Serving Youth who are Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Build and inspire hope, healing, and resilience for youth, families, and communities through counseling and education

We believe all individuals have rights and a voice in treatment that will be met with respect and dignity.

We believe children and families thrive best in physically and emotionally safe environments.

We believe all children and families have unique strengths, abilities, and talents and that with the right supports and encouragement youth can achieve their full potential.

We know parent involvement is critical in helping children learn to interact in a healthy way with others, manage their emotions, and communicate their feelings and needs.

DFYF is accredited by: the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services (COA)

DFYF is certified by: Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services Department.

DFYF is a member of:
- Family Service Council of Ohio
- Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers
- Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations

DFYF collaborations include:
- United Way of Central Ohio
- ADAMH Board of Franklin County
- Franklin County Dept of Job & Family Services
- City of Columbus
- Franklin County Juvenile Court
- Ohio Attorney General’s Office
- Columbus City Schools
- South-Western City Schools
- The Columbus Foundation


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• Counseling & Clinical Services
• Kindergarten Readiness Program
• Prevention & Parenting Services
• After-School / Summer Programs
• Therapeutic group counseling works toward eliminating the isolated feelings associated with the traumatic experience while addressing symptoms that often arise as a result of sexual abuse.

• Groups are co-facilitated by two licensed professional staff.

• Youth are placed in age and gender specific groups that are closed and run for 8-10 sessions each cycle.

• Youth have the opportunity to work through their specific traumatic experiences and assist others in sharing their worries and fears.

• Groups are experiential and activity based to give an opportunity to practice skills learned.

• Physical, behavioral, and emotional problems commonly demonstrated by these survivors are identified, acknowledged, and processed by group members.

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