

## 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.

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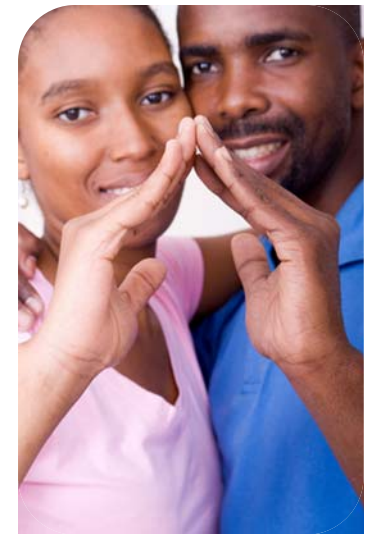
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## Naomi Village



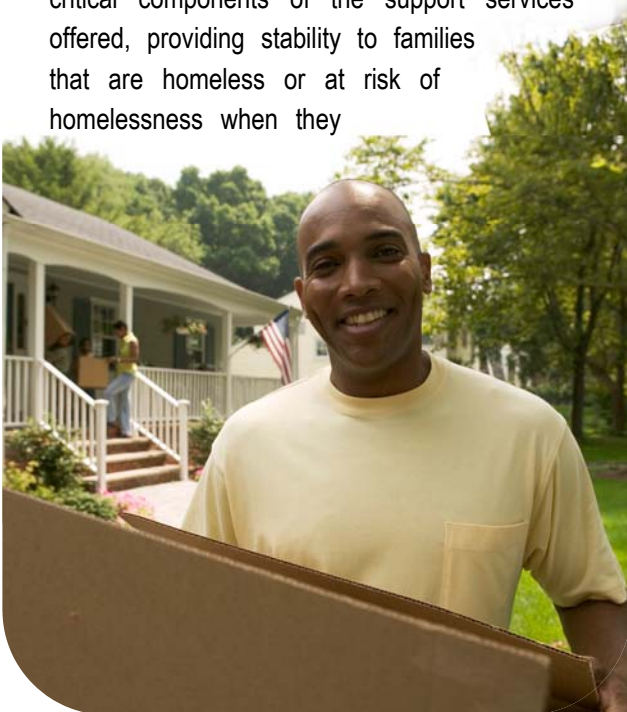
Naomi Village is one of three low-income transitional housing apartment complexes provided to eligible participants concurrently enrolled in SHIELDS programs.



Naomi Village is a 19 unit low-income transitional housing apartment complex provided to eligible participants who are primarily enrolled in the SHIELDS Genesis Family Day Treatment program. All residents are provided with **onsite property management and intensive housing case management** as well as 24 hour availability to **onsite resident managers and housing case managers**. Security is also provided at in addition to **on-site teaching and demonstrating homemaking services**.



SHIELDS has been providing housing and supportive services since inception. These services provide for the basic needs that families have in order to ensure their success while enrolled in our programs, as well as upon completion. Basic housing is one of the most critical components of the support services offered, providing stability to families that are homeless or at risk of homelessness when they



**enter SHIELDS programs.** Naomi Village provides low-income housing with **comprehensive housing case management, onsite property management, teaching and demonstrating homemaking services**, as well as 24 hour availability to **onsite resident managers and housing case managers**. Security is also provided, as well as transportation services are provided to treatment on a daily basis.

Working collaboratively with the Department of Mental Health, Beyond Shelter and the Housing Authority of the City and County of Los Angeles, SHIELDS also assists our clients and their families in accessing Section 8 and other permanent housing after successful completion of the program. Additionally, SHIELDS has access to **emergency hotel vouchers** through our FEMA and Family Preservation programs for homeless families.

### Program Highlights

- SHIELDS provides transitional housing for more than 200 families a year.
- Allows the entire family unit to live together in individual family apartments.
- Families are allowed to stay within the housing complex for up to one year after successful completion of treatment.
- Residents receive an income based savings plan to assist with move out costs.
- Residents receive comprehensive case management while residing in transitional housing and follow up services upon entering into mainstream society.