

ASSOCIAZIONE CAF ONLUS

Aid Center for abused minors and distressed Families

Founded in 1979 by Ida Borletti is a leading national non-profit organization dedicated to helping victims of child abuse and neglect. Associazione CAF's approach focuses on prevention, intervention and treatment. The goal of the Association founder was to dispose of an innovative place **in which children suffering from deep relationship injures related to their family context could be harboured and treated in a competent and professional way aiming to get rid of that chain which too often transforms minors ,victims of violence, into violent adults.** Throughout 39 years of activity, thanks to the generosity of lots of people who believed in this concrete charity project, Associazione CAF was able to help more than 1000 children taken away from their families and offer their household a meaningful support.



Associazione CAF focus its efforts on:

Child sexual abuse and mistreatment prevention.

CAF's prevention service, named Home Visiting, is provided by qualified professionals to parents within the home, before and after birth up to age two. Home Visiting program gives parents support to enhance the child-parent relationship. With these enhanced skills, parents can create environments that positively impact their child's social and emotional development and prepare him or her for a safe and productive life.

Associazione CAF also provides a dedicated area for mothers (of 0-3 years old babies), who need to socialize with other mothers and be supported during this delicate phase of their life.



Specialized Residential Program.

Associazione CAF offers specialized, comprehensive treatment programs for court-referred, severely abused, neglected and at risk children. The children housed into CAF's Residential Communities are aged between 3 and 18 years. The staff of therapists, social workers and medical professionals provides a nurturing environment in which trust, self-esteem and healing can take root and grow. A combination of psychotherapy and education therapies are used. Children typically stay at CAF's Communities on average two years.



Family support.

This service helps original families through psycho-educational interventions aimed at facilitating the recovery of parental functions, starting from personal and social reasons that did not allow parents to provide adequate care for their children.

Associazione CAF gives support also to foster families, helping them through the difficult process by welcoming and growing minors who come from troubled family contexts.