

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.



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.

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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Jericho Training Center



The Jericho Training Center provides comprehensive vocational, educational and support services to ex-offenders returning to the community



The Jericho Training Center (JTC) utilizes a "one-stop" model for providing **supportive services, vocational and educational training, mentoring, case management and linkage services** to enhance the possibility of successful outcomes for ex-offenders.

Working with federal, state and local criminal justice partners to identify potential program participants, the overall goal of the program is to provide a continuum of services that will assist individuals re-entering the community in securing and maintaining employment, establishing above-average earnings, and avoiding recidivism.



The Jericho Training Center (JTC) offers an array of services including **job readiness, job placement, job clubs, case management and support groups** to help participants explore the labor market and establish relationships with staff and peers. The JTC also provides **vocational training** through partner agencies focusing on high need job areas that enable participants to earn above average earnings.



This includes training in the telecommunications industry, specifically fiber optics technology. **On-site educational opportunities are also available for basic and high school education and computer training.**

The JTC **mentoring component** provides participants with friends and regular contacts for practical and beneficial support in both one-on-one and group settings.

In addition, the JTC provides substance **abuse and mental health treatment** to participants through SHIELDS programs, as well as linkage to our collaborative networks that provide **supportive services**, including **housing**, for those in need.

The target population for the JTC is felony offenders that are within six months of release or have been released within the past six months from any Federal, State, or County criminal justice facility. In addition, they must:

- Agree to participate in program services
- Agree to abide by program rules

Program Goals



- Primary goals of the Jericho Training Center are to:
- Ensure participants develop the skills necessary for employment.
- Ensure participants obtain the support services needed.
- Assist participants in becoming employed and remaining employed.
- Place participants in jobs paying above-average wages.

Funding

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