

MISSION STATEMENT

SHIELDS for families is a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to developing, delivering, and evaluating culturally sensitive, comprehensive service models that empower and advocate for high-risk families for over 20 years.

HISTORY

SHIELDS was formed in 1987 in response to high incidence of infants born prenatally exposed to drugs at Martin Luther King Hospital in South Central Los Angeles.

SHIELDS began providing services to this unique population and has since grown to provide over 30 comprehensive, family-centered, wrap-around programs addressing issues facing high-risk families in South LA.



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We believe that with education, access to appropriate services and caring guidance, families can rebuild their lives and become productive members of the community, nurturing parents and achieve all of their dreams.

Revelation



Revelation is a program designed specifically to address the needs of adolescents between the ages of 12 and 20 who have substance abuse and mental health issues.





The Revelation Dual Diagnosis Program is an after school program for adolescents who are experiencing both substance abuse and mental health disorders. Each client has a treatment team that may consist of an individual therapist, family therapist, case manager, substance abuse counselor, psychiatrist, family preservation worker and other applicable personnel to provide an array of specialized services such as **family case management, family therapy, psychiatric care, as well as individual/group therapy.**



Dually funded by ADPA and DMH, Revelation is a comprehensive, non-residential adolescent program that provides **prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery and mental health services** designed to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors associated with future substance abuse of adolescents between 12 and 20. The program occurs during weekday afternoons for three hours and consists of **individual, group, and family therapy, psycho-education, case management, academic**



services, substance abuse reduction and the successful completion of probation/DCFS requirements as needed.

Though the program accepts walk-ins as well as referrals, the program works closely with DCFS and the L.A. County Department of Probation to help clients successfully complete their programs. In addition to clients receiving **HIV/AIDS education** to promote awareness and prevention, the program also offers **after-school tutoring** in order to assist clients in maintaining good school functioning and to equip clients in passing the CAHSEE exams. To deter further substance abuse, clients are given random **weekly monitored urinalysis drug testing**. In addition to both individual and family therapeutic services, psychiatric services are available when applicable.

Program Highlights

- Completion rates for Revelation have remained over 60% since inception (over twice the national average.)
- School attendance improves upon clients enrolling in the program due to the program's focus on comprehensive case management services, and clients' exposure to a multitude of local school and community events/activities.
- The Revelation program is known within DCFS and Probation agencies for working closely with youth, their families, and their schools as being advocates for clients, as well as being an integral component to helping clients complete probation requirements and/or close their DCFS cases.

