

Plaza Community Services

Serving the people of Los Angeles since 1905



History of Plaza Community Services

In 1905, Plaza Community Center was created on historic Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles. Plaza was founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church to provide leadership training, educational and social programs, medical services, and recreational activities to the Los Angeles community. In addition to these services, Plaza has provided legal, housing, and labor advocacy for over one hundred years, ensuring that Los Angeles residents are treated equitably in their personal and professional lives. In 1954, Plaza moved from downtown to the Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles communities, where it continues its services today.

Plaza currently serves clients at five separate locations. We have five separate programs including: Early Childhood Education consisting of two centers each with a preschool and kindergarten; Family Services, a holistic family strengthening approach; Esperanza, Plaza's substance abuse treatment program specializing in perinatal care; Mental Health Counseling, which services youth and adults alike; and Plaza Youth Services; a full-service program dedicated to the youth of Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles.

On July 28, 2007, Plaza Community Center changed its name to Plaza Community Services. The Board of Directors of Plaza were compelled to make this change as it reflects the broad spectrum of services that Plaza provides and the large geographic range in which Plaza operates. The Board and Staff of Plaza Community Services are excited to continue providing preeminent service delivery and advocacy to those who are in need.

Child Development

Plaza Community Services Child Development Program provides child development services for children between the ages of two and six years old in our two state licensed child care centers. The program provides developmentally appropriate activities for children based on a researched curriculum which fosters learning and development in all areas. The child development program gives priority to children who have been abused, neglected, referred by the court and children from low income parents who work, attend school or are seeking employment. The Child Development Programs operate Monday through Friday from 6:30a.m. to 6p.m.



Mental Health

Plaza Community Services Mental Health program provides targeted mental health and case management to persons without health insurance. Our skilled staff customizes services to meet the unique needs of each client. We provide individual, couples, family, child, and group therapy. Currently, we offer a specialized self esteem group for women impacted by substance abuse and violence.

Family Services

Family Services provides high quality services to children and families to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect in the Los Angeles community. Our staff partner with families to assess their specific needs and develop a comprehensive treatment plan to meet the individual needs of each family. We offer a wide range of educational and supportive services to empower families to create positive change in their lives.

Programs Include:

- Family Preservation
- Anger Management Classes
- Domestic Violence Classes
- Parenting Classes
- Mental Health Services
- Partners United For Families

Youth Services



The Youth Services Division at Plaza Community Services is an after-school center, which includes the L.A. Bridges Gang Prevention Program. This program is a City of Los Angeles funded program providing at-risk youth in the community with a positive structured learning environment, where youth can take advantage of the academic tutoring, mentoring, and counseling services. In addition, we provide case management services, computer training, anger management, and recreational activities. We service youth between the ages of 10-14 years of age attending Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School or live within a one mile radius.



Esperanza Drug and Alcohol Recovery Program

The Esperanza Program is an outpatient and day substance abuse treatment program that provides substance abuse counseling for individuals struggling with chemical dependency problems. We provide transportation for eligible clients, meals, snacks, and child care services for our clients. In addition to group and individual counseling, we provide various educational workshops covering the topics of HIV/AIDS, parenting, anger management and domestic violence.

We offer Medi-cal, General Relief, Proposition 36, and Cal Works groups for men and women. Groups are held seven days a week from 6:30 am to 7:00 pm. Our goal is to help all our clients reach and maintain recovery. Please call us for more information.

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