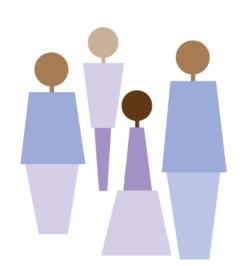


# **KERENGENDE FOUNDATION** AT A GLANCE 2022



## **Our History**

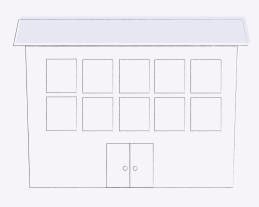
Amber Clayborne founded the nonprofit Kerengende Foundation in 2019 in response to the sexual abuse experienced by her daughter in 2012. The gaps in services and the prohibitive cost of quality therapeutic programs motivated her to create Kerengende to support families in crisis. Amber now speaks around the country about the impact of sexual abuse on families.

#### The Need

1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. This would equal 293,319 children in Illinois.

## **Our Mission**

We believe that girls who have experienced human trafficking and sexual trauma are more resilient when their families don't feel alone. We help these families through building a healing community connected to information, support resources, and education. We are determined to help bridge the existing resource gaps in society, so that families can get the help they need without feeling isolated.





#### What We Do

The Kerengende Foundation supports sexual abuse and human trafficking victims and their families with culturally-responsive services. We work to decrease the number of teens impacted by sexual trauma and to create safe spaces for families to learn how to recover from and prevent abuse.

#### Stronger Together

In this three-part workshop, girls age 12-18 gain skills to make healthy, empowered choices for themselves and their peers. We discuss the definition of sexual abuse, safety in situations with peers, healthy boundaries, consent, and ways to report harm or potential harm.

#### It's All of Our Business

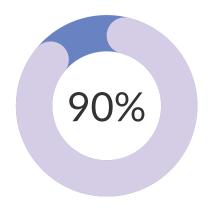
Our workshops designed for parents, caregivers, and community members provide families with support and education to prevent, respond to, and heal from sexual violence.

#### **Family Therapy**

We partner with organizations and contract therapists to provide therapy services to teens and families.

## **Our Impact**

Working primarily in the St. Louis metro area, Kerengende has reached hundreds of teens, parents, and community members.



## **Community Workshops**

Nearly 90% of respondents indicated that the workshop increased their ability a great deal to develop a caring, non-judgmental approach to helping children heal from sexual trauma.

100% of respondents rated the overall quality of our workshops as "excellent" or "good."





## From The Community





"The Kerengende Foundation offers quality workshops that create a supportive, safe space for survivors of sexual abuse and their families to begin healing. I am grateful for the guidance that the Kerengende Foundation offers to the community."

- Mattie Hunter, Illinois State Senator

#### **Our Partners**

We are grateful for our partnerships which enable us to best support the community.

- Healing Action
- Call for Help, Inc.
- Community Lifeline
- Crisis Aid
- Children's Advocacy Center
- East St. Louis School District Wraparound Wellness Center
- The Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation (CATE)

### **Our Board of Directors**

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Please visit our website to learn more about each member's background.

- Dr. Kimbra Bell Balark (Secretary)
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## **Get In Touch**

Help us reach more teens, families, and community members. **DONATE HERE.** 

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