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BACKGROUND

Back2Back Ministries serves orphaned and vulnerable children in six countries - Mexico, India, Nigeria, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and the United States. Over the past 20+ years, Back2Back has changed the lives of thousands of children with their holistic care approach.

In 2009, Co-Executive Directors Beth and Todd Guckenberger saw that despite significant love, investment and time, some children were not thriving as they reached adulthood. They sought out the best thinkers, researchers and experts to understand how trauma-informed care could help children overcome trauma and grow into healthy adults.

Trauma-informed care has had a big impact on how we work around the world. We are so thankful for these principles which have helped bring about huge life change in many children that had previously had a tough time connecting.

Beth Guckenberger

Co-Executive Director, Back2Back Ministries

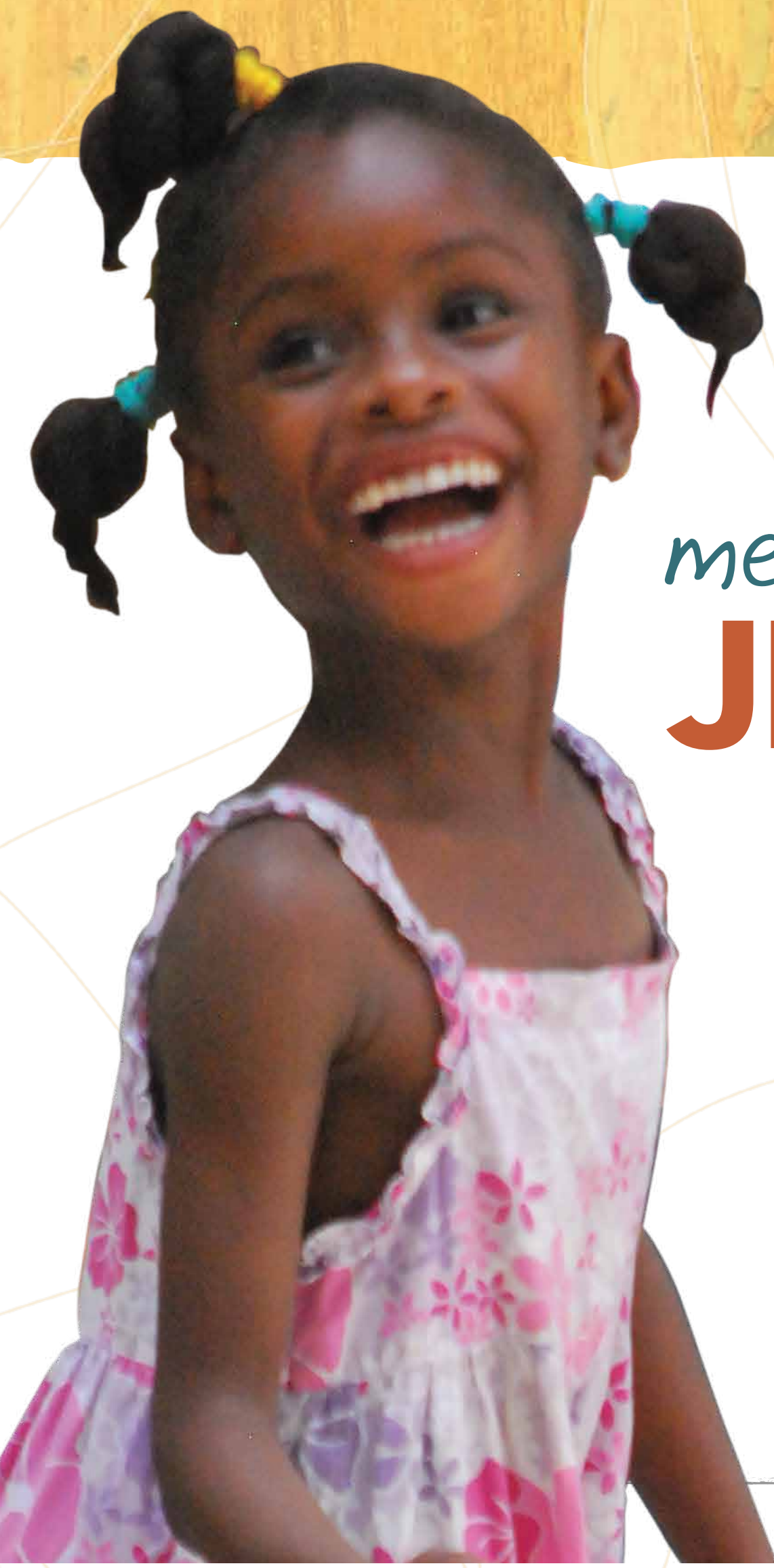
APPROACH

- ▶ Trained all 300+ staff members
- ▶ By 2015, every staff member had completed the Advanced Trauma Competent Care training, a 3-day in-person course
- ▶ Back2Back staff are required to repeat Advanced Trauma Competent Care every other year, during COVID teams have leveraged the Live-Stream course, which is six weekly 3-hour sessions

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meet
JESSICA

She was getting kicked
out of school EVERY day
for being



wild
and
out of
control

Three
months
later...

After living with
caregivers who practice
trauma-informed care...



Jessica was
transferred
to a school for
gifted children

She wasn't a
defiant delinquent.
She just needed
specific care...
trauma-informed care.

**TODAY SHE'S
THRIVING**

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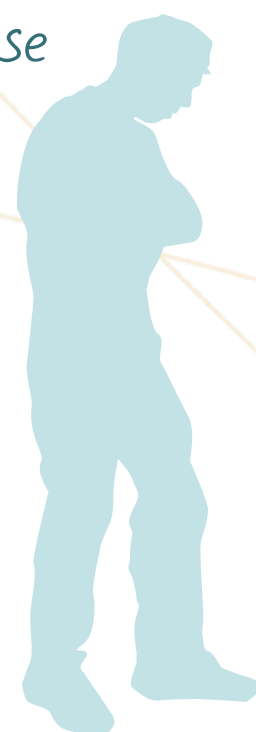
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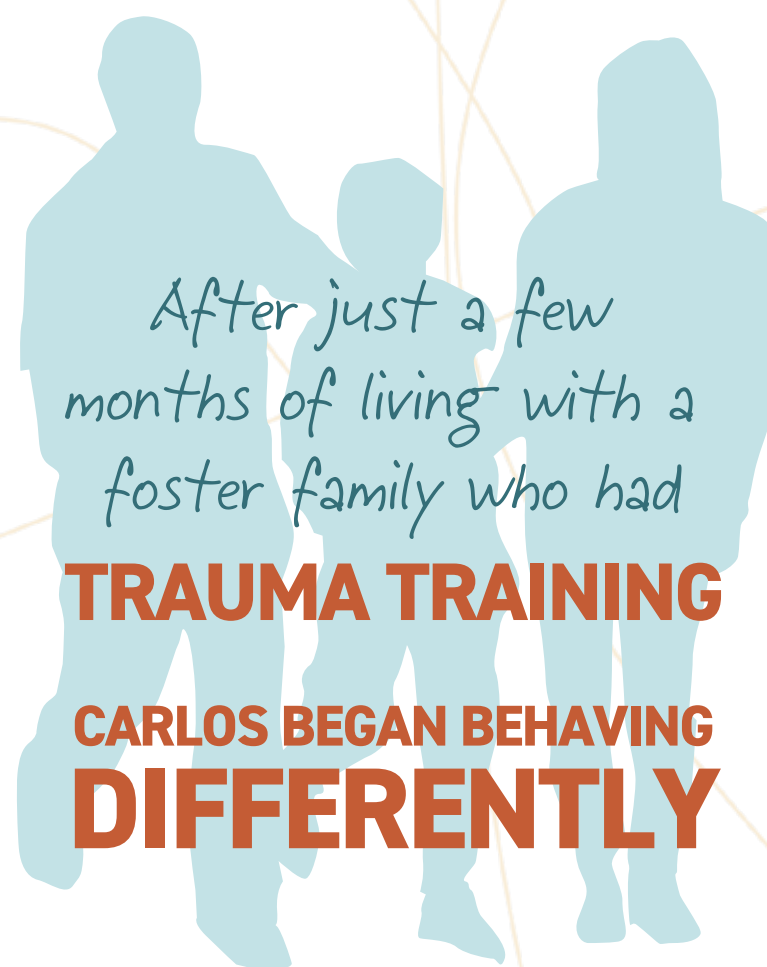


meet CARLOS

School administrators diagnosed Carlos with autism because he was not able to **CONNECT** or **RELATE** to others.



After just a few months of living with a foster family who had **TRAUMA TRAINING** CARLOS BEGAN BEHAVING **DIFFERENTLY**



The school **REVERSED** their diagnosis.

The difficulties Carlos had relating were due to **TRAUMA** not **AUTISM**.

Understanding trauma helped his foster parents help Carlos to

TRUST and **CONNECT**