

## 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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Keith Village



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



Keith Village is an 86 unit low-income transitional apartment complex that provides housing to eligible participants enrolled in SHIELDS programs. 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**. Keith Village is the only treatment schema in the nation that delivers both housing and treatment services on-site regardless of a family's size or the age/ gender of the family members.



SHIELDS has been providing 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 being an essential aspect to successful completion, Keith Village provides low-income housing with comprehensive **case management** to eligible participants concurrently enrolled in SHIELDS programs. Security is also provided in addition to **on-site teaching** and **demonstrating homemaking services**.



Keith Village houses participants enrolled in our Exodus and Tamar Village programs and provides residents with **onsite computer labs, child development centers**, community room, laundry room, parking and playground as well as classrooms for our Heros & Sheros Program that assists adolescents between 6 and 18. A full range of mental health services are also provided on-site by 11 full-time therapists including **individual, group and family therapy, psychological and psychiatric evaluations and medication support**.

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

- The only program site in the United States that allows for the entire family unit to live together in individual family apartments with substance abuse treatment and supportive services on-site.
- SHIELDS provides transitional housing for more than 200 families a year.
- 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.

