



The 17th Annual Kidsfest, a family festival will be held Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Cascades Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with free admission! Join us for live children's entertainment on the amphitheater stage & play in Imagination Fountain. There will be hands-on activities, bounce houses, & arts & crafts. Refreshments will be sold.



## How you can help!

- ⇒ **Volunteer!** We have volunteer opportunities in our centers & administrative office and at community events. There are volunteer jobs suitable for individuals and for groups of various sizes.
- ⇒ **Donate!** Monetary donations may be made online through our web site. We also love to receive age appropriate books, diapers, wipes and craft supplies

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free 1-800-432-7352 or [www.800helpfla.com](http://www.800helpfla.com) within the state.

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## Our Mission:

"Supporting and educating families and young children through quality early learning, health and family services."

## Our Vision:

All children & families reach their full potential.

## Our History:

Founded in 1972 by the late Budd Bell, Kids Incorporated is a community organization serving families with children birth to 3 years of age and pregnant women.

For Early Head Start enrollment information or for more information about Kids Incorporated, visit our web site or contact us by email at the address below.

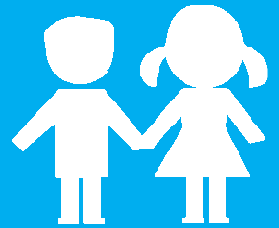
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## Children



## Family



## Community



## Children



### Early Education

The Kids Incorporated Early Head Start (EHS) program serves eligible families in Jefferson, Leon and Madison counties at 5 centers and through a home-based program in Leon and Madison counties. It is the only program providing comprehensive services to low-income children (birth to age 3 years) and their families. These services include quality child development, health & nutrition, and family engagement/community partnerships.



Each child has an individualized curriculum and classrooms have a ratio of 4 children to 1 adult with a maximum of 8 children. A minimum of 10% of the children served have special needs.



### Prenatal Services

A healthy pregnancy has a direct influence on the health and development of a child. The prenatal period has a lasting impact on the child's potential for healthy growth and development.

## Family



### Family Services

Family Advocates are on staff to work with families from the time of enrollment until their child transitions from the program at age 3. Efforts to promote family engagement with individual & family goal setting focus on incorporating four Family Life Practices (FLP's): Family Routines, Experience Rich Environment, Positive Discipline, and Promoting Language and Literacy. Participation in family centered activities, parent workshops, and community events are also encouraged to empower parents on the road to family success.



### Home Learning

Utilizing research on the "Achievement Gap" to inspire parents and focus their attention on promoting outstanding family life practices, Kids Incorporated has implemented home learning activity curriculum. Studies show a substantial relationship between parent involvement for the school and reading comprehension levels. Since the implementation of the home learning activities parents spending time reading at home has increased by over 50%.

## Community



### Volunteers

Volunteers provide extra hands in our early learning centers, work one-on-one with a child, read to children or help us promote Kids Incorporated at community outreach events. They serve on committees and boards, read to children once a week or once a month in a classroom, help with Holiday Happiness and we cant forget about Kidsfest!



### Partnerships

One of the cornerstones of the Early Head Start program is community. A critical key to supporting families (another cornerstone) is building and providing linkages between families and available community resources. An important component to establishing essential linkages is the development and maintenance of community partnerships. It is through these partnerships that Kids Incorporated is able to foster the development of a comprehensive system of family centered services and to advocate for a community that shares responsibility for the healthy development of children and families of all cultures.

