

Kerengende Foundation

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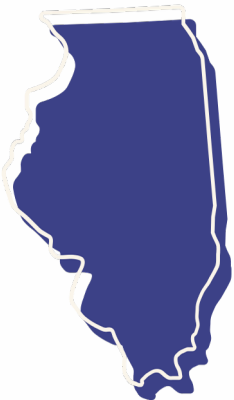
Mission Statement

We prevent child sexual abuse and human trafficking while supporting youth survivors and their families in communities across Southern Illinois with responsive services.

Our goal is to provide safe spaces for families on their journey from crisis to healing to empowerment, fostering lasting connections that strengthen the entire community.

1 IN 10 CHILDREN ARE IMPACTED BY SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse affects 1 in 10 children in the U.S. – a crisis disproportionately affecting under-resourced communities. The consequences can be lifelong, including lasting trauma, mental health struggles, and increased risk of continued abuse. To protect our youth, we aim to disrupt these cycles.



Our Community

We offer free, confidential services to anyone seeking to recover from or prevent child sexual abuse and trafficking. While our doors are open to all, we prioritize under-resourced communities in the St. Louis Metro Region, including the Southern Illinois communities of Cahokia Heights, East St. Louis, and Belleville, where the majority of students are Black and come from low-income households.

Our Programs

We reduce the impact of sexual trauma, improve mental health, and create safe spaces for families to recover from and prevent abuse through three core programs:



**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**



**TARGETED PREVENTION
& EDUCATION**



**DIRECT SUPPORT
& INTERVENTION**

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Back to School sessions, Mental Health Outreach, Health Fairs, and more.

1440+

STUDENTS REACHED THROUGH PREVENTION EDUCATION

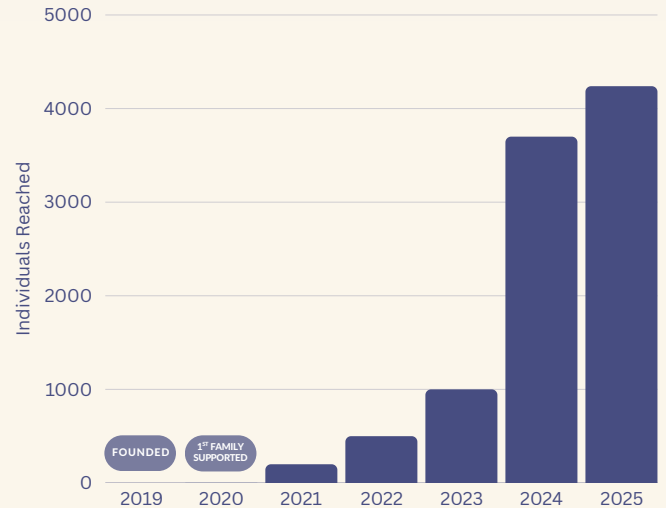
Safe Touches and Healthy Relationships workshops in schools

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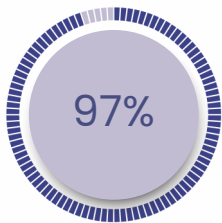
YOUTH SURVIVORS & FAMILIES

Emergency services and direct support such as case management, support groups, financial assistance, and more.

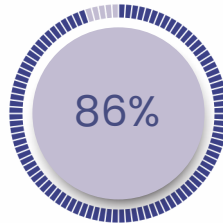
Our Growth



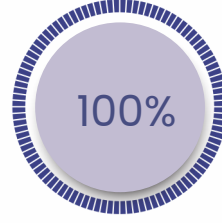
Program Highlights



of youth respondents agreed that they learned to **identify if they are in an unhealthy relationship.** (Healthy Relationships workshops)



of teachers committed to **reinforcing body safety concepts after workshops,** compared to only 26% who had previously addressed child sexual abuse. (Safe Touches)



of Non-Offending Caregiver support group respondents agree or strongly agree that **participating in this group has helped them cope with their situation.**

"The presenters were very confident and made the students understand and feel comfortable discussing a difficult topic."

- Classroom Teacher, Safe Touches Workshop

"I hope that we have this class all this year because I like the information they gave me. I hope to know more about sex trafficking in case something happens to me or someone I love..."

- Jr. High Student, Healthy Relationships Workshop

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