

**History:**

In 2013, the Kellin Foundation (a nonprofit 501c3) set out to become a nationally recognized behavioral health organization that assists individuals, families, and communities with restoring hope, facilitating healing, and achieving wellness. As a trauma-informed organization, we desired to create stronger spaces where people, professionals, and communities could work together to build strong communities that help to ensure safety, restoration, healing, and wellness. Given the rampant health disparities and inequities, the Kellin Foundation believes it is important that all people in need of services should have access to those services, and thus, we have a particular focus on those who otherwise would not have access to care (i.e., uninsured or under-insured).

Since opening, we have grown steadily and now serves approximately 10,000 individuals annually.

We are the only nationally recognized community behavioral health center in the state of North Carolina with expertise and focus on trauma and resiliency as a partner with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, other than Duke University. Our Treehouse Trauma Recovery program supports hundreds of children and families each year who otherwise would not have access to care.

We are the founder and leader of the Guilford County Trauma Provider Network, which recently updated our name to Resilient Guilford. Resilient Guilford is an action-oriented, trauma resiliency network that builds and supports safe, secure, and nurturing communities, inclusive of law enforcement, victim advocates, mental health providers, school personnel, CPS caseworkers, religious and community leaders, parents, and business representatives. Together, this network has provided a coordinated behavioral health response for over a decade to build resiliency in our community.

We are the leader of the Child Response Initiative (CRI), a trauma-informed secondary prevention program that addresses the needs of children exposed to violence and trauma and their families. This evidence-informed model has been supported by research through Research Triangle International, recognized by the United States Department of Justice, and replicated in multiple cities across the United States.

We are recognized by the Center for Excellence on Integrated Care as a top rated as having Dual Diagnosis Enhanced Capability to provide integrated mental health and substance use treatment services.

Our passionate staff is nationally-sought after for training and technical assistance in the area of behavioral health and trauma, including several of our team members serving as consultants for the United States Department of Justice, the State of North Carolina AHEC training programs, National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), the Office for Victims of Crime, Mental Health First Aid trainers, and many others.

Mission:

The Kellin Foundation build resilient children, families, and adults through behavioral health services, victim advocacy, and community outreach.

How we meet our mission:

We provide personalized, evidence-based, and comprehensive community-based programming in four core areas:

- Victim Advocacy Services and Patient Navigation (Case Management)
- Clinical Assessment, Treatment (Therapeutic Counseling), and Peer Support
- Youth Leadership and Empowerment Programming
- Community Mobilization and Outreach (systems-level evolution and change)

Throughout these core areas, our passionate staff work to provide direct services, community education and outreach, as well as training and capacity building to fully mobilize communities to be safe and well.

Why we do this:

- Because behavioral health is strongly connected to adversity and trauma
- Because everyone deserves to live in a home and in a community that is safe and free of trauma.
- Because individuals, families, and communities are resilient and can thrive despite adversity
- Because community organizations and systems play a key role in addressing adversity and building resiliency using a trauma-informed framework

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