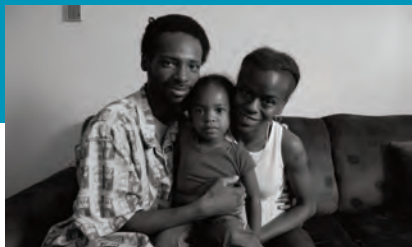


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I was homeless and scared to death when I came to Beyond Shelter. They showed me a way to better myself. Through God I have strength to go on and care for my son.

Now I have work and a place for myself and my son. My whole life has changed for the better . . . I am truly blessed and grateful . . .

Beyond Shelter parent, June 2010

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it has ended homelessness
for 4,900 families since 1989***

**Housing First Program
(Rapid Re-Housing)**

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OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES 2009-10

- **Objective** *Enrollment:* Enroll 300-350 families in the “Housing First” Program
- Outcome:** 427 families were enrolled in the “Housing First” Program (from the prior months, another 200 families were enrolled - in response to the recession)
- **Objective** *Provision of Permanent Housing:* Assist 80 to 90% of the participating families to locate permanent rental housing at rents they can afford in the community at-large.
- Outcome:** 397 families moved into permanent rental housing.
- **Objective** *Residential Stability*
- Outcome:** 296 families who moved into permanent housing received case management and remained stable in housing for six months following their move. The remaining 101 families continued to receive Case Management services or are more recently-enrolled.

2009/10 “Housing First” Referral Agencies

A note about Referral Agencies: some agencies refer only a few families, while others refer many. “Housing First” was designed to work together with many organizations to help provide positive outcomes for homeless families that have sought shelter throughout Los Angeles County

CENTRAL LOS ANGELES

African Community Resource Center
Asian Pacific Women's Center
Beacon Housing
California Hispanic Commission
Children Institute International
Denzel's House of Transitional Living
Downtown Women's Center
Future Hope Center
Gramercy Housing Group
Harvest Home
Hollywood YMCA/A Brighter Future
Hope Again
Imagine LA
Jewish Family Service
Los Angeles Mission/Ann Douglas Center
P.A.T.H. (People Assisting The Homeless)
Plaza Community Center
Prototypes
St. Anne's
St. Vincent's Cardinal Manning Center
Substance Abuse Foundation
Upward Bound House
Walden House
Westside Center For Independence
Westside Infant Family Network

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Elizabeth House
Euclid Villa
Haven Hills/Haven Two
Hope Cottage
P.A.T.H./Project Achieve Glendale
San Fernando Rescue Mission
Tarzana Treatment Center
Union Station Family Center
Via Avanta

SOUTH LOS ANGELES

A New Way Life
Always Abounding
Arise & Shine
Avalon Carver Center
Black Infant Health
Center for the Pacific Asian Family
Core Rescue Mission
Essence of Life
Flood Gates 2 Heaven
Good Care Shelter
Harbor Interfaith Shelter
His Sheltering Arms
House of Hope
House of Yahweh
Jenesse Center, Inc.
Jordan's Disciples
MJB/Flower House
Patterns
Peace and Joy Care Center
Project Peace Makers
South Central Los Angeles--Regional Center
Shields for Families/Healthy Start Program
Testimonial Community Love Center
Watts Labor Community Action Center
Welfare Rights Organization

LONG BEACH

1736 Family Crisis Center
Casa De Los Angelinos
Catholic Charities
Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services
Harbor Interfaith Services
New Image/Project Stepping Stone
Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center
Substance Abuse Foundation

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAM

In 1988, Beyond Shelter introduced an innovation in the field of providing services to homeless families - “Housing First”, which has since helped to transform both public policy and practice on a national scale. Through this new approach, rather than remain in shelters and transitional housing for months and sometimes years at a time, homeless families are assisted in (1) moving back into permanent housing as quickly as possible, and (2) then provided six months to one full year of individualized case management support to help them rebuild their lives (including jobs, childcare, and assistance in attaining improved social and economic well-being). The methodology is based largely on the belief that vulnerable and at-risk homeless families are more responsive to interventions after they are in their own housing rather than still living in emergency shelters or transitional housing. Since 1989, more than 4,900 homeless families have participated successfully in the program.



Homeless families are referred to Beyond Shelter from approximately 70 organizations located throughout L.A. County, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, domestic violence shelters and residential drug treatment programs. All families served are living at or below the federal poverty level, with children under the age of 18, and are primarily single-female-headed households. Approximately 90% are women of color (approximately 60% African American and 30% Latina).

RECOGNITION

Beyond Shelter's “Housing First” Program has received both national and international recognition, including one of “25 U.S. Best Practices” presented at the 1996 United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Habitat II, held in Istanbul, Turkey; one of “100 International Best Practices” chosen by the United Nations on Human Settlements for dissemination worldwide that same year; and one of 19 model programs in the Pew Partnership's national initiative, Wanted: Solutions for America, a systematic evaluation effort in 2001. In



recognition of the Program's impact and innovation, the Ashoka Foundation, the world's leading organization for “social entrepreneurs,” elected Tanya Tull as a Senior Fellow, especially based upon Beyond Shelter's successful leadership in disseminating the model on a national scale.

A Note About Program Cost:

Beyond Shelter's 2010/11 “Housing First” Program budget is \$1,986,420, reflecting reduced administrative costs and improved program efficiency, and the Program plans to serve approximately 300 families in the coming year, primarily through private resources for employment and housing.

Depending upon individual family need and circumstances, the Program costs between \$3,500 and \$6,500 per-family, with an average cost of about \$4,000 per-family. This is a fraction of the cost of emergency shelter or transitional housing programs. Depending on complexity and length of stay, shelter programs range between \$12,000 to \$60,000 a year; in the end, they may not even lead to permanent housing outcomes or employment.