

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 080415)

RESOLUTION

Honoring the **PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN** on 173 years of service in child abuse and neglect prevention services for vulnerable families.

WHEREAS, Over 60,000 children residing in Philadelphia live with someone other than their biological parent; and

WHEREAS, The financial cost of child abuse and neglect in America is estimated at \$94 billion dollars a year; and

WHEREAS, Prevention programs help build a healthy and functioning society, and is a much less expensive long-term investment; and

WHEREAS, As one of the oldest social service agencies in the country, the Philadelphia Society for Services to Children looks to ensure the well-being of children and parents/caregivers by providing responsive services and networks directed towards strengthening families; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Society for Services to Children serves children and families through two main programs, Kids n' Kin and FAST (Families and Schools Together); and

WHEREAS, Kids n' Kin supports relative caregivers caring for their family members' children due to incarceration, substance abuse, death and/or illness, helping them to overcome these challenges and keep children "out of the system" and in a safe, nurturing home; and

WHEREAS, The FAST Program brings together school personnel, human service professionals, and substance abuse professionals with at-risk families at 37 schools throughout Philadelphia; and

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WHEREAS, 83% of the high-risk children served over a seven year period through Kids 'N Kin remained out of the child welfare system, and school performance for children in FAST improved by an average of 45% over the last four years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor the Philadelphia Society for Services to Children, building on a legacy of excellence in strengthening families and helping children grow up in safe, stable family environments.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Philadelphia Society for Services to Children, as evidence of sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the seventeenth of April, 2008.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Council President Verna, Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Goode, Rizzo, Greenlee, Jones, Sanchez, Krajewski, Clarke, DiCicco and Blackwell