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## **Connelly Foundation renews support of Mission Kids with a \$30,000 grant**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA – Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center has received a grant of \$30,000 over two years from Connelly Foundation to continue their mission of achieving healing and justice for victims of child abuse by providing collaborative services, advocacy, leadership and education. Mission Kids serves all child victims of alleged sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, and witnesses to violent crime, under age 18, in Montgomery County and their non-offending caregivers.

Funding will support the agency's continued and expanding work to serve and heal over 500 child victims of abuse annually, so that they may grow into stronger adults, benefitting everyone in the community. Mission Kids continues to provide the only Child Advocacy Center in Montgomery County, where children are spared additional trauma through the investigative process once they are brave enough to disclose abuse. All cases that involve allegations of serious physical child abuse, child sexual abuse, and child witnesses to violent crime are referred to Mission Kids. In a child friendly environment, Mission Kids works with our partners in the Montgomery County's District Attorney's Office, 50 police departments, and the Office of Children and Youth to limit any additional trauma to the child and family, while also assuring a quality investigation and intervention which leads to healing and protection for the child. In addition, Mission Kids partners with mental health specialists and specialized child abuse certified pediatricians through the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) to ensure a quick path to healing.

Mission Kids' work is in line with the Connelly Foundation focus on improving the quality of life, and supporting organizations that effectively, efficiently and with dignity serve underprivileged individuals.

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### **ABOUT Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center**

Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center was established in 2008 to develop and oversee a coordinated, multidisciplinary and comprehensive response to reports of suspected child sexual and physical abuse. It coordinates a team response to child abuse allegations with the Montgomery County District Attorney's office, the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth, the 50 police departments in Montgomery County and the Pennsylvania State Police. By bringing the agents of major institutions that play a role in the response process together in one child-friendly, developmentally appropriate, respectful and safe environment, the Center strives to limit victim trauma. Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County is a nationally accredited, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and is supported by funding from generous public and private organizations and individuals.

### **MISSION KIDS**

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