

## A LEGACY AND PROUD HISTORY

The Kempe Center is a living legacy to a brilliant researcher, teacher and prominent pediatrician who became one of America's pioneers in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. During his professional career, Dr. Kempe received two nominations for the Nobel Prize. The first nomination was for his work in developing a safer smallpox vaccine, which helped eradicate this childhood disease around the world. The second nomination was recognition for his contribution to the prevention and treatment of child abuse. Due to the catalyzing efforts of Dr. Kempe, reporting laws exist in all 50 states. His efforts also led to the passage of the 1972 Colorado law requiring legal counsel for the child in all cases of suspected abuse.

The Kempe Center was established in 1972 to provide research, training, education and innovative program development for all forms of child abuse and neglect. The Center is committed to improving the prevention, recognition and treatment of child maltreatment. Staff has developed numerous programs over the years, many of which have been replicated. Research has shown that abused children often become abusive parents. The Center's mission is to break that cycle.

Below are a few of the Center's accomplishments and successes:

- 1958** Kempe created one of the first Child Protection Teams to identify and treat child abuse. It is ongoing today.
- 1962** Drs. C. Henry Kempe and Brandt F. Steele published their landmark article "The Battered Child Syndrome" in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.
- 1967** Lay Therapy Program was instituted, which utilized non-professionals to support abusive and neglectful parents. This program laid the foundation for home visitation programs that continue today.
- 1973** First Crisis Nursery created, which provided care for abused and neglected children. Today, a crisis nursery is found in most communities throughout the U.S.
- 1974** First Therapeutic Preschool opened, providing a day-treatment facility for abused children. It continues to operate today.

- 1977** The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect was organized with publication of the first issue of *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal*, the leading publication of research to the field.
- 1982** Family Evaluation program was established to assist local agencies and courts in assessment of complex cases of suspected abuse.
- 1983** National Adolescent Network was created to provide information to professionals working with adolescent sex offenders.
- 1984** Third Party Program began to provide treatment services to families when a child has been molested by someone outside the family.
- 1991** Research and support groups were established for survivors of childhood incest.
- 1993** Prevention Research Center was created to serve as the primary knowledge base for public policy relating to home visitation services to support young families.
- 1994** Kempe Foundation initiates a \$4.4 million capital campaign to construct a 35,000-square-foot facility for the Kempe Center.
- 1996** Capital campaign successfully completed.
- 1997** Groundbreaking and completion of the Georgia and Walt Imhoff Pavilion, new home of The Kempe Center and Foundation.
- 1999** Robert B. Clyman, MD becomes Executive Director of the Kempe Center.
- 1999** Kempe Foundation secures 1<sup>st</sup> Endowed Chair – the Jack and Viki Thompson Chair in Child Maltreatment and Family Health.
- 2000** Kempe Foundation secures 1<sup>st</sup> Endowed Fellow – the Berger Fellow.
- 2001** Kempe Foundation launches Educational Outreach Campaign.

- 2002** Kempe Center hosts the 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect.
- 2006** Kempe Foundation celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and launches the Get Your Blue On for Kempe Kids awareness campaign.
- 2008** Kempe awarded “Nonprofit of the Year” by the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce”.
- 2009** Kempe moves into the new Kempe Center at the Gary Pavilion on the Anschutz Medical Campus.
- Annually** The Center’s programs serve more than 1,500 children and families in Colorado, serve as models across the country to treat more children, and answers over 3,000 inquiries from professionals. The Center also educates and trains thousands of professionals each year across the country.
- Lifetime** The Center has produced more than 200 research articles that have made a difference in public policy, have created awareness and knowledge about child abuse and neglect, and have assisted professionals in providing better diagnoses, treatment and support to victims and families.