What is KIDS?

Independent, expert consultation services for highly complex cases involving concerns about child abuse and neglect or child health and well-being.

The KIDS consultant panel reviews pertinent case material (when applicable), meets with requesting parties, and produces specific and actionable recommendations based on the questions posed. We address issues regarding child abuse, neglect, child placement, permanency, safety and/or treatment plan recommendations through an equity lens.

Goals of KIDS Program

- Convey answers to the referral source’s questions based on available information and offer expertise and clear recommendations. While some suggestions may not be actionable in all circumstances, we will offer best-practice recommendations as well as discussion of actionable options for individual cases with thought regarding available resources in individual communities.

- View each case through a JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) lens in keeping with the Kempe Center values of approaching all our work with this perspective and consideration.

- Ensure awareness of and support for the secondary trauma that consultation participants (internal and external parties) may experience.

Who are Expert Consultants?

A team of experts from multiple disciplines is selected and assembled based on the unique requirements of each case and may include: child abuse pediatrics, toxicology – substance abuse and drug exposure, child and adolescent psychiatry, psychology, social work, behavioral health, law, ethics, & JEDI.