



**THE MISSION** of the Everychild Foundation is to ease suffering of children in the Greater Los Angeles area whether due to disease, disability, abuse, neglect or poverty.

## Centinela Youth Services Receives 2012 \$1 Million Everychild Grant

Centinela Youth Services, Inc. has been named the recipient of the \$1 million 2012 Everychild Foundation Grant. The funds will launch and sustain a restorative justice center across the street from three Los Angeles Juvenile Courts over a three-year period.

Specifically, the grant will be used to create and operate the center, including the funding of dedicated staff and partner agencies for services provided at the center. Everychild's grant will provide the remaining 60 percent of the \$1.6 million total program cost.

The center will be named the Everychild Restorative Justice Center (ECRJC).

The ECRJC will operate under the principles of restorative justice, a framework that engages victims, offenders, families and the community in repairing the harm caused by crime. This framework has proven effective in reducing recidivism and has been shown to improve school attendance and decrease drug use, truancy and school suspensions.

"The primary goal of the program," said Jacqueline Caster, Everychild

President, "is to keep teens from being incarcerated or ending up at a juvenile detention camp where, sadly, outcomes are dismal."

The ECRJC will focus on 1200 vulnerable, high-risk minority teens by diverting them from the juvenile justice system into the center's programs. The programs provided will include mediation between teen offenders, their victims, and their family members; family counseling to open and reach agreement on improved behavior at school and a more

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## About Centinela Youth Services

Centinela Youth Services (CYS) is a non-profit, community-based agency established in 1975 through a collaboration of four cities – Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale and Gardena – and law enforcement jurisdictions. The goal was to address the rising youth crime and violence rates that plagued the local schools and the communities as a whole.

The mission of CYS is to strengthen families and communities by empowering youth to resolve conflicts and overcome obstacles in order to become successful students and contributing adults.

Since 1992, CYS has provided a unique combination of family and victim/offender mediation, restitution, and conflict resolution services. It is now established as a recognized leader in restorative justice programs in which juvenile offenders mediate with their victims to repair the harm caused by their crime. Both victims and the community are active participants in the restorative process.

CYS currently serves more than 3,500 at risk/high-risk adolescents and teens, ages 7-18. More than 60 percent are Hispanic with English as a second language; 32 percent are African American, and 68 percent are low-income. For more information go to: [www.cys-la.org](http://www.cys-la.org).



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cooperative home environment; educational assistance to encourage teens to reenroll in school; employment services; and referrals to mental health providers.

Referrals to the program will be divided into two tiers. Tier I will include 750 teens referred by schools and local police for offenses such as truancy, runaway, defiance and curfew violations. Those teens agreeing to enter the program will be required to complete assigned services in lieu of school detention, suspension or fines to parents.

Tier II will include 450 teens – both first and second time offenders – referred by the courts, the District Attorney, and the Probation Department for more serious misdemeanor offenses such as petty theft, vandalism, and assault. These teens will be placed under the supervision of a probation officer and assigned to receive services prior to trial.

Services will be provided as long as the teens participate as scheduled, complete required activities, and do not re-offend or are not re-arrested during program participation.

Upon satisfactory completion of services provided by the program, charges may be dropped or cases dismissed, records may be sealed, and fees and penalties may be waived. Senior judges in Los Angeles are committed to replicating ECJRC in other LA County Juvenile courts.

For more information, go to [www.everychildfoundation.org](http://www.everychildfoundation.org)

## How Everychild Selects Its Grantee

The Everychild Foundation's grant process takes more than a year.

The process begins in September when the Grant Outreach Committee conducts outreach to potential grant applicants. Qualifying agencies are invited to submit a Letter of Inquiry to the Grant Screening Board (GSB) for review. The GSB then reviews the Letters of Inquiry and requests documentation from those agencies they feel meet the Everychild criteria. Applicant documents are reviewed and site visits are scheduled. In June, the GSB meets to vote on which two agencies will be asked to submit final proposals and make a presentation to the entire Everychild membership in October.

After the presentation, Everychild members conduct a secret ballot vote by mail and the winner is announced in November.



## The Hard Part is Choosing Just One...

Everychild members all agree on one thing: Deciding which agency to vote for out of the two finalists is difficult. Each finalist has a compelling project and both address a critical unmet need in the community. This year's runner up is Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind. The proposal was to complete funding for their Children's Center in the San Fernando Valley. The Center will be home to a range of specialized programs for children between 0 and 5 who are blind or visually impaired with multiple disabilities. Those interested in this funding opportunity can get more information at: [tlc4blind.org](http://tlc4blind.org).

## Everychild Grant Screening Board

The Everychild Grant Screening Board performs the essential function of analyzing each applicant agency and its proposed project. The committee's task is to narrow the applicant pool to the two candidates whose projects best address the critical unmet needs of children in the grant year.

The Grant Screening Board works with a professional grant consultant, Lisa Cleari Reale, who provides training and lends her expertise in grant making. The process begins in January and ends when the votes from the Everychild membership are counted in November.

Members for this grant year are:

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## A New Approach to Philanthropy

The Everychild Foundation's funds are derived from member dues, in lieu of fundraising events, which can often be costly and require many hours of planning. Our approach is simple:

**Create** a small group of women – just over 200 – who are each ready to commit \$5,000 annually. Membership is limited to eliminate bureaucracy and ensure a highly efficient organization.

**Target** one non-profit organization per year with a project that will profoundly help children in Los Angeles County facing disease, abuse, neglect or disability.

**Award** up to \$1 million to fund that project. All grant recipients are closely monitored and grant money is delivered in phases, based on meeting requirements.

## Bravo Members!

The 2012 grant marks the 11th year of grant making by the Everychild Foundation and the x year in a row the grant amount has reached the \$1 million mark. A special thanks goes to each and every Everychild member for making this possible. Watch for information on the spring luncheon and newsletter honoring you.

Membership in the Everychild Foundation is open to all women interested in helping Los Angeles children in need. The annual contribution is \$5,000 and is tax-deductible. To join, send an email to [info@everychildfoundation.org](mailto:info@everychildfoundation.org) or call 310-573-2153. We will respond immediately.

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