

# THE KEMPE INFANTS IN FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM

Helping the smallest victims overcome the biggest obstacles.

## Why CARE:

If an abused infant does not receive proper on-going care, they may develop bigger problems and need more expensive and extensive treatments later in life. That's more suffering for the child and more cost to society.

## Why KEMPE:

The Kempe Infants in Foster and Kinship Care Program provides assessments and crucial referrals to medical and developmental services. We provide intensive intervention to support emotional development in these tiny victims.

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# BY HELPING THE YOUNGEST

victims, we can change the entire life story of that child.

We believe every child, of every age, deserves the kind of attention and help that will make them successful.



## There is no such thing as "too young" for diagnosis, for help, for hope.

The Kempe Infants in Foster and Kinship Program provides innovative clinical services to extremely vulnerable abused and neglected babies in the city and county of Denver. We give these children continuity of care – working to ensure they receive urgently needed developmental, medical, and mental health services. We refer families for services and can get them access to the help they need. Through this program, we deliver intensive intervention to babies who are placed in the care of a relative (known as kinship) or foster parents, helping to prevent serious mental, emotional and developmental problems for these children down the road.

## Without this program, many children's problems would go undetected until they enter school. Those are precious years lost.

Without Kempe's intervention, a majority of these infants' problems may not be identified and the children would not receive much needed services at such a young age. These services can include occupational therapy to treat feeding disorders and infant stimulation services to address attention and learning problems. Our clinical program is part of a larger clinical trial which is testing the effectiveness of early intervention. We pass on our findings to professionals around the world, gaining us national attention in this field.

## This program is essential – 71% of babies evaluated for the first time (at an age younger than 6 months) were determined to need services.

This is one of the only programs in the country that:

- focuses on the prevention and treatment of developmental, medical, and emotional/behavioral problems in these infants, rather than focusing on only one kind of problem;
- works with all types of families including foster, kinship, birth, and adoptive to support long-term functioning;
- is embedded in a clinical trial that will rigorously test if the program truly improves outcomes for babies.

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

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