. Once admitted, children receive individual play therapy at least twice a week and family therapy once a week. They participate in a "therapeutic milieu" in the classroom designed to decrease problem behavior, increase social skills, and improve academic performance so they can move on to regular preschools, Head Start Programs, or elementary schools.

## **A unique setting with a remarkable success rate.**

The Kempe Therapeutic Preschool provides one of the only day treatment programs in Colorado for young abused, neglected, and traumatized children. Currently, 93% of our graduates can be placed in mainstream school settings and do not need further intensive day treatment services. The preschool becomes a safe, consistent, predictable place for these children to be nurtured, as many of them have been in multiple foster homes already in their young lives. As one foster mother said, "the Kempe preschool is a place where children come in broken, and when they leave they are whole again."

## **This school changes the life course of its young students.**

Children admitted to the Kempe preschool are severely emotionally disturbed and are usually not only unable to function in a regular preschool, they are in danger of losing their home placement with biological parents or foster families who cannot manage their behavior. Treatment at the preschool usually lasts between 6-9 months, but the results truly last a lifetime. These children leave the preschool ready to learn, able to bond with future teachers and caregivers, and armed with the social skills to make lasting friendships with their peers at their new schools.

## **Our preschool is reaching kids who don't even live here.**

The Kempe Therapeutic Preschool helps make a difference in young lives near and far. Professionals from many states have visited us to find out how to replicate our program. As they return home and create safe havens for young learners in their communities, our good work will reach more and more kids when they need it most.

*To find out more about this program and our other Kempe programs, please visit [www.kempe.org](http://www.kempe.org)*

