

Executive Summary

Kids Cove Respite Home is a dedicated nonprofit organization committed to providing vital support to foster families in the Lake of the Ozarks community. Founded by James Radford, our mission is to nurture confident, goal-oriented children and make a significant difference in the lives of foster families.

Key Objectives and Mission Statement

Our primary objective is to establish a transformative respite care facility, offering foster families the support they need for a brighter future. By creating a sanctuary, Kids Cove aims to provide foster children with comfort and peace, allowing them to relax and enjoy a sense of normalcy. Simultaneously, our respite care empowers foster parents like James Radford and his wife Kate to take the time they need for self-care, ultimately enhancing their ability to provide better care to the children they foster.

Mission Statement:

Empowering foster families and nurturing the well-being of foster children by providing essential respite care and support.

Financial Requirements

To realize our mission, we seek financial support to cover critical aspects of our operations. The estimated financial requirements include:

	Monthly	Yearly
● Monthly Overhead Expenses	\$3,153	\$37,836.00
● Facility setup		\$80,000.00
● Direct Care	\$13,000.00	\$156,000.00
● Maintenance /staff	\$3083	\$37000.00
● Programming	\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00

In total we need to raise \$254,836 (\$21,236 monthly) plus \$63,000 in home Renovations. We are actively seeking partnerships, sponsorships, and donations to meet these financial needs. Every contribution will directly impact the success and growth of Kids Cove Respite Home, allowing us to provide crucial services to foster families in need.

In summary, respite care is one large piece of the foster care puzzle that is underserved. The state provides limited funds and families that are already licensed families are already stretched to the max caring for the placements they already have. With the support of our community, corporate involvement, and other fundraising activities we strive to be the go-to resource for respite care here in the Lake Ozark area and beyond.

Organization Overview

History and Background of Kids Cove

Kids Cove Respite Home was established by James Radford with the vision of creating a supportive haven for foster families in the Lake of the Ozarks community. Inspired by his own experiences as a foster parent, James recognized the need for a dedicated space where foster children could find comfort and foster families could access essential respite care.

The organization's inception traces back to 2020, originating from the personal experiences of James and his wife Kate in the field of fostering. What began as their dedicated commitment to fostering evolved into a more expansive mission to offer practical solutions to the unique challenges encountered by foster parents and the children in their care.

Mission and Vision Statements

Mission:

Provide respite to foster parents for the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate, so they can better meet the needs of the kids in their home.

Vision:

Creating a community where foster families receive the support they deserve, and foster children thrive in a nurturing environment.

Legal Structure and Registration Status

Kids Cove Respite Home operates as a [501(c)(3) nonprofit organization], officially registered with the Internal Revenue Service. Our legal structure ensures transparency, accountability, and compliance with all regulations governing nonprofit entities. As a nonprofit, we are dedicated to reinvesting all funds and resources back into our mission, prioritizing the well-being of foster families and children.

The journey of Kids Cove is guided by a commitment to creating positive change in the lives of those we serve. With a solid legal foundation, we are poised to expand our impact and provide essential services to foster families throughout the Lake of the Ozarks community.

Services

Detailed Description of Respite Care Services

At Kids Cove Respite Home, our primary offering is comprehensive respite care services designed to support foster families in the Lake of the Ozarks community. Our respite care program provides foster parents with much-needed breaks while ensuring a safe, nurturing environment for the children.

Respite Care Services Include:

- Short-term stays for foster children
- Supportive environment for children's emotional well-being
- Essential care during foster parents' temporary absences

Programs Offered to Foster Families

We go beyond traditional respite care by offering specialized programs that address the unique challenges faced by foster families. Our programs aim to strengthen family bonds, enhance parenting skills, and create a sense of community among foster parents.

Featured Programs:

- Extended respite care Up to 7 days a month
- Date nights for foster and bio kids are available weekly
- Emergency intake placement for up to 30 days of care while a permanent placement can be established

Additional Services Provided

In addition to respite care and specialized programs, Kids Cove Respite Home extends its services to encompass other essential areas. These supplementary offerings aim to create a holistic support system for foster families.

Additional Services:

- Parent meetup groups
- In-home respite care providers for Therapeutic, and Medical placements
- Family Vacation Fund

Industry Analysis

Overview of the Nonprofit Sector

As a nonprofit organization, Kids Cove operates within the broader framework of the nonprofit sector, characterized by a commitment to social impact and community welfare. Our mission aligns with the sector's core values of service, compassion, and positive change.

Trends and Challenges in Foster Care and Respite Services

The foster care and respite services sector faces evolving trends and challenges. We are dedicated to staying abreast of industry developments to adapt and enhance our services accordingly.

Key Focus Areas:

- Trauma-Informed Care: Addressing the unique needs of children with traumatic experiences
- Advocacy for Foster Families: Collaborating to advocate for policy improvements
- Innovation in Respite Services: Exploring new approaches for enhanced support

Identification of Key Stakeholders and Collaborators

Collaboration is integral to our mission's success. We actively engage with key stakeholders, including government agencies, local businesses, and other nonprofit organizations, to amplify our impact and create a more robust support network for foster families.

Community Analysis

Profile of Foster Families in the Lake of the Ozarks Community

Understanding our community—foster families—is paramount. We recognize the diversity within this demographic and tailor our services to meet their varied needs.

Lake Are Foster Community:

- 1 in 5 students are living with a grandparent or other family member
- Currently 79 Licensed Foster Homes 124 12 months ago Down 30%
- 50% of foster parents don't renew after year 2
- Registered Kinship Homes total 54 (Majority grandparents)
- A foster home averages 5 kids per house
- Currently 164 Youth in Care across all 4 Counties as of July 2023 up 16% from 2022

Nonprofit Marketing Plan

- distributing flyers
- email marketing
- advertising in print and online (specifying specific media outlets you will use)
- social media posting
- email marketing
- building, managing and promoting your website
- partnerships with other organizations
- hosting community events

Nonprofit Operations Plan

Every day/short-term

Upon our launch in the summer of 2024, our operations will revolve around the intake of children from the local area. Parents will register their kids weekly through our website, and we will facilitate pick-up and return services in each county. Throughout the week, the children will engage in various enriching, educational, and, most importantly, fun programs.

Long Term

Our second year, we aim to extend our services to offer in-home care to Therapeutic and Medical level foster homes. These situations demand specialized care to ensure all needs are met safely and sustainably. Our objective is to collaborate with foster agencies, ensuring our care providers are licensed and trained to address the challenges presented by these levels of care. Trained nurses will be on hand to provide medical care, meeting the unique healthcare needs of children in these homes.

Nonprofit Management Team

Our team is small yet growing currently James and Kate Radford Make up the core of the team. James has been working with kids as a school teacher, youth pastor, camp staff member, and more since 2001. James graduated from University of Central Missouri. He has a B.S degree in Photography with a minor in Business management. James has also been a business owner for over 20 years. His last business closed in 2021, During its 5 years of operations we saw an office staff of 5 and over 100 crew members. Kate Graduated with a Masters in Family and Children development for Colorado Christian University. She was a children's minister for 15 years.

Nonprofit Financial Plan

Expenses

- Accounting and legal services
- Marketing promotion expenses
- Insurance costs
- Rent and utilities
- Phone/internet
- Employee salaries
- Furniture and technology (computers, printers, etc.)
- Building and hosting a website

Revenue

- Community Support
- Government grants
- Private grants
- Corporate Giving
- Monthly individual support

Unique Needs and Challenges Faced by Foster Parents and Children

Through direct engagement and feedback, we've identified the specific needs and challenges faced by foster parents and children in our community. This insight informs the development of targeted programs and services.

Addressing Unique Challenges:

- Emotional and physical strain on foster parents
- Educational and emotional needs of foster children
- Support during critical transitions in foster care

Potential Growth in Demand for Respite Care

Respite Care, a service often overlooked, plays a pivotal role in ensuring the well-being of both foster parents and foster children. Kids Cove Respite Home recognizes this gap in existing programs and sees it as a unique opportunity and responsibility to instigate positive change. Our aim is not only to provide exceptional respite care but also to set a standard for success and service quality. By being pioneers in this endeavor, we aspire to inspire the establishment of similar organizations across the state. Will you join us on this journey of making a difference?