One Community At A Time
Kids Central, Inc. is the nonprofit human service agency selected to be the Community-Based Care Child Welfare Lead Agency for Florida’s Judicial Circuit 5 - **Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties.**
Prevention Services

Although Kids Central manages the care of approximately 1900 children who have been abused or neglected, we do a lot of work in the community to prevent children from coming in the child welfare system.

Kids Central believes investing in families up front, before a call to the abuse hotline, reduces the likelihood the children will be abused or neglected and need help later. Therefore, Kids Central has a comprehensive Prevention Services Department that targets areas were there are high volumes of calls to the child abuse hotline.

Annually, Kids Central serves approximately 10,000 children in Prevention Programming.
## Circuit 5 Zip codes with Most Victims of Abuse

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- **Cases**: 237, 196, 189, 188, 176, 176, 174
- **Children**: 534, 411, 384, 416, 418, 384, 356
- **Victims (Alleged)**: 393, 312, 323, 323, 312, 294, 298
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% of Zip Codes in **Sumter County** Compared to all of Circuit 5 **6.00%**
### Sumter County Abuse Reports From 7/14 to 4/16

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#### Bar Chart

- **Wildwood-34785**: 137 investigations, 105 cases, 228 children, 175 victims
- **Bushnell-33513**: 117 investigations, 80 cases, 197 children, 158 victims
- **Webster-33597**: 98 investigations, 68 cases, 164 children, 126 victims
- **Lake Panosofkee-33538**: 76 investigations, 51 cases, 116 children, 98 victims
- **Oxford-34484**: 33 investigations, 23 cases, 64 children, 39 victims
Neighborhood Projects

• Kids Central Neighborhood Projects are a network of neighborhood-based resource centers.

• They were created to engage families in services that promote family well-being, safety, and health.

• The projects involve residents, families, and resources from the community to assist families to reach their full potential. The goal is to strengthen families and build strong neighborhoods.
Neighborhood Projects

Neighborhood projects were established in communities with the highest rates of abuse and neglect

- Community-specific
- West Ocala (Marion) and Wildwood (Sumter)
- Working on opening location in Leesburg

Neighborhood Project Practice Model
Community Facilitators are working everyday with their Neighborhood Advisory Councils, resident and business leaders and community partners to:

- Identify and use existing resources available but not necessarily accessible to families living in the target areas
- Connect resources to families and services to neighborhoods
- Facilitate, network, and coordinate with other partners and stakeholders to secure additional resources
- Seek out new avenues for resources and accessibility to under-served communities
New Covenant United Methodist Church’s Outreach Ministries impact thousands of people in our area, our country and the world. Our ministries have a specialized focus on the Wildwood area through mentoring, physically improving housing for needy families, presenting a Christian program inside jails, feeding the poor at the Wildwood soup kitchen, distributing food at Wildwood food pantry.
**Mission** – To be a Christian outreach of New Covenant United Methodist Church and to share God’s love by providing improved housing and support for families in need in communities near The Villages, Fl.
October 2006 - We started as one of 50 NCUMC small groups studying Rick Warren’s “Better Together” where we were challenged to reach out to help others. Our group of 12 decided to go out and paint & fix up a home for a needy family in Wildwood area. Unfortunately, the home was beyond repair and had to be demolished and removed. We raised $6200 to buy a used mobile home, and with fundraisers we rebuilt and furnished it, and moved the family of six into the home in 40 days.

Upon completion, we actually had $6280 left in our account –

God said you are not done yet!
October 2014 – Storage space for building materials, supplies, and furniture/appliance donations became a major problem. We purchased two dilapidated warehouses in downtown Wildwood and totally rebuilt them as storage space and a resale shop to help fund Helping Hands homes and future outreach ministries.
• Helping Hands has worked with local communities, suppliers, and government agencies.
• We have provided 23 families with new homes.
• We have rebuilt and repaired several homes.
• We have provided numerous donations of furniture and appliances to families in need in the local area.
• We assign mentors to each family, provide money management classes, and ask them to “pay forward” (about 1/3 of the cost of the home) to help another family in need to get a new home.
In May of 2015, Helping Hand ministries developed a Partnership with Kid Central and opened Wildwood Family Resource Center
What does Helping Hand Provide to Wildwood Resource Center?

• Monthly rent for the project
• Numerous Volunteers from the church
• Assist with meeting the needs of the clients served by the project
• Participate ongoing in events hosted by the project
• Attend monthly meetings
• Furniture and donated items
What does Kids Central Provide to Wildwood Resource Center?

• Funding for a Facilitator
• Fiscal responsibility of utilities and insurance
• Computers
• Routine maintenance needed on the building
• Responsible for all services provided at the Center
Services Offered Wildwood Resource Center

- GED Resources
- Job Search
- ACCESS FL Sites
- VPK Sites
- Training and Workshops
- Family Support Services
### Clients Served Wildwood Resource Center
**Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

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<td>Fiscal Year Totals:</td>
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- Wildwood Center (Adults)
- Wildwood Center (Children)
Services Provided in Wildwood Fiscal Year 2015-2016

- New Partners: 50
- Volunteer Recruitment: 46
- Access Florida: 40
- Baby Sleep Basics: 37
- Employment: 37
- VPK: 30
- Computer Lab (Job/Education): 27
- Training Participants: 24
- Trainings/Workshops: 24
- Resource Direction: 23
- SNAP: 15
- Fax/Copy: 12
- Training Participants: 12
- Clothing/Resources: 12
- Volunteer Recruitment: 12
- New Partners: 12
- Baby Sleep Basics: 12
- Employment: 12
- VPK: 12
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Events at the Wildwood Resource Center

Money Management Class

Employment Event

Family Fun Day Wildwood

Kids Week
Neighborhood Projects
Success Stories

**Pay It Forward:** One of the first residents who utilized the resource center was an unemployed father named Victor. He did not have transportation to get to and from work if he were to get a job. The Neighborhood Project Facilitator was able to assist him with getting a part-time job and a bike to get and to from work. Victor worked with the Neighborhood Project Facilitator with goal setting and was able to get his own car and now has two jobs. Victor donated his bike back the Wildwood Resource Center when he got his car, which was given to a single mother looking for a job.
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