

Kidpower Therapies

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Welcome!

Kidpower is dedicated to the health, well-being, and safety of its staff, clients, and client families. In keeping with the RI Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines, we offer telehealth and in-person services for our clients.

These mandatory guidelines are designed to protect YOU and all clients that are seen for essential services at Kidpower.

Services currently offered:

Telehealth Services

Telehealth services are available to all clients and families and may be the preferred means of delivering therapy at this time. Services via telehealth include (but are not limited to) one-to-one treatment sessions, parent education meetings, group sessions, and consultations. Families are encouraged to consider what is best for their family/child at this time.

The appointment time for *teletherapy* is confirmed via Zoom shared code/password the day of the session. Please let the therapist know if you will be running late for any reason. Please have the recommended equipment, materials and an adult facilitator available for the appointment as requested. Once you connect to zoom, your therapist will admit you to the session from the waiting room to begin.

In-Person Services

In-person services may be deemed necessary for several reasons and should be agreed upon in collaboration between the therapist/family. Mostly, we recommend this for clients/families who have struggled with virtual services and shown regression. Specifically, the need for in-person services would be indicated by medical necessity, necessity for the overall well-being of the family unit (including emotional well-being and occupational-well being), and/or cases in which disruption of the intensive sensory/sensory-motor modalities used during in-person sessions would significantly undermine the client's overall health and well-being.

For situations where in person services are necessary, Kidpower staff and clients agree to strictly follow all CDC social distancing guidelines at all times while not at Kidpower.

(Please review the following and sign in acceptance below).

Kidpower in-person session guidelines

- 1) Please text me when you arrive for your scheduled appointment (401-610-0639). Please wait in your car or outside the building, and I will text you with directions to our space when you may enter the building. (This should be at the start of the given appointment time.) This ensures that I have prepared the space safely. There is a bathroom in the front hallway for public use. We do not have a waiting area.
- 2) Everyone must wear a face mask in the Kidpower space. We also ask that everyone remove their shoes immediately upon entering the space, though please ensure that children have socks on or available. Your therapist will keep a physical distance as appropriate in the session while always prioritizing safety. Please let us know if you have any concerns.
- 3) We ask that an adult family member or designated caregiver join the session for the initial appointment, but you are not required (although always invited) to stay for each session thereafter (remember that each person present must follow these guidelines). Including siblings or peers in the sessions is not possible at this time.
- 4) Little or no debriefing time is possible at this time due to the need for sterilizing the treatment space after each session and preparing for the next client. Additional family consultation times in the evening/afternoons/early mornings are available as needed. Sessions will consist of 45-50 minutes to allow for proper transitions. We ask that parents/caregivers stay in the vicinity to ensure that we stay on schedule.
- 5) Sessions may be cancelled for any of the following reasons:
 - a) If the therapist, client, or family member (or caregiver) is exhibiting any signs of illness (temperature, congestion, coughing, shortness of breath, vomiting, sore throat, chills, muscle pain, headache, new loss of taste/smell, nausea) prior to the session, the session must be cancelled.
 - b) If the therapist, client, or family member has come into contact with anyone who reports a confirmed case of COVID19 in the last 14 days, the session must be cancelled.
 - c) If the therapist, client, or family member has travelled outside of the state/country in the last 14 days on public transportation (plane, train, bus, boat, etc), the session must be cancelled.
- 6) Unfortunately, if any member of the household is working in frontline services with direct contact with those with COVID19, we are unable to provide in-person services but would be happy to provide telehealth services. You must please disclose if a member of your household might be considered to be "frontline".

Kidpower In-Person Treatment Agreement

You are responsible for maintaining these standards throughout your treatment program at Kidpower and must inform your therapist if you are unable to do so for any reason.

- Clients and caregivers will wear masks and maintain social distancing (recommended 6 feet) at all times in the Kidpower space (as appropriate and reasonable for effective service delivery).
- Clients and caregivers will wash hands for at least 20 seconds immediately before every session.
- Clients and caregivers will strictly follow RI government guidelines regarding social distancing and mask-wearing when outside the Kidpower space.
- If any member of the household is suspected to have Covid19, onsite treatment can only resume after:
 - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **AND** at least fourteen days have passed since symptoms first appeared
 - OR**
 - Negative results of an FDA approved Covid19 test are received and shared with treating therapist

Signature, printed name, and date
to acknowledge understanding and acceptance of above policy

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