



Lapeer County KIND
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Kids In New Directions

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K.I.N.D. (Kids in New Directions) is a private non-profit organization. KIND is a prevention/early intervention program for "at risk" Students. KIND receives its funding from United Way, local municipalities, private business, and other contributors. KIND is a 501 © 3 organization so all donations are tax deductible. KIND started serving children in 1990 and has served over 6000 students and their families. KIND served 296 students and families in 2016.

KIND recognizes that students experience problems which can have an adverse effect on their behavior, conduct and academic performance at school. This program was established to help students cope with their problems and experience greater success at school, at home, and in the community.

KIND's staff will work with the school's counselors, principals and teachers to identify students that need tutoring, students that are at risk of failing a class, potentially dropping out of school, continually being absent, students who are not connected to the school in any manner, etc. KIND will show students the life at college and the different lifestyle of those who graduate and go to a higher learning facility. KIND will continue to work one on one to show students that we are interested in their thoughts, feeling, fears, and worries to help them overcome any and every obstacle that is hindering their success. Using a strength-based perspective, the KIND program will work with the student the middle school and high school to utilize effective coping mechanisms and empowerment skills that encourage them to become responsible, contributing members of society. A KIND worker and the student will create an individualized plan for the student in their home, school and work place to help meet their needs, goals and dreams. Staff will work with the students to help them become successful in:

- Education: KIND will provide tutoring, study skills training, encourage completion of High School or GED, and provide dropout strategies. KIND will provide information on college, training institutions, and technology/trade school to the student to help them create a plan to attend high education which in turn will encourage them to graduate High School.
- Life/Social skills: KIND will teach the student to be responsible for their own actions, how to conduct their self in public, help with their etiquette, protocol, manners, code of behavior in the work place, how to follow rules in the workplace, and work on their social skills, and help with job interviews and resumes.
- Career/Employment Goals: KIND staff will mentor the student to help select a career goal that they will be able to enjoy and obtain. We will work with the student on obtaining their new goal. KIND will help with internships and job shadowing to explore careers that will be interesting but will ultimately create a path to a career.



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If you would like KIND to work with your child/ren, please sign this letter and send back to the school principal.

Parent Signature

Date _____