

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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Supportive Services Division



The road to self-sufficiency is never easy, so SHIELDS stands by parents to ensure they have what they need to create nurturing homes for their children. We offer immediate relief to struggling families. Each day, we see families make heroic strides toward success, and we are proud to be a part of their journey.



HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD SERVICES

SHIELDS operates 126 units of low-income housing for families enrolled in SHIELDS services. Residents receive substance abuse and mental health services, intensive case management, vocational support and life-skills training; making it much more than a home. Meeting a critical need in the community, each housing complex consistently runs at full capacity. Our housing programs are:

Keith Village – an 86-unit apartment complex in Compton. Keith Village is an oasis for families in need, featuring a community center, two playgrounds and a laundry facility. It is also home to our Exodus Family Day Treatment Program, one of our child development centers and our youth program.

Naomi Village and **Saraii Village** – two 20-unit complexes in Compton and Los Angeles. These complexes provide housing for substance-abusing and mentally ill individuals and families.

Our fleet of 20 vans transport families to SHIELDS programs and other needed services in the community. In addition, we operate a food bank and provide hot food, dry and canned food, and motel vouchers to families in need.

VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

SHIELDS' program helps families acquire the skills they need to become employable and independent of government assistance. Our vocational and educational services assist clients in completing their high school diplomas and include computer training, job readiness, and certificated training programs, as well as job placement.



Since 1996, more than 450 SHIELDS clients have received high school diplomas. Also, we have provided computer literacy classes to more than 800 clients and found employment for more than 700 individuals in jobs paying above minimum wage, with an average salary of \$10 to \$12 per hour. Clients can choose among several job-training programs that provide certifications: fiber-optic technology, business office communications, medical billing, and medical coding.

PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- Food Bank
- Food Services
- Keith Village
- Naomi Village
- Saraii Village
- Transportation
- Vocational Services Center (VSC)