## **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.



# Work (GROW Families Project (HCFP **CalWORKs Mental Health Program Opportunities for** CalWORKs **General Relief** Homeless



The SHIELDS CalWORKs Mental Health Program, Homeless CalWORKs Families Project and GROW exist to assist homeless families and individuals in overcoming barriers to employment and permanent housing



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### CalWORKs Mental Health Program

The SHIELDS CalWORKs Mental Health program is designed for CalWORKs recipients who experience mental health symptoms which result in a barrier to achieving gainful employment. Homeless CalWORKS Families Project

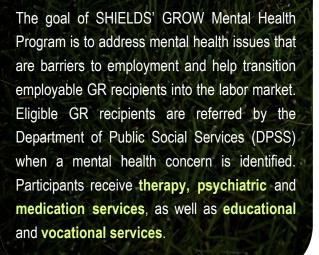
The SHIELDS Homeless CalWORKsFamilies Project is a collaboration that exists to assist homeless families in obtaining mental health, employment and permanent housing.



SHIELDS' California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Mental Health program is designed to locate and stabilize CalWORKs families and remove applicable mental health barriers to their employment. The services we provide consist of **individual/group therapy** which focuses on decreasing mental health symptoms and resolution of intra-psychic conflicts that impedes the client's ability to work, **rehabilitation services** focused on teaching life skills, problem solving and empowerment of clients, **psycho-education, independent life skills, substance abuse and educational/vocational services**. The CalWORKs Homeless Families Project (HCFP) was developed to assist individuals on CalWORKs who are homeless and experiencing mental health barriers to obtaining permanent housing and employment. The services consist of individual/group rehabilitation focused on psycho-education, independent life skills, substance abuse and educational/vocational services. Clients also receive mental health services through the CalWORKs Mental Health Program.

### **GROW Program**

SHIELDS General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) provides mental health, employment and training services to help employable General Relief (GR) participants obtain jobs and achieve self-sufficiency.



#### **Benefits**

Advocacy with your GAIN and DPSS Eligibility Worker / Job Leads and linkage to vocational/employment agencies / Vocational Service Groups / Transportation / Child Care / Intensive Case Management / Counseling / Substance Abuse Counseling / Informational groups focusing on employment and life skills / Housing Assistance / Assistance with completion of paperwork and applications / Linkages to legal assistance

### **Collaborative Partners**

Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) / Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH) / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) / Los Angeles County Community Development Commission Housing Authority