



Weekend Miracles Program Criteria for Replication

There are several factors to consider before Kidsave partners with a government agency or Community-Based Organization in a new city or county.

Part of the process for determining if a new jurisdiction is the right fit for the Weekend Miracles program, is being confident that by partnering with your organization, the Weekend Miracles program will be in a jurisdiction where the program can thrive, and the partner agency/organization has the resources to successfully implement the program model.

The following are criteria that make a strong partnership for replication of Weekend Miracles:

- 1. Size and Landscape of the Child Welfare System:** Kidsave strives to engage with systems with the most need, and to partner with local governments that are ready and willing to support (financially and structurally) the Weekend Miracles program.
- 2. Local Culture and Community:** There must be interest and support from the leadership of the community-based organizations that will organize events and work directly with the youth and hosts who participate in Weekend Miracles. Kidsave must understand who are the potential community partners, such as local community-based organizations working to serve the same population.

- 3. Sustainability:** The philanthropic community must be interested in supporting the Weekend Miracles program, and the foster care and adoption efforts in the area over time. This includes support from individuals, foundations, and corporations. Kidsave looks at the critical players in local government to inform our local work.

Important questions for consideration when implementing Weekend Miracles:

- 1. Local Child Welfare Agency:** Since the Weekend Miracles program requires buy-in and involvement by the local government agency, Kidsave must understand the nature of this agency and who are the key stakeholders.
- 2. Existing Initiatives:** To best serve local foster care and adoption needs, Kidsave must have an understanding of the other organizations and programs in place that support the same population.
- 3. Process for Foster Care and Adoption:** The required training for foster and adoptive parents must be according to best practices and the minimum standards required by Kidsave.
- 4. Infrastructure:** An understanding of the area's transportation options, culture of driving, and location of the community partner in relation to residential centers, are all important given the events and activities of the Weekend Miracles program.