



Devereux Kids is a primary prevention program of the Devereux Foundation in Florida. It was established in 1999 to involve parents and community residents in training, relationship building and skill development to increase the safety and well being of children, youth and families at the neighborhood level. Our services include Planning, Education and Training Awareness building through:

FRONT PORCH PROJECT® - Devereux Kids offers a two-day comprehensive training program that teaches that every person can make a difference in their communities through personal action to build a culture of “neighbors helping neighbors”. This curriculum, designed by American Humane Association, is designed to connect neighborhood residents and to establish positive patterns of individual behavior based on mutual responsibility and ownership. The training builds participants’ awareness of their capacity and responsibility to become involved in the safety and health of children, youth and families in their neighborhoods.

WAKANHEZA PROJECT - Based on six principals, this customized training is a community-based initiative focused on reducing tension and stressful situations for families. The overall concept is to teach people when and how to reach out and help – without judgment or scorn - when witnessing a parent struggling with a child in public. This training is one to four hours and includes discussions on parenting and discipline, exercises about children’s behavior in public and tips and suggestions for intervening. Our hope is to raise awareness and encourage community residents to help in restoring safety for children in our neighborhoods by supporting parents and becoming more watchful of children in potentially vulnerable situations.

DIALOGUE - Facilitated dialogue is a powerful, heart centered engagement process that enables groups to increase communication and understanding on a topic of interest. It’s an opportunity for participants to freely discuss critical issues facing themselves, their families and community, and gain resident perspectives and opinions concerning social issues impacting their lives, their family, and community. It is used as an engagement strategy for policy and program development, quality improvement and community accountability.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING - This three hour interactive workshop is designed to help participants appreciate their commonalities with others as well as their uniqueness. Participants are encouraged to set personal goals, stretch outside their comfort level of personal involvement and interaction. This training empowers individuals by applying strength based perspectives to identify and maximize their assets, encouraging them to find ways to contribute as advocates for themselves, their families and communities. Capacity Building has proven beneficial for youth groups, mentoring programs, community and faith-based organizations. It is a great team building experience for professional development at any age.

GIRLS CIRCLE - The Girls Circle model is a structured support group for girls from 9-18 years of age. It is designed by Girls Circle Association to foster self-esteem, help girls maintain authentic connection with peers and adult women in their community, counter trends toward self-doubt, and allow for genuine self-expression through verbal sharing and creative activity. When youth voice their ideas and opinions in a safe environment, it strengthens their confidence and self-esteem and encourages them to express themselves more fully and critically think through their behavior and choices. Girls Circle is recognized as a promising approach in the Model Programs Guide by the Office of Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention.

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