


# IMPACT ANALYSIS REPORT

Two Decades of Improving the Lives of Children,  
Youth and Families in Los Angeles County




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# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EVERYCHILD FOUNDATION

The Everychild Foundation (EF) was founded by Jacqueline Caster in 2000 with the mission of alleviating suffering among Los Angeles County children and youth, pre-natal to age 24, whether due to disease, disability, abuse, neglect or poverty.

EF was created out of a need for more efficient fundraising models which could keep overhead costs at a minimum while effectively leveraging contributions of time and dollars. Known for funding replicable, high-impact projects, the organization is an alternative to groups that stage costly fundraising events and require large time commitments from volunteers and board members, yet do not fully utilize their intelligence, education and professional skills. EF membership consists of 200+ dedicated, local women, each donating an equal yearly amount. The contributions are pooled together in order to award a significant annual grant selected by the members to one organization with a dream project. In 2019, EF also began awarding an additional smaller grant to the annual runner-up candidate.

Choosing grantees and monitoring their progress once grants are made require rigorous processes. Typically this would be the work of a nonprofits' paid staff. But at Everychild, all this work is done by members who volunteer their time and are trained by a professional grant consultant. This not only frees up more funds to go toward the grants, but it also satisfies members' desires to engage in meaningful philanthropy. EF has a Grant Outreach Committee that handles initial vetting and review of projects. It sends a select group to the Grant Screening Board which is composed of 20 rotating members who thoroughly screen each application. The vetting process includes a review of projected outcomes, giving preference to innovative projects that propose sustainable, measurable results. All 200+ members have an equal vote in the final round grant selection. Once an agency is chosen, an agreement is designed for the grantee, outlining terms and conditions of the funding as well as a plan for regular review by the Grant Monitoring Committee. Grantees are required to monitor progress through the grant period (typically four years or less) toward the outlined goals.

EF has also leveraged the knowledge its members have acquired pertaining to children's issues to expand into public policy work and legislative advocacy on a number of critical topics.

Everychild Foundation is proud of its "giving circle" model that encourages busy women to donate their time, intellect, and financial resources to organizations serving children. It is unique among such circles in that it places its focus on awarding grants to innovative, replicable projects in order to best leverage its resources. Over the past two decades, the group has successfully delivered almost \$20 million dollars to 37 organizations, and indeed seen replication of many of its projects. EF, itself, has been a leader in the giving circle movement and has inspired the creation of at least 30 similarly-modeled charitable groups across the United States and even internationally. As a result of the community created by Everychild, many individual members and their networks have begun their own philanthropic initiatives, often providing funds to EF's runner-up candidates and other applicants.



## THE IMPACT ANALYSIS

Given the milestone of having now supported vulnerable children and families in Los Angeles for 20 years, EF is taking the opportunity to document the tremendous impacts its investments have had over the years. It also wants to showcase the extraordinary grantee organization pool which created those impacts and infused resilience in the disadvantaged populations they serve. The purpose of this impact analysis is to: (1) assess, document and synthesize the concrete outcomes achieved by grantees; (2) assess, document and synthesize any replications and/or spin-offs spurred by EF investments; (3) highlight the systemic and public policy reforms created by EF investments; and (4) share the Everychild Foundation's next steps.



From improving dental health services for children throughout Los Angeles to strengthening and expanding a suicide prevention and family support program, EF's grants have impacted a wide variety of service areas, namely:

- Accessibility for those with Disabilities
- Child Abuse
- College Readiness, Academic Education, Life Skills Trainings
- Early Education, Ages 0-5
- Foster Youth
- Housing & Homelessness
- Legal Advocacy and Juvenile Justice
- Mental Health Case Management and Counseling
- Primary Healthcare Services
- Violence Prevention

# OVERVIEW OF GRANTS

EF grantees serve youth aged prenatal to 24 years and their families throughout Los Angeles County, including locations as diverse as Whittier, South and East Los Angeles, central LA, Long Beach, the South Bay, and Pasadena. In many cases, services extend well beyond the agencies' locations as they partner with schools and other nonprofits. Grantees primarily serve low-income, disadvantaged youth and families of color, mostly Black and Latinx, and provide a vast array of services to clients.

The foundation offers two types of awards to organizations (and sometimes a hybrid of the two): Capital Grants, used for construction of new infrastructure or for facility upgrades; and Programmatic Grants, used to pilot, expand or enhance service delivery to vulnerable children and their families. The impact of Capital Grants is measured by the additional numbers of youth served by the agency as a result of the new or renovated facilities.

Table 1 on the next page provides an overview of the grants EF has given to date. Grants are awarded in the fall of the year listed, and services typically funded by the grant begin the following year. The Grantee Reference Guide in Appendix II provides a more detailed qualitative view of the target populations, goals, services provided, and impacts generated for individuals, families, communities and policymakers. The Grantee Reference Guide also illustrates the ways in which each grantee leveraged its EF grant to create ripple effects, whether by serving more children, inspiring other organizations to serve a similar population or, impacting communities and policy on a more macro level.

# TABLE 1: OVERVIEW OF GRANT AMOUNTS AND FOCUS AREAS

	Year	Amount	Grant Classification	Grant Focus
Grantee Agency: QueensCare	2000	\$230,000	CAPITAL	Purchasing and equipping the first mobile dental clinic to serve 30 low-income elementary schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”).
Grantee Agency: Wonder of Reading	2001	\$385,000	CAPITAL	Renovation and restocking of 20 elementary school libraries and expansion of the replicable 3R Program model —Renovate, Restock, and Read.
Grantee Agency: Violence Intervention Program	2002	\$600,000	CAPITAL & PROGRAMMATIC	Renovation of a building to create a permanent Everychild Foundation Center for the Vulnerable Child for the psychological care of physically and sexually abused children.
Grantee Agency: Optimist Youth Homes	2003	\$630,000	CAPITAL	Construction of the Everychild Foundation Youth Learning Center for abused, neglected, and other at-risk children.
Grantee Agency: Hillsides	2004	\$715,000	CAPITAL	Acquisition of a building to establish a transitional housing program - Youth Moving On - for aged-out foster youth providing them with skills and resources.
Grantee Agency: LA Orthopaedic Hospital/ Shane's Inspiration	2005	\$925,000	CAPITAL	Construction of a universally-accessible Everychild Foundation Playground at Orthopaedic Hospital's outpatient clinic.
Grantee Agency: Heart of LA Youth (HOLA)	2006	\$1,000,000	CAPITAL & PROGRAMMATIC	Renovation of Lafayette Park Community Center to create, expand and improve space for free, after-school programming, renamed as ‘A Heart in the Park’ Community Center.
Grantee Agency: Mar Vista Family Center	2007	\$1,000,000	CAPITAL & PROGRAMMATIC	Construction of the Everychild Foundation Youth Center to house “By Youth For Youth,” a youth-led leadership and mentoring program in Mar Vista.
Grantee Agency: St. John's Well Child & Family Center	2008	\$1,000,000	PROGRAMMATIC	Expansion of “Healthy Homes, Healthy Kids,” an environmental health project targeting asthma and lead poisoning.
Grantee Agency: SBCC THRIVE LA	2009	\$1,000,000	PROGRAMMATIC	Implementation of “The Everychild Youth Career Pathway” a pilot program placing at-risk and out-of-school teens in career pathways leading to living wage jobs.
Grantee Agency: Boys and Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor	2010	\$1,000,000	PROGRAMMATIC	Expansion of College-Bound Program to help at-risk teens graduate high school and enter college. Provision of replication tools to other clubs via the Everychild College Bound Manual and Everychild College Bound University website.



	Year	Amount	Grant Classification	Grant Focus
Grantee Agency: Centinela Youth Services	2011	\$1,000,000	CAPITAL & PROGRAMMATIC	Launch of the Everychild Restorative Justice Center to divert high-risk teens from the juvenile justice system.
Grantee Agency: Public Counsel & Alliance for Children's Rights	2012	\$1,000,000	PROGRAMMATIC	Creation of the Everychild Foundation Families Forever Project to provide comprehensive legal and social services to adoptive and guardianship families.
Grantee Agency: The Children's Clinic	2013	\$1,000,000	PROGRAMMATIC	Launch of Everychild Bright Beginnings Initiative, to identify and address the effects of toxic stress on children 0-5 and pregnant mothers.
Grantee Agency: 1736 Family Crisis Center	2014	\$1,000,000	CAPITAL & PROGRAMMATIC	Program expansion and renovation of a 42-year-old emergency youth shelter, renamed the Everychild Foundation Emergency Shelter and Youth Program serving homeless and at-risk youth 10-17.
Grantee Agency: The Whole Child	2015	\$1,000,000	PROGRAMMATIC	Creation of the Everychild Foundation Family Housing Program to provide hard-to-place families with adequate, safe and affordable housing.
Grantee Agency: Richstone Family Center	2016	\$1,000,000	CAPITAL & PROGRAMMATIC	Creation of The Everychild Foundation Healing Center to provide children and their families with child abuse treatment programs and help alleviate the risk for future abuse.
Grantee Agency: Center for Juvenile Law & Policy at Loyola Law School	2017	\$1,000,000	PROGRAMMATIC	Creation of the Everychild Integrated Education and Legal Advocacy Project to help stop the school-to-prison pipeline for foster youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
Grantee Agency: Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services	2018	\$1,000,000	CAPITAL & PROGRAMMATIC	Equipping of a new facility to expand and house the Everychild Suicide Prevention Program, providing youth and their families with crisis intervention, therapy, support, training and education.
Grantee Agency: Homeboy Industries	2019	\$1,000,000	CAPITAL & PROGRAMMATIC	Renovation of a facility to house the first Homeboy Industries Youth Re-Entry Center: A Home for Every Child program to support youth and young adults, ages 14-21, who are re-entering the community from the juvenile justice system.
Grantee Agency: Baby2Baby	2019	\$100,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	Runner-Up Grant of unrestricted operating funds to provide children living in poverty with diapers, clothing and all basic necessities.
Grantee Agency: Alliance for Children's Rights	2020	\$125,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant for this agency that protects the rights of children in poverty and those overcoming abuse and neglect.

	Year	Amount	Grant Classification	Grant Focus
Grantee Agency: CASA of Los Angeles	2020	\$125,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant for this agency that mobilizes community volunteers to advocate for children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect.
Grantee Agency: Harbor Community Clinic	2020	\$125,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant for this agency that provides low-cost and no-cost health services to low-income families and those whose employers do not provide health insurance coverage.
Grantee Agency: LA Family Housing	2020	\$125,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant for this agency that helps families transition out of homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing enriched with supportive services.
Grantee Agency: Pacific Clinics	2020	\$125,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant for this agency that delivers quality behavioral and mental healthcare services to children, youth, adults and their families.
Grantee Agency: Peace Over Violence	2020	\$125,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant for this agency that builds healthy relationships, families and communities free from sexual, domestic and interpersonal violence.
Grantee Agency: United Friends of the Children	2020	\$125,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant for this agency that empowers current and former foster youth to self-sufficiency through service-enriched programs, advocacy and consistent relationships with people who care.
Grantee Agency: Wellnest	2020	\$125,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant for this agency that provides hope, healing, opportunity and access to support services for children, young adults and families.
Grantee Agency: Antelope Valley Partners in Health	2021	\$250,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Recovery Grant for this agency that provides primary healthcare and mental health counseling to children/youth ages 0-17 years old and their parents and caregivers.
Grantee Agency: Child Development Institute (CDI)	2021	\$250,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Recovery Grant for this agency that helps all children reach their full potential by supporting the relationships and environments that shape early development.
Grantee Agency: Covenant House California	2021	\$250,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Recovery Grant for this agency that provides a comprehensive continuum of service including safety, shelter and support to youth aged 18-24 experiencing homelessness in LA.
Grantee Agency: Jenesse Center	2021	\$250,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Recovery Grant for this agency that serve vulnerable youth and children in South LA who are victims of domestic violence, in families where domestic violence exists or at risk of exposure to violence.

	Year	Amount	Grant Classification	Grant Focus
Grantee Agency: Clínica Monseñor Oscar A. Romero	2021	\$25,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Recovery Runner-Up Grant for this agency that addresses the disproportionate access to quality health care in high-risk populations.
Grantee Agency: Extraordinary Families	2021	\$25,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Recovery Runner-Up Grant for this agency that serves foster children/youth and TAY youth, ages 0-18 with a personalized approach and wraparound care.
Grantee Agency: No Limits for Deaf Children	2021	\$25,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Recovery Runner-Up Grant for this agency that teaches underserved deaf children and their families the skills to succeed in school and in life.
Grantee Agency: Strength United	2021	\$25,000	OPERATING SUPPORT	COVID-19 Recovery Runner-Up Grant for this agency that provides a 24/7 hotline and in-person crisis response counseling and case management for children/youth, ages 0-24 who are victims of violence.



# IMPACT ANALYSIS THEMES

## ROBUST CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

At a minimum, grantees submitted quarterly progress reports to EF, plus a Final Report detailing their accomplishments resulting from EF's grants. Some grantees conducted evaluations beyond what was required, reflecting the sophistication represented in the grantee pool. They used diverse methods of evaluation, from formal plans developed and executed by external partners to internal ones completed through surveys, interviews, and paper records. It was up to each grantee to determine whether or not a formal evaluation plan would be necessary and/or useful for their work. Both approaches demonstrate an emphasis on continuous quality improvement by the agencies.

For instance, Mar Vista Family Center (MVFC), the 2007 grantee, used a mixed methods research design to evaluate the outcomes of their programs. Quantitative data collection was aligned with each of the MVFC core programs and included pre/post surveys and participation in programs. Qualitative data was collected through personal testimonies, interviews, photo documentation, and observations. Their evaluation plans comprehensively assessed the progress and impact of each MVFC program. Similar to several grantees, MVFC outsourced the development of their evaluation tools and methods to an external stakeholder, in their case, Dr. Armando Barragán of CSU-San Bernardino's Department of Social Work.

Likewise, Public Counsel, one of the 2012 co-grantees, used a comprehensive case and data tracking program – the ProLaw database – to track a wide variety of quantifiable measures of effectiveness and efficiency across all eight of their projects. These included the number of clients served, actions taken for each client, results achieved for each client, demographic information about clients, the value of services rendered, and volunteer hours provided.

This section highlights thematic findings from the Impact Analysis study. However, please note that the grantees described in each section are not meant to be taken as a comprehensive description of the particular agency's impact. For a complete review guide to the data extracted from the Materials Review and the In-Depth Interviews, refer to the Grantee Reference Guide in Table 2.



## RIPPLE EFFECTS: Leveraging Everychild Funds

Every grantee interviewed as part of this impact analysis shared how valuable the EF grant was for their organization, not only for its direct impact on programs, but also because the support spurred contributions from other prominent foundations in the Los Angeles area. For example, as Constanza Pachon, President and CEO of The Whole Child stated, "Due to the funds from Everychild Foundation, we were able to leverage dollars from other organizations. Combining these resources had a multiplier effect. The EF grant was seminal to The Whole Child's housing practice." She further explained because the EF funds were utilized for rental assistance programs at the time of the grant, the organization has now been able to focus on longer-term subsidies to support housing retention with the funds acquired from other foundations. For example, they are now piloting new initiatives to help build shelter services and flexible funding pools for families experiencing homelessness. Across the board, grantees noted EF's standing and reputation in Los Angeles as adding credibility to the work they were doing and helping them advance their case to other funders as to why they should continue to grow their impact.

## LARGE SCALE IMPACTS ON YOUTH OUTCOMES

Many grantees have gone above and beyond their original goals. As Mike Lansing, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Los Angeles Harbor (BGCLAH) explained, “The College Bound program which received EF funding has since been expanded to other sites, and we have also created other collaborations with LAUSD. We even have a liaison program now in six high schools, where our College Board staff are in the College and Career Centers. Our high school graduation rates for the last 5-7 years have hovered around 99%. This has increased dramatically since when the programs first started, and the graduation rates were 50%.” Scaling up the College Bound program has led to increases in higher education matriculation and amounts of scholarship funding received by students.

The Children’s Clinic in Long Beach used the EF grant awarded in 2013 to train its staff and other organizations on how to identify and address the effects of toxic stress and chronic exposure to violence on infants, toddlers and pregnant mothers. Evidence-based therapeutic stress mitigation treatment has since been provided to approximately 7,400 children and their families. These interventions have resulted in improved family environments, positive parenting, reduction in parents’ stress levels, and reduction in child abuse and neglect and the resulting child welfare system entanglement. “One can imagine the generations of stress whose cycle is broken by such treatment,” Dr. Elisa Nicholas, the Director of the Clinic, stated. She added “We have become leaders in the trauma-informed space, and received grants to certify our training program. The goal was to dive really deeply into trauma-informed and healing approaches so that families could be inoculated against the toxic stress which is at the root of many of their communities’ challenges.”



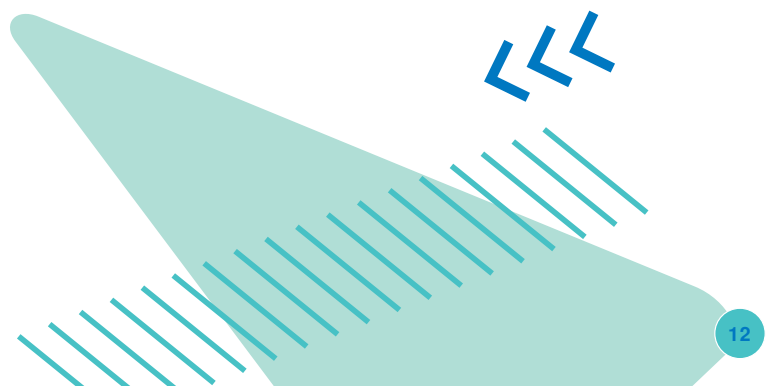
## SERVICE EXPANSION:

### How EF Helped Grow Availability and Accessibility of Programs

Everychild Foundation has helped dramatically grow the services and programs offered by each of its grantees. For instance, at Optimist Youth Homes, EF’s 2003 grant helped fund construction of a new learning center which allowed the agency to increase the capacity of youth served by the existing programs. But Optimist CEO Sil Orlando explained that also as a result of the grant, “We now have a foster family and adoption agency. We recruit, train, and certify foster parents so that the LA County Department of Children and Family Services can place children in those homes, and we follow up with case management and therapy services. Our biggest expansion has been in mental health. We now offer a host of added community-based mental health programs where we’re serving about 400 children and youth a day on an outpatient basis.” The agency also now boasts very sophisticated expressive programs, including art therapy, music therapy, pet therapy and movement therapy, all housed within the Everychild Youth Learning Center.

Hillsides received a grant from EF in 2004 to establish a transitional housing program for emancipated foster youth (ages 18-20), Youth Moving On, that provides them with skills and resources to thrive. To complement the housing program, Hillsides later added a Peer Resource Center, a drop-in program where aged-out foster youth not housed at the facility can obtain an array of services to aid in their transition. Since its inception, over 2,700 youth have been aided by the center, receiving housing, mental health care, food assistance, educational advocacy and more. They also offer programs to increase employability such as the Culinary Apprenticeship Program which received media and press coverage.

EF chose Richstone Family Center as its grantee in 2016, helping them complete construction of the Everychild Foundation Healing Center, which provides quality mental health and wellness services for families with children who have experienced abuse. Half of the grant was used for the capital campaign and the rest for new and extensive programming. As a result, Richstone was able to expand the treatments they are now providing to youth, including a continuum of holistic care for children’s emotional and mental well-being and additional supports for older youth. The services were so successful that the agency exceeded its goals for child and family outcomes with 90% of clients demonstrating progress from treatment, 88% not reported or re-reported for child abuse post-services, and 91% of participants adopting new coping techniques.





## CHANGES IN COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE

Youth living in high poverty in South Los Angeles, Watts, Compton, Inglewood, Lennox, and Wilmington, often find themselves out of school, accumulating significant basic skill deficits, as well as becoming at risk for gang involvement and foster care. SBCC THRIVE-LA's Youth Career Pathway program, provided information about career and educational opportunities to 900 at-risk and out-of-school youth ages 16 to 18 and more extensive job training, counseling, childcare assistance and access to education to 321 of these youth.

Due to the significant recession that hit just after this grant was approved, many of the industry pathways that were previously identified by SBCC suddenly became unviable, and the agency quickly recognized that it would need to pivot in order to achieve sustained effectiveness after the grant term. Several refinements were made, including a more targeted approach to industry sectors conducive to young job seekers and more in-depth/long-term coaching for the youth prior to enrolling them in job training programs. SBCC also moved participants into short-term employment while simultaneously helping them to secure academic degrees and/or credentials leading to career-level employment. Lastly, they developed solutions for young people motivated to enter the workforce, but not ready or interested in college. Streetcraft LA was the first response to this last need, working with youth to build entrepreneurial skills and experience operating a working design co-operative business.

Heart of Los Angeles Youth (HOLA), EF's 2006 grantee, utilized its funding to transform Lafayette Park where they renovated a community center to expand after-school programming for low-income youth. Tony Brown at HOLA explained that having a community center gives youth a place to go where they would be safe, have access to mentorship and participate in academic, athletic and arts activities with their peers. He added that having this infrastructure impacts overall safety and well-being for those around the park, making the area family-friendly and drawing in charter schools and small businesses. The success of the project has since helped HOLA to attract other funding to construct a new Arts, Enrichment and Recreation Center that was recently completed and allows the agency to increase the number of families served and grow the number of youth who participate in the Youth Orchestra of LA (YOLA).

## DIVERSE POPULATIONS AND FAR-REACHING IMPACT

Everychild Foundation grants have helped to impact the lives of many different demographic groups. For example, the 2005 grantee, Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital, in collaboration with Shane's Inspiration, a nonprofit dedicated to building fully accessible playgrounds, built a universally accessible playground on its campus for young patients with physical disabilities. The facility serves the local neighborhood, as well. Also included was a program where able-bodied volunteers could play with children with disabilities on organized playgroup days. Tiffany Harris from Shane's Inspiration explained, "In the process of designing and developing the playground, we were able to bring the community together in a way that allows them to provide their opinions on what should be provided in the playground and design. We found the more deeply they are involved in the beginning process, the more they take ownership of the playground and the more they are going to take care of it and utilize it once it opens." This allowed the playground to attain maximum impact for children with disabilities and their families. Harris further emphasized how, from a physical and psychological perspective, having opportunities to play was immensely empowering and valuable for children. In sum, the grantee was able to offer the playground to the 128,000 children who visit the campus annually and regularly hosts 100 children on the playground on average at any given time

Wonder of Reading (WOR), EF's 2001 grantee, also demonstrates this expansive reach. Since the first of the Everychild-funded libraries opened at 15 elementary schools across Los Angeles in 2002, they have touched the lives of 48,000 children from a wide variety of racial and ethnic groups. At these 15 schools, WOR stocked the library shelves with a total of \$150,000 worth of new books. In addition, nearly 50 community members participated in Volunteer Reading Partner Programs which were aimed particularly at assisting children for whom English was a second language. In order to share WOR's work and model with other community groups, the Everychild grant also funded the creation of a manual in 2006 that detailed "best practices" for implementation of library and literacy programs. The manual was shared with numerous groups across the nation. Although the EF libraries all still remain in operation, WOR has since been sunsetted by the Founder, Christopher Forman, who felt the organization had largely accomplished its mission of dramatically increasing the inventory of public elementary school libraries in the County.



## REPLICATIONS OF GRANTEE MODELS

Violence Intervention Project (VIP), EF's 2002 grantee, received funds to create the Everychild Center for the Vulnerable Child, a permanent facility for the psychological care of physically and sexually-abused children. VIP is internationally recognized for making case law on how to proceed in cases of child sexual assault and developing an integrated mental health/ medical/social work approach to addressing child abuse/ neglect. The grant was used to expand available services and to increase capacity to serve 1000 children annually. VIP has since more than doubled this number, now serving over 2000 children a year, including other satellite locations that offer forensic assessments of children at risk for foster care. These replications were funded by \$5 million in federal government funds.

QueensCare was able to expand in a similar fashion. After EF funded its first mobile dental clinic, they went on to build two others. For many years, their trailers would operate side by side, until recently when they built a huge (reportedly the largest in the world) dental trailer with pullouts for 6 chairs. This new facility, named "Whitening McQueen" replaced the oldest 2 clinics, and they ultimately sold the Everychild trailer for salvage value after 20 years of service.

## SYSTEMIC AND PUBLIC POLICY REFORM

A prime example of how EF's grants have caused wider system and policy changes involves Centinela Youth Services (CYS), EF's 2011 grantee. They applied their funding to launch the Everychild Restorative Justice Center where courts and schools divert high-risk teens from the juvenile justice system. The goal was to have fewer arrested youth enter the pipeline to adult prison by steering them to services instead. The programs were able to serve at least 2,400 youth during the grant period and the Restorative Justice Center now diverts 600 youth annually away from the school to prison pipeline. As a result of EF's partnership with CYS, the juvenile justice landscape began to change in Los Angeles County. EF shared CYS' court diversion model with the Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), who then piloted a pre-arrest diversion program. This was the first time in California that pre-arrest diversion had been provided. The pilot led to a wide expansion of the program across LAPD districts and to other municipalities and school police departments. Its success helped cause the creation of the County Office of Youth Diversion and Development which in turn, has inspired advocates at the state level who have also been working to attain state funding to invest more in youth diversion programs.

St. John's Family and Wellness Center (SJFWC), the 2008 grantee, serves families of children aged 0-12 suffering from environmental illness, primarily asthma and elevated blood lead levels in South Los Angeles and Compton. EF funding provided start-up costs for the expansion of SJFWC's 'Healthy Homes, Healthy Kids Program' to its new Chronic & Environmental Disease Center in South Los Angeles, including the purchase of two vans so that families would not have to rely on the public transportation system to be able to keep their appointments. With the EF grant, SJFWC provided comprehensive health care and educational services to 4,000 families with children suffering from asthma, lead poisoning, or other serious environmental conditions. However, SJFWC realized that just treating the children for disease caused by inhumane living conditions would never make a dent in the problem by itself. Through the EF grant, and in partnership with Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE), 300 families also received tenants' rights education and legal aid so that they could force the remediation of the unhealthy conditions. An additional partner, Esperanza Community Housing, trained all case managers, provided case management and distributed home hazard reduction products. Moreover, SJFWC was a key contributor to a successful class-action lawsuit prosecuting slumlords for allowing slum conditions to persist for their tenants for greed and profit. SJFWC was also instrumental in "Community Health Promoters" being approved as a fundable job description by the County Workforce Investment Board, increasing widespread consciousness about the dangers and impacts of slum housing for families and children.



# EVERYCHILD FOUNDATION'S ACTIVISM & INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC POLICY



As a result of the education and training members have gained on various children's issues through grantmaking, EF has been well-positioned to help effect policy changes on a wider scale. EF created its Policy & Activism (P&A) Committee in 2008. Its members advocate for policies, procedures, and laws that benefit systems, youth and families. They work with decision-makers by participating in community-based funder consortiums, presenting at policy workshops, educating members and the Los Angeles community, and writing and disseminating information. EF's P&A Committee has four task forces which target the following areas: Children Aged 0-5, Foster Care, Youth Homelessness and Juvenile Justice Reform.

## 0-5

Because of its engagement in 2006 with the LA Partnership for Early Childhood Investment, EF quickly learned how important investment in the early years is to the life outcomes of children, especially those at risk due to poverty, neglect, abuse, disease or cognitive condition. Since that time, EF has maintained a strong commitment to facilitating public and private support by developing relationships with local advocacy organizations and educating others. The members have participated in workshops and conferences, built relationships with many key stakeholders in law and policy, and advocated on behalf of bills to improve the lives of children in Los Angeles and throughout California.

An example is AB-1004, Screening Services for Children (AB-1004) which became law in 2019 and ensures California's babies and toddlers receive developmental screenings and eventually services to which they are entitled through Medi-Cal. The bill also improves oversight by aligning the state's reporting requirements for developmental screening with implementation of the federal reporting requirements on the Core Set of Children's Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that take effect in 2024.

More recently, the P&A Committee also added its voice to the community of advocates seeking a ban on dangerous chemicals in California, such as Chlorpyrifos. Exposure to such pesticides has been found to reduce motor development, diminish children's brain capacity, and increase the risk of hyperactivity (ADHD). EF members wrote to the Governor along with other advocates and hosted an informational salon. The use of Chlorpyrifos was banned at the end of 2020.



## FOSTER CARE

Research indicates that children in foster care are more likely than their non-foster care peers to be absent from school, have special education needs, and experience the negative consequences from traumatic life events. Everychild Foundation has worked diligently to increase awareness of these issues and the resources available to address them. The P&A Committee has networked for many years with other advocacy organizations, such as Children Now, the Alliance for Children's Rights, and John Burton Advocates for Youth, to increase positive outcomes for foster youth, including advocating on behalf of a large number of statewide bills. Among them were AB 12 which extended foster care to youth up to age 21 in 2010 and SB 12, a bill designed to improve post-secondary achievement among foster youth by increasing the rate of financial aid awards and access to on-campus services. SB 12 was signed into law in October 2017.

## YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

The P&A Committee began studying the issue of homelessness among children and youth in late 2009. Homeless youth are likely to experience stress and traumatic events that result in a higher incidence of mental disorders and poor cognitive development. These ramifications can be reduced with the provision of health services, professional help, parenting support, after-school programming, and nutritional assistance.

Committee members have been strong advocates for such policies. One example is SB 918 - The Homeless Youth Act of 2018. Everychild joined others, including the California Coalition for Youth and John Burton Advocates for Youth, to support its passage which established \$60 million in grants for housing, services, and supports for youth experiencing homelessness. The bill created the Office of Homeless Youth within the CA Department of Housing and Community Development.

## JUVENILE JUSTICE

Everychild Foundation first became involved with juvenile justice issues when it awarded a grant to Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services in 2003. The gift funded construction of a new learning center for youth exiting the justice system and transitioning back into the community. There is a large body of research demonstrating that when children enter the criminal justice system, they have already experienced tremendous stress, abuse, and neglect. The P&A Committee promotes the approach that rather than being punitive in focus, treatment of juveniles who have broken the law must be trauma-informed and take into account their age, level of development and their ability to change and mature. For example, the Committee supported the successful passage of SB 9, which provides youth sentenced to life without the possibility of parole the chance to petition for reconsideration of the sentences after they have served 15 years.

It also advocated for SB 394, which went a step further to require consideration for release and parole by an individual's 25th year of incarceration if they had been convicted prior to age 18 and had been given a life sentence without the possibility of parole. The bill was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2017. The Committee has also recently supported AB 1308, SB 190, SB 260, SB 395, SB 439, and SB 1391 which have all since become law.

Everychild Founder and President, Jacqueline Caster, has been instrumental within Los Angeles County in establishing and expanding youth arrest diversion programs with law enforcement and helped to introduce and implement the "Missouri Model", a more rehabilitative approach to juvenile incarceration. After having served 6 years on the Los Angeles County Probation Commission, which inspects and reports on youth incarceration facilities, she also continues to participate in county efforts to replace its existing unsuccessful punishment-based model with a more trauma-informed, restorative justice-oriented system.



# SUMMARY AND FUTURE DIRECTION

This impact study has provided evidence that, over the last twenty years, Everychild Foundation has made a deep and long-lasting impact on the children, youth and families in Los Angeles County through generous contributions to each of its grantees, often at a critical point in the organization's development. During their interviews, several recipient agencies stated that EF's grant came at the exact right time, as each organization was trying to scale and maximize their impact. The grants allowed the entities to stay true to their mission, while simultaneously being able to expand their services to their clientele.

The Foundation has also successfully expanded its impact beyond its grantmaking by affecting systemic change through public policies and laws affecting the most disenfranchised children – justice and welfare system-involved youth, impoverished infants and toddlers, and those without a place to call home.

As Everychild Foundation enters its next decade, it also hopes to further its same mission of easing the suffering of children in the Greater Los Angeles area as it continues to receive applications from large numbers of highly qualified organizations each year. It also hopes to further inspire replications of many of its projects, as well as of the Everychild giving model.

EFs unique philanthropic approach has allowed for the flexibility to pivot its grantmaking focus to match the ever-evolving needs in the Greater Los Angeles area. As 2020 unfolded, Everychild swiftly and diligently adapted its grantmaking to the unforeseen circumstances local organizations have faced due to the havoc wreaked by the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation has brought unimaginable hardship to families and children already most vulnerable. As a result, for its 2020, 2021 and 2022 grant cycles, the foundation has elected to temporarily suspend awarding its single annual \$1 million grant. Instead, it has divided the amount into smaller operating support grants to multiple agencies from its database who have been overwhelmed with increased need for their services. The hope is that in 2023, the foundation will return to its normal protocol of awarding a single transformational grant for a new or expanded project.



This Impact Analysis clearly demonstrates that the resources provided by the women of the Everychild Foundation have significantly improved the landscape for children, youth and families in Los Angeles in both planned and unpredicted ways since the group's operations began in 2000. The Foundation is excited to embark on the next chapter and to witness another decade of contribution. Whether through its grantmaking, advocacy work, or other ways yet to be developed, Everychild's investment in the Greater Los Angeles community is bound to continue its impact on many generations to come.

# TABLE 2: GRANTEE IMPACT REFERENCE GUIDE\*

	Goals Targeted	Goals Achieved	Replications, Spin-Offs and Related Projects	Long-Term Impact
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> QueensCare</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2001-2005</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Low-income 2nd and 3rd graders at 30 elementary schools within LAUSD.</p>	<p><b>YEAR 1</b> Provide 2,500 dental exams. Provide 1,250 dental treatments to those children examined (50%).</p> <p><b>YEARS 2-5</b> Provide 3000 dental examinations annually. Provide 1,000 treatments annually to those examined (50%).</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> 1,000-2,000 children were examined on average. The ramp up was slower in Year 1 as QueensCare decided to focus on one school to test the model.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> 5,000 children on average are now being served annually. Age range served has expanded to all elementary grades. Summer partnerships have been forged with hospitals to provide walk-in care when schools are closed.</p>	<p>QueensCare was able to demonstrate success by acquiring a second and third mobile dental unit within a year of the EF grant. They now have a partnership with the USC School of Dentistry and have created a Mobile Vision Program with the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults.</p>	<p>Reduction in the amount of dental disease in the community.</p> <p>Increased knowledge for parents regarding the benefits of early dental care.</p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> Wonder of Reading (WOR)</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2002-2006</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Students in 15 elementary schools within LAUSD.</p>	<p>Implement WOR's 3R Program—Renovate, Restock, and Read—at 15 elementary schools in underprivileged regions of the Los Angeles Unified School District.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Schools receiving the 3R Program each had a new library constructed, received approximately \$10,000 worth of books, and annually reached about 1,000 students with 15 reading volunteers.</p>	<p>While not the WOR's first set of libraries, the EF grant helped inspire additional grants covering a total of 20 schools which were part of the LAUSD's "Immediate Intervention Under-Performing Schools Program".</p>	<p>Increased literacy rates and love of reading for students at under-resourced elementary schools.</p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> Violence Prevention Program (VIP)</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2003</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Children in Los Angeles County who have been physically or sexually abused.</p>	<p>Renovate and increase the capacity of the program to serve 350 additional children per year (was serving 650), improve the therapeutic environment, and enhance coordination among multi-disciplinary child services, including legal advocacy.</p> <p>Services include diagnosis, treatment, long-term counseling, mentoring and tutoring.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> The EF grant increased the number of children seen in the clinic to 1,000.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> Since the building has been renovated, they have been able to exceed that goal and serve 2,000 children per year.</p>	<p>The VIP Model has been adopted by LA County and has been replicated in 6 other satellite locations, including San Fernando Valley, South Bay, MLK Martin Luther King hospital, and San Gabriel Valley. These replications were federally funded (\$5 million).</p>	<p>Increased capacity in the County for treatment integration (mental health, medical, therapeutic) and child advocacy for physically and sexually assaulted children.</p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services (OYFS)</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2004</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Youth 13-18 placed by the juvenile justice system.</p>	<p>Increase the capacity of the program to serve 150 additional children per year (was serving 450).</p> <p>Construction of a new, larger high school building (Youth Learning Center) with space to integrate education and therapy.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Facility built and capacity/service array increased.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> 300 students served annually since 2007. This can be still be considered full capacity as the school's capacity was reduced by a regulatory change.</p>	<p>Replication of the non-public education model was planned for other residential treatment programs. When the County shifted strategy to reducing reliance on non-public schools, OYFS was the first of its kind to become a Charter School and remain viable.</p>	<p>Attendance, grades and graduation rates increased for justice-involved youth with histories of school failure, parent incarceration, physical and sexual abuse, gang violence, substance abuse, school truancy, multiple failed foster home placements, and suicidality.</p>

	Goals Targeted	Goals Achieved	Replications, Spin-Offs and Related Projects	Long-Term Impact
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> Hillsides</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2005</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Former foster and probation transition aged youth ages 18-24.</p>	<p>Acquire a 49-unit apartment building in order to support Youth Moving On Program, which helps the youth transition into a stable and successful adulthood.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Building acquired.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> Over 120 youth have been placed in the housing complex, which can house 18 youth at one time. Each youth stays an average of 2 years. Youth have access to a resource center, educational support, workforce development, life skills training and therapeutic support.</p> <p>Over 2,700 youth have been assisted by the Peer Resources Center.</p>	<p>Hillsides itself was modeled after The Orangewood Foundation's transitional housing program.</p>	<p>Full transition to permanency.</p> <p>Increase in average wages and savings.</p> <p>Support for education.</p> <p>Increase in well being.</p> <p>Increase in employment.</p> <p>Advocacy for financial assistance for housing, mental health support, and education support for young people who have been in the foster care system up to age 21.</p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> LA Orthopaedic Hospital, with Shane's Inspiration</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2006</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Young patients (0-12 years) suffering from physical disabilities, their families, and children from the surrounding neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Fund the construction of a "universally accessible playground" on the campus of the agency's outpatient Medical Center.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Playground built.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> The hospital serves almost 129,000 children annually who have access to the playground. Approximately 100 children use the playground on any given day. Access to education programs and play clubs have been added over the years for children using the playground.</p>	<p>Development of a sister playground in a neighborhood in Mexico for children with disabilities.</p>	<p>Physical and psychological empowerment.</p> <p>Preparation for kindergarten.</p> <p>Early childhood development through play.</p> <p>Advocacy ensuring that children with disabilities' voices are being heard.</p> <p>Teaching tolerance and acceptance among children with varying abilities.</p> <p>Spotlight on the healthcare and social/emotional needs of children with disabilities in South Los Angeles.</p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> Heart of Los Angeles Youth (HOLA)</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2007-2009</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Children/youth from low-income families residing in the community surrounding Lafayette Park.</p>	<p>Alterations and additions to the existing Community Center at the park, including a Community Room, College Access Library, and a Wireless Tech Center.</p> <p>Additional staff and staff office space, interim rent and internet service.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Capital improvements.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> 2,100 unduplicated youth utilize the Heart of the Park programming annually and there are 500 children on campus on any given day. Services include academic and athletic enrichment, art programming, scholarships, and education support for college, music, and counseling.</p>	<p>Replicated by a sister organization, Del Safio in Argentina.</p> <p>International Visitors Bureau has taken the model and adapted it for their own countries.</p> <p>Success allowed expansion of HOLA services.</p>	<p>Increase in literacy levels, math skills, and graduation from high school and college.</p> <p>Increased safety and well being.</p> <p>Increased family support, community pride and investment.</p> <p>Advocacy for quality after-school programming.</p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> Mar Vista Family Center</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2008</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Children residing in or around the Mar Vista Gardens Housing Projects, and their parents</p>	<p>Fund the completion of a new Youth Center in order to serve 300 more children to total 900 served.</p> <p>Provide one year of operating expenses for expanded youth programming within the new Center.</p> <p>Provide one year of operating expenses for a training program for other organizations interested in using the Mar Vista Model to transform challenged communities.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Served 2,400 youth (<i>duplicated</i>) with expanded programming in the new Center. Services included leadership training, college preparations and tutoring (<i>K-12</i>) until college, case management and counseling, technology trainings, STEM programs, music/art classes, athletic classes, reading clubs, summer camps, job trainings, and financial trainings.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> Continues to serve between 1,300 and 2,500 children per year depending on special programs and grants available during the year.</p>	<p>Offered training to other communities that were interested in replicating their model.</p> <p>Also trained 4-5 other groups in the Responsibility Model, including schools, childcare, and violence prevention.</p>	<p>Increased parental involvement in children's education as well as parental support for college.</p> <p>Increased high school and college/vocational program graduation rates.</p> <p>Reduction in gang involvement and increased community safety.</p> <p>Increased youth and parent community ownership and leadership (community organizing and political outreach).</p>

**Grantee Agency:**  
St. John's Well  
Child & Family  
Center (SJ)

**Service Period:**  
2009-2010

**Target Population:**  
Families of children  
aged 0-12 suffering  
from environmental  
illness, primarily  
asthma and elevated  
blood lead levels in  
South Los Angeles and  
Compton.

Goals Targeted	Goals Achieved	Replications, Spin-Offs and Related Projects
<p>Provide start-up costs for the replication of SJ's 'Healthy Homes, Healthy Kids Program' at its new Chronic &amp; Environmental Disease Center in South Los Angeles, including the purchase of two vans.</p> <p>Provide comprehensive health care and educational services to 4,000 families with children suffering from asthma, lead poisoning, or other serious environmental conditions.</p> <p>In partnership with Esperanza Community Housing and Strategic Actions for a Just Economy, 300 families would also receive intensive, home-based case management services, which include tenants' rights education and legal aid so that families can remediate the unhealthy conditions.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Provided comprehensive health care and education to 4,969 families.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> Provided comprehensive health care and education to approximately 2000 families annually. 20,000 families have been served since 2008.</p> <p>Was part of a successful class-action lawsuit against slumlords.</p>	<p>The 'Healthy Homes, Healthy Kids Program' at the new Chronic &amp; Environmental Disease Center is itself a replication of another successful 'Health Homes, Health Kids Program' at one of SJ's other Federally Qualified Health Centers.</p> <p>SJ has applied its program model to supporting its communities of service during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Similar projects have spun off in South Carolina, Portland, and Baltimore as a result of a SJ's participation in a Learning Collaborative with other environmental health organizations who partnered with community health centers.</p> <p>Expansion at SJ of asthma program to adult population.</p>

**Long-Term Impact**

Reduction of blood lead levels, asthma and related hospitalizations.

Reduction of slum housing conditions.

Prosecution of slumlords.

Community Health Promoters approved as a fundable job description by the County Workforce Investment Board.

Widespread consciousness about the dangers and impacts of slum housing for families and the health of children.

**Grantee Agency:**  
SBCC - THRIVE  
LA (was South  
Bay Center for  
Counseling)

**Service Period:**  
2010-2014

**Target Population:**  
Youth living in high  
poverty in South  
Los Angeles, Watts,  
Compton, Inglewood,  
Lennox, and  
Wilmington, specifically  
targeting out-of-school  
youth with significant  
basic skill deficits,  
youth at risk for gang  
involvement, and foster  
youth.

<p>Funding to support the Youth Career Pathway program, to provide job training, counseling, childcare assistance and access to education to 900 at-risk and out-of-school youth ages 16 to 18.</p> <p>Place 300 of these youth in career pathways (in energy, education and media sectors) leading directly to living wage jobs in high growth industries.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> SBCC conducted informational and outreach interviews to 1,098 youth, detailing career and educational opportunities in the design/media arts, youth development program, and K-12 education sectors.</p> <p>321 youth enrolled in job placement programs, of which 132 completed the program successfully and exited to full-time college enrollment, full-time employment, simultaneous part-time college, or part-time employment.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> Approximately 1000 youth served, 210 of who were part of the flagship Energy Career Pathways Program.</p>	<p>SBCC has since added a Videography Career Pathway funded by Sony Pictures.</p> <p>The Department of Social Services began referring people to SBCC as part of a work incentive initiative (Family Prosperity Initiative).</p>
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Increased job placement in living wage positions in a high growth industry.

Moving at-risk youth from low-income families to self-sufficiency.

Increase in full-time and part-time college enrollment.



Goals Targeted	Goals Achieved	Replications, Spin-Offs and Related Projects	Long-Term Impact
<p>The longstanding BGCLAH College Bound Program provides academic support and case management to youth, giving them the skills necessary to graduate from high school and gain acceptance to college.</p> <p><b>THE EF GRANT SUPPORTED:</b></p> <p>(1) a new middle school component and expanded enrollment (by 33% or 600 youth) in its College Bound program at its 3 main sites.</p> <p>(2) on-site College Bound Program replication training to at least 10 out of the 27 Boys &amp; Girls Clubs in the LA Alliance, including making program tools and resources available via a new website to 180 Boys &amp; Girls Clubs in California other youth-serving nonprofits, (e.g., YMCAs and YWCAs) and public and charter schools.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b></p> <p>Increased enrollment by a total of 610 youth.</p> <p>Trained 10 Clubs in LA County and 50 Clubs nationwide.</p> <p>Created a College Bound University website to promulgate program tools and resources to other organizations.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b></p> <p>Added social media outlets to promulgate program tools and resources to other organizations.</p> <p>The College Bound Program was recognized by the Higher Education Task Force and highlighted by LAUSD within high schools and local communities.</p>	<p>Similar models spun off in Orange County and Atlanta.</p> <p>Boys and Girls Clubs America took on a three-year pilot project to help support all clubs in LA County to operate a College Bound Program.</p>	<p>Increased high school graduation and college enrollment.</p> <p>Increase in SAT scores.</p> <p>Increased amount of financial aid and scholarships received.</p>
<p>Create the Everychild Restorative Justice Center ("ERJC") to house services to provide 1,200 youth with restorative justice mediations, plus case management, education rights services, and employment training.</p> <p>Tier 1 to include 750 youth referred by local police and schools for less serious offenses in lieu of school detention, suspension or fines to parents.</p> <p>Tier 2 to include 450 court-involved youth on Probation assigned to pre-trial services.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b></p> <p>Served 1,390 youth; 1,067 in Tier 1 and 323 in Tier 2.</p> <p>78% of Tier I participants and 56% of Tier II participants successfully completed all requirements. An additional, 17% of Tier I and 31% of Tier II participants partially completed their case plans.</p> <p>Tier 2 youth saw reductions in identified risk factors by an average of 40%.</p> <p>Restorative Justice and Youth Development Training for Educators and Justice System Professionals provided to 576 law enforcement and juvenile justice professionals.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b></p> <p>Services provided to approximately 600 youth annually.</p> <p>Over \$4.6M worth of youth diversion services provided by ERJC including County Board of Supervisors-directed Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Action Funds</p>	<p>Duplications of the ERJC model in San Fernando Valley and South Los Angeles.</p> <p>Court diversion/pre-booking taken on by the State Office of Youth Diversion and Development; 8 new CBOs now became involved in diversion services.</p> <p>Trained Stanislaus County on how to replicate model.</p> <p>Strengthened partnerships and enabled expansion of diversion programs among police departments county-wide (Juvenile Arrest Diversion Program Collaborative).</p> <p>Inspired new County Office of Youth Development and Diversion.</p>	<p><b>FOR YOUTH:</b></p> <p>Improved skills and behavior attitudes.</p> <p>Decrease in suspension and truancy rates.</p> <p>Increased reaching of mediation agreements and completed restitution.</p> <p>Decreased recidivism.</p> <p><b>FOR SYSTEM:</b></p> <p>Shift to more pre-arrest diversion programming rather than post-arrest.</p> <p>Collaborative funding, third-party evaluation projects, and multi-systemic advocacy.</p>

**Grantee Agency:**  
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor (BGCLAH)

**Service Period:**  
2010-2013

**Target Population:**  
Disadvantaged youth aged 6-18 in the San Pedro and Wilmington areas.

**Grantee Agency:**  
Centinela Youth Services (CYS)

**Service Period:**  
2012-2015

**Target Population:**  
High-risk disadvantaged teens aged 11-18 in the Inglewood Court jurisdiction.

Goals Targeted	Goals Achieved	Replications, Spin-Offs and Related Projects	Long-Term Impact
<p>Adoptions of 1,400 foster children completed and legal guardianships for 1,500 children established (an increase of 200 adoptions and 200 guardianships).</p> <p>Comprehensive needs assessments for 2,320 families.</p> <p>870 children with special education needs to receive appropriate school placements and quality Individualized Education Plans.</p> <p>580 children with developmental delays to receive appropriate Regional Center services.</p> <p>320 children with mental health issues to receive therapy, in-home support, and other services.</p> <p>725 children to receive increased Adoption Assistance Program benefits and Medi-Cal coverage.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Completed 1,314 adoptions.</p> <p>Established 2,492 guardianships.</p> <p>Comprehensive needs assessments provided for 2,176 families.</p> <p>829 children's special education needs met.</p> <p>406 developmentally-delayed children received appropriate services.</p> <p>320 children with mental health issues received therapeutic support.</p> <p>1,092 children received increased benefits.</p> <p>Presentations at nearly a dozen conferences nationally.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> Completed 1,115 adoptions.</p> <p>Established 4,955 guardianships.</p> <p>56 children's special education needs met.</p> <p>40 developmentally-delayed children received appropriate services.</p> <p>59 children with mental health issues received therapeutic support.</p> <p>637 children received increased benefits.</p>	<p>Permanency for Young Adults, a program to support permanency for older youth and young adults as a result of the project's AB 12 adoption work.</p> <p>Collaborative efforts with other collectives such as Partnerships for Children in South LA which refers children from 5 different zip codes for this program.</p>	<p>Adoptions and guardianships supported and preserved.</p> <p>Children's special needs met so they can remain in a family setting.</p> <p>Met families' needs for practical resources (Caregivers' Guide to Mental Health Services for Foster and Adopted Children).</p> <p>Increased collaboration with DCFS, DMH and local foster family agencies as part of the Los Angeles County Adoption Consortium and Mental Health Workgroup.</p> <p>Successfully addressed the delays in adoption filings and in the scheduling of adoption hearings by the Children's Court Adoption Unit.</p> <p>Recognition as a national model, especially for adoptions of non-minor dependents.</p>
<p>Implement evidence-based interventions for 4,900 children and 300 pregnant women.</p> <p>Train staff to identify and screen for toxic stress and adverse childhood experiences.</p> <p>Evaluate and disseminate these innovations with local, state and national partners.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Screened 1,895 people and provided mental health services to 735 high-risk patients.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> Services have been provided to 7,400 children aged 0-5 and their caregivers.</p> <p>1,000 professionals trained for mental health providers at local non-profits, Parks and Recreation staff.</p> <p>Leveraged EF funding to acquire an additional \$14M from First 5 LA, DMH, ACES Aware, and UCLA.</p>	<p>The agency was accepted into Project DULCE, a Medical-Legal partnership model with Legal Aid Foundation of LA to mitigate toxic stress in families of children 0-6. Project DULCE is funded by First5 LA.</p>	<p>Increased staff proficiency in screening for toxic stress and adverse childhood experiences.</p> <p>Improved family environments and positive parenting.</p> <p>Reduction in parents' stress levels.</p> <p>Reduction in child abuse and neglect.</p> <p>Increased awareness of the effects of trauma on child well being.</p> <p>Influenced state, city and county policies to focus on trauma-informed initiatives.</p>

**Grantee Agency:**  
Public Counsel/  
Alliance for  
Children's Rights

**Service Period:**  
2013-2014

**Target Population:**  
Los Angeles County  
foster children in  
the process of  
guardianship or  
adoption.

**Grantee Agency:**  
The Children's  
Clinic

**Service Period:**  
2014-2016

**Target Population:**  
Children 0-3 and 300  
pregnant women in  
Long Beach at risk for  
poor health outcomes.

	Goals Targeted	Goals Achieved	Replications, Spin-Offs and Related Projects	Long-Term Impact
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> 1736 Family Crisis Center</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2015-2017</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Homeless, runaway and throwaway at-risk youth ages 10-22 in need of safe shelter and care.</p>	<p>Renovate a house purchased by the agency in Mar Vista to create an optimal environment and larger, modernized, new home for its 42-year-strong Emergency Youth Shelter program.</p> <p>Provide 3,500 youth 24/7 with shelter, crisis hotline response, walk-in/drop-in services, counseling, case management, life skills/job training, and safe post-shelter housing (150 youth in shelter, 650 callers to the hotline, and 2,700 youth through outpatient, community-based activities).</p> <p>Expand community outreach and prevention education reaching new schools, neighborhoods, and anchor institutions (e.g., police stations, hospitals, youth-serving organizations)</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> Construction completed; program opened in Nov 2017.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> By the program's second year, 6,717 youth were served:</p> <p>2,179 youth placed in emergency shelter, served through outpatient services, or received life-saving assistance through the 24-hour hotlines.</p> <p>Community outreach activities reached 4,538 youth.</p> <p>Many more schools, first responder agencies, and youth-serving health and human service agencies in the area are now engaged as collaborative partners.</p>	<p>None reported.</p>	<p>Increase in youth coming off the streets and exiting to safe housing.</p> <p>Increased use of life skills post-intervention.</p> <p>Increased linkage with safety and survival resources.</p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> The Whole Child</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2016-2018</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Children 0-18 and their families who are homeless or unstably housed in SPA 7.</p>	<p>For 672 children and 168 families, provide, comprehensive permanent supportive housing (full rental assistance for 6 months), basic needs, targeted and coordinated service linkage to healthcare, therapy, education/job support, childcare, and other resources to help achieve long-term stability and emotional well-being.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> 701 children and 258 families were provided services.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> Pilot program with DPSS providing families with access to DPSS services on site rather than in a DPSS office.</p> <p>Awarded Capacity Building Grant to reduce barriers to services.</p>	<p>As other funding was garnered, a Shallow Subsidy Program was created which provided smaller amounts of rental assistance to families for longer amounts of time, especially those needing little to no case management.</p>	<p>Increased use of Housing First for homeless families.</p> <p>Improved mental health for the whole family.</p> <p>Increased access to education and employment.</p> <p>Increase in earnings toward ultimate financial stability.</p> <p>Reduced time moving from shelter to permanency.</p> <p>Advocacy for SPA 7, resulting in the allocation of \$7M in government funding to build more housing.</p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> Richstone Family Center</p> <p><b>Service Period:</b> 2016-2018</p> <p><b>Target Population:</b> Children 0-18 and their families who currently lack access to quality mental health and wellness services</p>	<p>Construct a new Healing Center to provide trauma treatment, wellness, and support services to 320 additional children and their families.</p> <p>Services to include therapy, parenting education, child abuse prevention, support services to strengthen coping abilities and reduce isolation, as well as wellness and enrichment activities.</p> <p>Serve as a hub for coordination among service providers to improve outcomes for victims of abuse and to increase community awareness about child abuse, including prevention, intervention and treatment.</p>	<p><b>DURING GRANT PERIOD:</b> 5,700 sq. ft. Center built.</p> <p>Services provided to 1,344 children.</p> <p>30 new classes and support groups added.</p> <p><b>AFTER GRANT PERIOD:</b> 8,000 youth served.</p>	<p>The new Richstone Improving Student Education (RISE) program united core child abuse treatment programs with early childhood education in-home trainings for ages 0-5 and an after-school program for children ages 6-14.</p> <p>Conversations have begun with other organizations about potential spin-off programs.</p>	<p>Reduced recurrence of child abuse.</p> <p>Acquisition by families of new coping techniques and strategies.</p> <p>Increased wellness.</p> <p>Improved child development.</p>



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<p>Provide 3 levels of integrated cutting-edge direct legal representation to 100 unduplicated qualifying crossover children each year.</p> <p>Secure successful outcomes for 90% of the 300 clients served based on identified needs.</p> <p>Teach a bi-monthly informational workshop on education law, delinquency and disability-related issues to approximately 1,500 child advocates.</p> <p>Establish a weekly presence at Edelman Children's Court to provide consultation and intake to social workers, CASAs, foster family groups, judges, dependency attorneys, and parents.</p> <p>Train 36 law students in best-practices education advocacy for children.</p> <p>Host a Symposium for child advocates, policymakers, and stakeholders that disseminates lessons learned, invites feedback and formulates possible policy strategies.</p>	<p>Holistically represented 85 crossover youth in both their delinquency and educational proceedings. Provided intensive education advocacy and social work support to 51 youth, working with their outside delinquency counsel. Staff provided issue specific advice to 114 youth. Cumulatively, the Center has served 250 clients.</p> <p>Secured successful outcomes for 90% of its clients including HS graduation, special education eligibility, school enrollment, release from detention, termination of probation and even family reunification.</p> <p>Trained 2,075 child advocates on the needs of crossover youth.</p> <p>Pre-pandemic, served as Independent Juvenile Defender Panel attorneys in the 241.1 Crossover Court at Edelman until it was closed.</p> <p>Hosted Symposium entitled Holistic Advocacy Working to End the School to Prison Pipeline for Crossover Youth on March 11-12-2021.</p>	<p>The CJLP education team co-facilitates the Education Justice Coalition, a group of advocacy organizations working to improve education conditions for system-involved youth and anticipates playing a large role in shaping the agenda for this group in the future.</p> <p>A new partnership between CJLP and the Children's Law Center-Los Angeles provides a myriad opportunities to build bridges between the dependency bar and the delinquency bar.</p>	<p><b>CJLP remains committed to holistically representing L.A. crossover youth—with a special emphasis on education advocacy as a means of stopping the school-to-prison pipeline.</b></p> <p><b>Other foundations have already donated to CJLP to continue the work started by the Everychild Foundation.</b></p> <p><b>Significant systemic impact on the juvenile justice system, particularly with respect to the representation of crossover youth in both delinquency and dependency courts.</b></p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> Center for Juvenile Law and Policy, Loyola Law School (CJLP)</p>	<p><b>Service Period:</b> 2018-2020</p>	<p><b>Target Population:</b> 300 LA children involved in both the child welfare (dependency) and delinquency court systems ("crossover children") and 36 law students.</p>	
<p>Complete renovation of new facility including all furniture, technology audio visual equipment, security system and cameras, back-up generator and other materials.</p> <p>Reach more individuals in LA who are contemplating suicide or worried about a friend through call/chat Crisis Lines.</p> <p>Train more middle/high school and college students/teachers/parents in LA to recognize and respond to warning signs of suicide.</p> <p>Launch new suicide loss support group for teenagers in LA using a tailored curriculum, developed by Didi Hirsch.</p>	<p>Opened new facility in Spring 2019 with upgraded crisis call/chat data system, software for data analysis, AV video conferencing equipment, a generator to run the crisis line during disasters and outages, 28 sound-proof crisis line cubicles and related furnishings.</p> <p>Responded to 15,903 individuals 24 and younger in LA who were contemplating suicide or worried about a friend through their call/chat crisis line.</p> <p>Trained 2,367 middle/high school and college students/teachers/parents in LA to recognize and respond to warning signs of suicide.</p> <p>Held its first two Teen Survivors After Suicide support groups for teenagers in LA using tailored curriculum they developed.</p>	<p>The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline recently selected the Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center to be one of the three pilot centers across the country to launch their first ever text services. The service is expected to be introduced nationwide in 2021. They picked the organization because they've done well with chat services, have good call/answer rates and have the capacity to provide text services.</p>	<p><b>Too Early To Determine.</b></p>
<p><b>Grantee Agency:</b> Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services</p>	<p><b>Service Period:</b> 2019-2020</p>	<p><b>Target Population:</b> Children and youth (24 and younger) throughout LA county who are contemplating suicide.</p>	

Goals Targeted	Goals Achieved	Replications, Spin-Offs and Related Projects	Long-Term Impact
<p>Purchase the building adjacent to the HBI-owned building where they are currently doing programming.</p> <p>Serve over 80 youth trainees per year in the 12-month model and provide additional services to at least 200 youth from the school or the community.</p> <p>Graduate 35 youth per year with a high school diploma.</p> <p>Place 80% of youth trainees in post secondary education or employment after completion.</p> <p>50% of previously incarcerated participants will not recidivate again by 25 years old.</p>	<p><b>TO DATE:</b></p> <p>Building purchased and successfully renovated .</p> <p>In 2020, the Youth Re-Entry Center served 68 trainees ages 14-21, 172 youth through the school and an additional 40 from the community. In 2020, the Youth Re-Entry Center served 68 trainees ages 14-21, 172 youth through the school and an additional 40 from the community.</p> <p>Thus far in 2021, the Youth Re-Entry Center has served 48 trainees ages 14-21, 185 youth through the school and an additional 49 from the community. These number do not include youth that continued from 2020. The summer program ending August 2021 served 63 ages 14-18 year.</p> <p>Graduated 35 youth per year with a high school diploma.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19, the graduating class of June 2020 was not as large as usual with 47 youth.</p> <p>Graduating class on June 8, 2021 was larger with 72 graduates.</p> <p>Placed 80% of youth trainees in post-secondary education or employment after completion — this goal is still in progress.</p>	<p>Project Is Still In Progress.</p>	<p>Project Is Still In Progress.</p>

**Grantee Agency:**  
Homeboy Industries (HBI)

**Service Period:**  
2020-2022

**Target Population:**  
Youth and Young Adults (Ages 14-21) who are reentering the community from incarceration

\*Runner-Up and pandemic related operating grants are not reflected on this chart.



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