

## What is CRI?

The **Child Response Initiative (CRI)** is a secondary prevention program that addresses the needs of children exposed to violence and trauma and their families.

CRI provides a **coordinated community response** to children (0-18 years of age) and their families who have experienced any type of trauma or violence.

Using a **trauma-informed framework** focused on safety and empowerment, CRI advocates, police officers, and community providers work together to help and support your family after an experience of violence or trauma.

CRI has been implemented in many communities, including our initial founding site in **Greensboro, NC**.



## What is Trauma?

Trauma is an **event** that is **experienced** as scary or threatening that has negative **effects** on children. When children experience violence or trauma, they may become **sad, worried, angry, frightened** or **withdrawn**.

**Parents and families** are the most important sources of help and reassurance when children experience violence and trauma in their homes and neighborhoods.

### Trauma can include things like:

- Domestic violence
- Witnessing violence or abuse
- Medical procedures
- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Death or illness of a loved one
- Sexual abuse
- Bullying
- Arrest/Incarceration of a loved one
- Homelessness, lack of the “basics”
- Car accidents
- House break-ins
- Community violence

## Greensboro CRI

Greensboro CRI sponsors a child **Trauma Provider Network** that meets monthly. The Trauma Provider Network includes agencies and service organizations that have specific skill sets to help children and families along the road to trauma recovery.

Our Trauma Provider Network meets monthly and has signed a memorandum of agreement to jointly address the needs of children exposed to violence and their families.

If you would like to join the CRI Child Trauma Provider Network and join the movement to reduce child trauma, please contact us! We look forward to making a difference together!

### *Why CRI?*

**Coordinated community responses are key to meeting the diverse needs of children and families impacted by violence and trauma.**

*Making a Difference Together!*

# Services Available

## TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICES PROVIDED

- Safety planning
- Victim advocacy and support
- Information to help you understand children's reactions and behaviors
- Counseling for you or your children
- Connection and referrals to community resources and other agencies as needed
- Strengthen police-community partnerships

Contact with the family is made within 24-48 hours of a referral

## Lindy's Kids

CRI also partners with Lindy's Kids and Lindy's Kids 9-1-1, programs of the Kellin Foundation, to provide assistance to kids and families to help ensure safety and wellness, with the goal of allowing kids to enjoy being kids!

# Contact Us

To reach an advocate, call:

**336.373.4827**  
CRI MAIN LINE

Anyone can refer a child or family in need of assistance.



[www.kellinfoundation.org](http://www.kellinfoundation.org)

For more information about starting a CRI Program in your community, please contact:

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*Supporting Kids and Families  
Toward Safety and Wellness*

