



EVOLVE KIDSCARE



PARENT
Welcome Packet

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WELCOME,

KidsCare Families!

Serving ages toddler through 10 yrs old, our curriculums are designed to teach social skills, creativity and early learning in an amazing setting and safe environment



The prepared environment is a safe place for children to explore and develop their independence. Your child's classroom, designed with age-appropriate activities and child-sized furniture and equipment, initiates early skills like self-reliance and positive self-esteem.

All staff and volunteers are CPR & 1st Aid Certified and Criminal background checks are completed to ensure the safety of your child.

A background photograph of children at a party. In the foreground, a young boy with curly hair is blowing a blue balloon. To his right, another child is partially visible, also blowing a balloon. In the background, a girl is wearing a white party hat with colorful polka dots. The scene is brightly lit and festive.

Mission

Providing a safe, structured
environment where kids can
be kids while parent recover
freely without guilt

Vision

Empower the next
generation of recovering
families



**EVOLVE
KIDSCARE**

WHO WE ARE

Meet the Team



Sara Burden

Founder & CEO

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I have five children all of which have at least one biological parent who suffers from addiction. This is one of the many reasons this mission is personal to me.



Jessie Costley

Executive Director

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With over 15 years of nonprofit sector experience, her passion is working with people to solve organizational challenges.



Arielle Feldman

Program Director

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Arielle has a degree in elementary and special education and has been teaching in Baltimore City Public Schools for six years.

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About Us

EVOLVE KIDSCARE



Established in 2022, Evolve KidsCare was founded as a nonprofit organization in Maryland by leaders in the substance abuse treatment field as they identified the growing need for childcare in the successful recovery of men and women in treatment for addiction. Following the acute phase of treatment, individuals enter into recovery where they form relationships with other adults through 12-step programs. These programs are specialized therapeutic settings where the daily work of overcoming dependence on drugs is accomplished. However, recovery takes place over years as the underlying causes of addiction are identified and new behaviors and ways of thinking are practiced.

Our program provides childcare for parents attending substance use recovery meetings; a program that contributes to the successful recovery of parents by freeing them of worry to concentrate on their personal recovery from substance use. Families receive informed and supportive services by addressing the service gap of quality childcare for parents in recovery. Many parents in recovery take children to 12-step fellowship meetings when there is no affordable childcare. Children are exposed to adult conversation about substance use. Experts in the field believe children become at greater risk for substance abuse by becoming desensitized to it. Moreover, parents without child care often skip recovery meetings, critical to preventing relapse.

SERVICE

Details & Deliverables

In collaboration with neighborhood churches; FREE drop-in childcare for youth and families where recovery meetings occur. This service removes barriers that prohibit families' ability to stay engaged in the recovery process and live full lives in communities of their choice.

AGES: 2-10



01 **EPIC CHURCH - DUNDALK**
1710 Delvale Rd., Dundalk, MD
Every Tuesday 7:30pm - 8:30pm

02 **COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - PASADENA**
8680 Ft. Smallwood Rd, Pasadena, MD
Every Sunday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

03 **LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**
6691 Baymeadow Dr, Glen Burnie, MD
Every Thursday 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Every Friday 7:00pm - 9:00pm

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Parent Checklist

Preparing is key to helping with the enrollment and transition process for the program, your child, and you. So, what do you need to check off for your childcare enrollment?

CHECKLIST

- ☐ **COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM**
- ☐ **PHOTO CONSENT FORM**
- ☐ **COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE**
- ☐ **CURRENT PHONE NUMBER OF GUARDIAN**
- ☐ **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK;**
<https://www.facebook.com/EvolveKidsCare>



TASK

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EACH DAY OF CARE

TASK

PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST REMAIN ONSITE

TASK

ENROLL/REGISTER ONLINE: <https://evolvekidscore.org/>

Parent Testimonials


Although having my children fills me with such gratitude. Having to bring them with me to meetings or finding care during can be a struggle. Since going to meetings is one the very reasons I have my children today. Evolve KidsCare will allow me to attend more meetings and know my kids are safe and having fun!"

Mother of 4 in recover— it's extremely difficult to focus in 12 step meetings when you bring children. There are also topics discussed that may be inappropriate for young children to hear. In order to be able to receive the message fully, it would be best to not have your children with you. Childcare is crucial for newcomers and people with substantial time in recovery as we never "graduate" from the program. Meetings are a crucial part of recovery forever.

Communication


Contact Details

 info@evolvekidscare.org


 443-798-7628

 www.evolvekidscare.org

Office Hours

 M - F 9:00am - 5:00pm EST

Response Time

 24 - 48 hours except weekends

FREQUENTLY

Asked Questions

ARE SERVICES AVAILABLE IF RECOVERY MEETING IS CANCELLED?

No, parents are required to remain onsite therefore care is not needed in the event the recovery meeting is cancelled

HOW MUCH IS ENROLLMENT TUITION?

Services are free to families attending substance use recovery meetings

DO YOU PROVIDE MEALS OR SNACKS?

No meals provided, but we ensure bottled water is available

ARE STAFF BACKGROUND CHECKED?

Yes, mandatory background checks are required every year for every staff and board member at Evolve KidsCare. In addition, criminal background checks are required for any volunteers who have direct contact with children. All potential employees and volunteers are run through the National Sex Offender Registry
