



Partners for Children
South L.A.



**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF
GROUNDBREAKING WORK
& IMPACT REPORT 2022**



Dear Friends,

It has been my privilege to serve as the Executive Director of Partners for Children South L.A. for the past decade.

During that time we have successfully implemented a highly effective collective impact model, which has transformed the lives of over 10,000 South LA children and their family members. We are proud of all that we have accomplished and know that it would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our staff and 40 partner agencies, who have worked tirelessly to implement our Early Childhood System of Care, providing valuable services and cross-agency care coordination to our families.

Not only did we make great strides programmatically, organizationally we also underwent a transformation.

With great enthusiasm, after operating under a fiscal sponsorship since our inception, we took the leap to become a 501(c)3 and began working independently in July 2021. Over the past year, we have built our new infrastructure, including moving into our new office space and hiring new staff.

Throughout all the change and growth, we stayed true to our mission and to serving our priority populations in SPA 6 – 0-5, kinship caregivers, and young parents/TAY. We remain committed to our original areas of focus and, as we look ahead, are excited about what is on the horizon for Partners for Children South L.A., including continued growth and impact, model replication, and so much more.

Thank you for all the support you have provided to Partners for Children South LA. Without you our work would be so much more difficult. With it, anything is possible. Here's to the next decade of working together to create a powerful force for change!

With gratitude,

Liza Bray

Executive Director

Partners for Children South L.A.

"It has been an honor to act as Chairman for PCSLA. Executive Director Liza Bray has set a phenomenal example for our colleagues and community partners of unwavering dedication and commitment to our children and families served. Liza champions the work of PCSLA with optimism, serves as a connector and delivers a best-practice model to create a shared vision for a future filled with resiliency and well-being."

— Delores Brown, Chair,
PCSLA Governance Committee



THE NEED IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES

South Los Angeles is home to more than one million people and has long been one of the county's most systemically under-resourced areas. More than two-thirds of residents in this densely populated community are Hispanic/Latino and African-American/Black. The area is at the extreme end of many county measures of socioeconomic health for the number of people living in poverty, the number of births to teen mothers, the absence of prenatal care, and difficulty finding caregivers, among other factors.

WHY SOUTH LOS ANGELES?

1 Million **\$36,400**

South Los Angeles
Residents

Medium Household
Income

51%

Residents Have Reported
Experiencing Food Insecurity

49%

Households Use Social Safety
Net Resources

43%

Primary Caregivers with
Children Age Birth to 5 Report
Difficulty Finding Childcare

38%

Of Children Under the Age
of 18 Live In Households that
Fall Below the Poverty Line



CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF GROUNDBREAKING WORK

More than a decade ago, we began exploring new ways to help parents and caregivers access, become part of, and benefit from the social-service agencies in South Los Angeles, one of Los Angeles County's most underserved communities. Knowing that many children and families in this region have multiple needs that often require the services of one or more agencies, it was imperative that we create an actionable approach to helping families more easily navigate the complex array of agencies and service organizations needed to meet their family's unique needs. That exploration led to our Early Childhood System of Care.



BUILDING A NEW MODEL

When we started, the concept of an Early Childhood System of Care was unique in South Los Angeles. We initially conducted a series of meetings, inviting parents, caregivers, and others to help inform what our System of Care should look like. With their invaluable input, we were able to build an infrastructure and processes that we knew were responsive to what people in the community told us they needed.

Next, we brought together community providers who had never before worked with each other. We invited the CEOs of these organizations to the table, during which they agreed to a shared vision, to use

shared tools, and to apply their own resources – all with the goal of transforming the lives of children and families in South L.A.

At our inception, PCSLA had one staff member and seven partner agencies. Today, our collaborative network has grown to nine full-time staff and 40 partners, with additional organizations waiting to join. All prospective partners are carefully vetted. To be part of our network, an organization must agree to meet our standards, adhere to our policies and procedures, have sufficient capacity, and be willing to commit resources.

INNOVATION IN ACTION

In 2013, following intensive discussion, research and refinement, we launched the **PCSLA Early Childhood System of Care**. Here's how it works:

An individual or family with at least one child age 5 or younger is eligible to receive services through our System of Care. They are usually referred by another source — a physician, teacher, or County department — or they may access PCSLA or any of our partner agencies directly. A staff Primary Care Coordinator (PCC) is embedded within PCSLA and in each of our partner agencies. PCCs are specially trained to conduct a comprehensive intake assessment for each individual or family who comes through its doors.

40+ partner agencies provide services in seven key sectors.

PCSLA Early Childhood System of Care

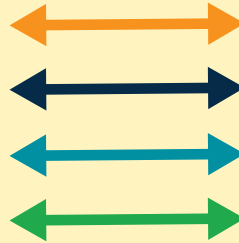
Client Journey



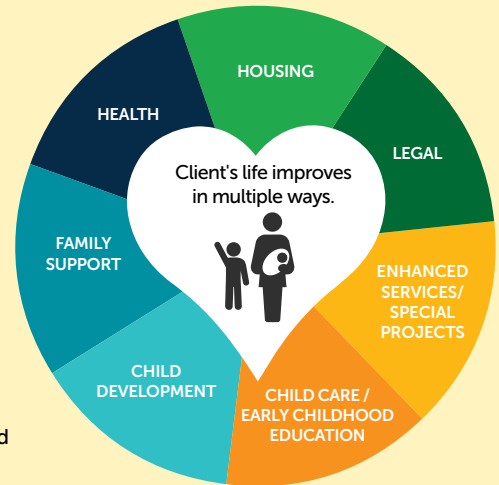
Client enters the Early Childhood System of Care through a Partner Agency or PCSLA.



Primary Care Coordinator (PCC) at the client's entry-point agency conducts screening to identify the client's service needs.



PCC manages service linkages and ensures cross-agency coordination. Partner Agencies must respond to clients within 3 days. PCC provides ongoing care coordination.



40+ Partner Agencies provide critical services in 7 key sectors. Plus, PCSLA provides enhanced services to meet immediate community needs.

PCSLA provides essential backbone support.



Identifies, evaluates, and selects Partner Agencies



Trains Primary Care Coordinators from Partner Agencies



Provides ongoing monitoring, case support, and training



Maintains tracking and reporting data and conducts program evaluation



Provides custom data and technology platform

PARTNER AGENCIES

Our partner agencies are divided into teams representing seven different service-provider sectors:

- Child Care/Early Childhood Education
- Child Development
- Family Support Services
- Health
- Housing
- Legal
- Enhanced Services/Special Projects



ACCESS AND CONSISTENCY

Regardless of where they begin their journey with us, every client goes through the same intake process using our assessment tool. Information from assessments helps to determine which services will best meet that family's needs and which partner agencies will be involved in providing those services. A PCSLA-developed, HIPAA-compliant Data Management and Tracking System documents and tracks information about each client who receives services. The assigned PCC is available to the client at all times and is responsible for making sure that any services, treatment, item donations, classes, and other activities are carried out as agreed and in a timely manner.

Once family members are no longer in need of our services, their case is closed, but the process is not over. PCSLA conducts an extensive evaluation of each case to track outcomes, extract data, evaluate programs and processes, and apply learned information to continually improve our Early Childhood System of Care.

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accessing services.

REMOVING TRADITIONAL BARRIERS TO CARE

Our Early Childhood System of Care enables us to break down major barriers to services that families often face.

We have a **“no wrong door” approach** when it comes to accessing services. A family can walk into any of our partner organizations and receive the same quality of care, and the same streamlined access to care, without any of the barriers they may have encountered in the past.

We have **removed the stress of accessing care**. It can be overwhelming for a family with multiple needs to jump through the numerous hoops required to access different service providers. This is often why families choose not to move forward at all. Through our coordinated system, families make one call, and we are able to link them to as many resources as they need.

Each family we work with is assigned a **Primary Care Coordinator (PCC)** who is there for them throughout their experience. Should new challenges or obstacles arise, they are addressed and remedied immediately, ensuring zero delay in a family's ability to reach its goals.

OUR FIRST DECADE 2013-2022

The past ten years have been marked by transformational growth.



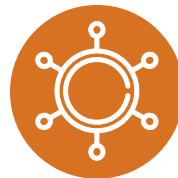
Growth

- Increased PCSLA staff from 1 in 2013 to 9 (2022)
- Increased partner agencies from 7 in 2013 to 40 (2022)
- Increased our budget from \$100,000 in 2013 to \$1.5 million (2022)
- Acquired a five-year government grant with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (2018)
- Rebranded the organization, introducing new collaterals and website (2016)
- Strengthened Governance Committee operations
- Successfully completed three strategic-planning projects



Expanded Enhanced Services/Special Projects

- Kinship Project (2013)
- Parent Wellness Project (2015)
- Faith-Based Project (2018)
- Health & Wellness Project that includes emergency financial and in-kind support (2020)



Data Management and Tracking System

- Developed and implemented HIPAA-compliant client management data platform (2016)
- Continual data platform refinement to support partner agencies and clients



Evaluation

- Conducted annually since 2015 to inform further development of our work



Case Conference

- Ongoing monthly meetings with representatives from all partner agencies
- Review client cases and work collaboratively to ensure each client's success



Cross-Agency Training

- Designed and launched formalized partner-agency staff training program (2013)



FUNDERS SINCE OUR INCEPTION

The Atlas Foundation

Ballmer Group

Blue Shield of California

The California Endowment

The Carl & Roberta Deutsch Foundation

The Change Reaction

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

The David & Lucile Packard Foundation

Los Angeles County Department of
Children and Family Services
(Children's Institute, Inc.)

Dwight Stuart Youth Fund

The Eisner Foundation

First 5 LA (South Central Los Angeles
Regional Center)

Jewish Community Foundation

The JIB Fund

Kaiser Permanente

W.M. Keck Foundation

Lincy Foundation

Los Angeles County Department of
Mental Health (Children's Institute, Inc.)

Ralph M. Parsons Foundation

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The Rose Hills Foundation

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Specialty Family Foundation

Stuart Foundation

SAMHSA (St. John's Community Health)

Snap Foundation

Tikun Olam Foundation

UniHealth Foundation

The Weingart Foundation

A BLESSING TO FAMILIES IN NEED



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– Grisel Morales,
PCSLA Project Director

For parents and families in crisis, navigating myriad community resources on their own can be difficult and daunting. PCSLA and its System of Care ensure that partner agencies take the lead on behalf of families with children from birth through age 5 who may need assistance from more than one organization.

System of Care in action

Working mother Tabatha needed diapers, infant supplies and child care for her newborn baby, Ryan. When Ryan was diagnosed with physical and developmental disorders that required ongoing medical visits and procedures, Tabatha approached the South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, a PCSLA partner, for help. That agency referred her to another partner, Crystal Stairs, for child care, and to PCSLA for diapers.

Over time, Ryan began to require more doctor visits, and Tabatha had no choice but to quit her job, adding considerable stress to her financial situation. More than anything, her baby needed diapers and formula. Tabatha remembered that PCSLA had once helped with diaper donations, so she reached out.

A new support system

“At PCSLA, we explained our System of Care to Tabatha, and she came to view our collaborative network as a new support system for herself and her baby,” says Grisel Morales, PCSLA’s Project Director. “Tabatha did her best to provide for her family. When she couldn’t afford diapers and formula, she would call us.”

PCSLA’s System of Care includes intake, triage, assessment, referral, care plans, and case management, followed by tracking and evaluation. The System results in improved outcomes for infants like Ryan and other young children, while increasing protective factors and reducing risk factors for the entire family.

A sympathetic ear

Tabatha had no transportation, so PCSLA staff would frequently drop off diapers and baby formula at her home. In gratitude, she would send PCSLA staff photos of Ryan whenever he reached a milestone, and she would ask for their prayers when he underwent a new medical procedure. Sometimes, she simply needed



a sympathetic ear to share her struggles and get some useful advice.

Because of Ryan's medical condition, Tabatha and her family were eligible for long-term support from Medi-Cal. It took many months to be approved, and PCSLA staff were there for her throughout the application, approval and enrollment process.

Recently, Tabatha arrived at PCSLA for the last time to pick up diapers, thank the staff for their ongoing assistance, and say good-bye. For the support she and her baby received, she says, "PCSLA has been a blessing."



PCSLA's Grisel Morales

PARTNERS INVOLVED:

- Crystal Stairs
- South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
- PCSLA

MAKING CONNECTIONS, BUILDING TRUST



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– Tinaya Richardson,
PCSLA Senior Faith-Based
Project Manager

Houses of worship serve an important role as centers of community life. This makes them ideal for connecting families to resources they may urgently need but may not know how to find. PCSLA has a presence at seven South Los Angeles churches and their associated schools. Tinaya Richardson can be found meeting with families at two of them.

Tinaya is PCSLA’s Faith-based Project Manager and Family Advocate and one of three staff who conduct outreach at seven parochial schools in PCSLA’s service area. One day each week and on Sunday, she attends church services, then makes herself available onsite, meeting with parishioners, parents and faculty, and listening as they share their concerns.

Saving lunch for dinner

One day after church, Tinaya met Carmen, who was undergoing multiple crises at home. Carmen had lost her job, leaving her husband, a gardener, as the sole provider. The family was in such financial straits that Carmen would save their daughter’s school lunch for dinner, so everyone could eat that day. At

one point, Carmen approached the school secretary, asking if there were any lunches left over that she could take home. The secretary called PCSLA, and Tinaya went into action.

An immediate impact

“With every prospective client, we do an intake, although our clients prefer to call it a survey,” Tinaya says.

Answers to the survey questions help to determine which of PCSLA’s 40 community partners are best suited to support the family and its needs. PCSLA’s faith-based outreach program serves dozens of families each month and hundreds every year.

Tinaya learned that Carmen’s husband had his gardening equipment stolen twice in two weeks, causing tension in the home. Tinaya reached out to partner organization Change Reaction, which was able to replace the equipment quickly. Other partner agencies provided mental health therapy and anger-management, domestic-violence and parenting classes for Carmen and her husband.



Looking for answers

“So often, people are looking for answers they can’t find,” says Tinaya. “They make calls that don’t get returned. Waiting for answers builds nervousness. So I make myself as available as possible to my clients when they need me. And I always follow up.”

Getting answers quickly puts clients at ease. It also helps to build trust and strengthen the PCSLA-client relationship – a relationship that, for Tinaya, is a win-win: “It fulfills me more than words can say to know I’m helping families on their way to self-sufficiency.”



Carmen with PCSLA’s Tinaya Richardson

PARTNERS INVOLVED:

- Holy Name of Jesus Church & School
- South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
- PCSLA

A CHANCE TO GROW



When Shanice was 18, her mother passed away, and Shanice became the legal guardian of her younger brother and sister. Barely an adult herself, Shanice suddenly found herself in the role of parent. Some time later, she became pregnant.

When Shanice needed help securing child care, she reached out to PCSLA's partner agency, Community Coalition. Her pregnancy made her eligible for PCSLA's System of Care, which targets families with children from birth through age 5.

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– Jennifer Lara,
PCSLA Enhanced Services/
Special Projects Manager

Intake and referral

"When a prospective client comes to any one of our partner organizations, during the intake process they're screened to see if they qualify for PCSLA's System of Care," explains Jennifer Lara, PCSLA's Special Projects Manager. "We have a Primary Care Coordinator at every partner organization. The Primary Care Coordinator at Community Coalition determined that Shanice and her family could benefit from the services of several agencies, so she referred Shanice to PCSLA."

Help when it matters most

Under PCSLA's System of Care, Shanice received referrals to partner agencies for housing, legal services, child-care and child-development services. Each referred agency is required to follow up with the client within three business days, ensuring quick communication and help when it matters most. She appreciated the fact that the agencies called her rather than the other way around.

Shanice received child care for her son through Crystal Stairs as well as donations of baby items and information about child development from the South Central Los Angeles Regional Center. Several years later, when Shanice's son was diagnosed with a learning disability, he received speech-therapy services through the Los Angeles Unified School District, another PCSLA partner.

Shanice participated in PCSLA's Parent Wellness Project and its parent support group. Because of her leadership potential and eagerness to grow, she was promoted from group participant to group facilitator.



Realizing her potential

“Through her experiences with PCSLA and our partner agencies, Shanice realized that she had potential and capabilities she hadn’t been aware of,” says Jennifer, who manages PCSLA’s Parent Wellness Project and its support groups; PCSLA’s Kinship Project for grandmothers and other full-time caregivers; and Faith-Based Projects, in which PCSLA conducts outreach activities at seven churches and

parochial schools in the South Los Angeles area.

Now about to turn 30, Shanice has much to be proud of. The brother and sister she raised are both attending college. Her little boy is receiving the services he needs to grow and thrive. And in addition to Shanice’s work as a support-group facilitator, she is taking courses to become a truck driver.




Shanice with PCSLA’s Jennifer Lara

PARTNERS INVOLVED:

- Community Coalition
- Crystal Stairs
- LAUSD Early Childhood Special Education
- St. John’s Community Health
- South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
- PCSLA





2022 AN
EXTRAORDINARY
YEAR

2022: A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During this pivotal year, PCSLA:

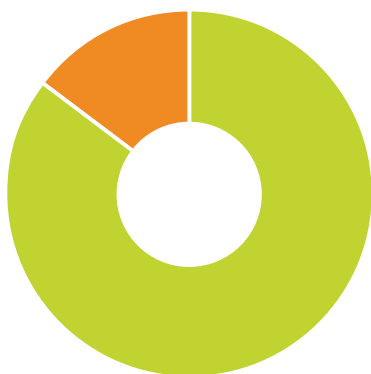
- **Moved** to new offices.
- **Raised the most funding** in the agency's history.
- Confirmed the initial members of PCSLA's inaugural **Board of Directors**.
- **Surpassed our annual target goal** of 700 initiated families by 35%.
- Implemented the next stage of development on our **Data Management and Tracking System**, including new features for more effective partner agency communication and refinement of family care plans.
- **Developed new tools for partner agencies**, including the PCSLA Primary Care Coordinator (PCC) Handbook and improved policies and procedures for partner agencies.
- Created and initiated a **System of Care Reassessment Strategy** to improve our Early Childhood System of Care, partner agency structure and data collection.
- **Admitted five area agencies into the PCSLA partnership**, increasing our capacity to support with dyadic therapy; housing and mental health services; and domestic-violence, parenting, and anger-management classes.
- **Completed our 2022 Cross-Agency Training Series**: four trainings conducted throughout the year, each averaging 52 participants. Trainings focused on identity stories, interrupting implicit bias and microaggressions, racial trauma/stress, and motivational interviewing.
- **Completed the 2021-2022 Evaluation Project Cycle** coordinated by 13 partner agencies, PCSLA, and the evaluation team of Imoyase Community Support Services. The report focuses on 145 PCSLA families and highlights PCSLA's collective impact on families and their well-being.
- Despite COVID-19, **maintained nine peer-led support groups using a virtual format**, with six partner agencies in leadership and coordinating roles.
- **Conducted project-wide trainings** on domestic violence, the Community Resiliency Model, childhood trauma, and immigration/adaptation/resiliency.
- Maintained and strengthened partnerships with the seven partner sites in our **Faith-Based Project**, and served 393 families, surpassing our overall project goal.
- Closed out the year with an **all-special-projects holiday celebration** attended by nearly 100 parents, caregivers, and partner agency staff, featuring a catered lunch, fun activities, thank-yous to PCCs, and holiday gifts.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Partners for Children South L.A. is funded by program service contracts and private donations. Our financial statements are audited annually. The condensed financial statement was extracted from the audited consolidated financial statements. Complete audited, consolidated financial statements are available upon request.

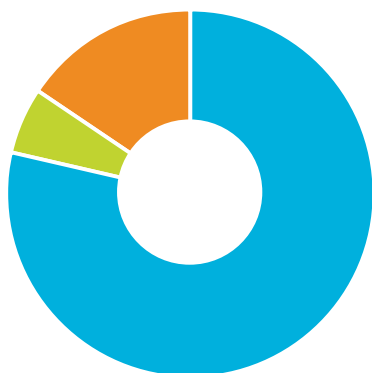
Support from donors is vital. More than \$1 million of our revenue is restricted for existing and continuing programs. Fundraising support is essential for expanding and enhancing our programs.

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Revenue 2022

Government Subgrantee Contracts	\$452,208
Other Revenue and Contributions	\$2,674,412
Total	\$3,126,620



Expenses 2022

Program	\$1,078,116
Fundraising	\$76,834
General & Administration	\$211,721
Total	\$1,366,671

OUR 2022 FUNDERS, BOARD & GOVERNANCE

PCSLA is grateful to the following organizations for generously supporting our work in 2022:

- The Atlas Family Foundation
- Blue Shield of California
- Carl and Roberta Deutsch Foundation
- The Change Reaction
- Children's Institute, Inc. (LACDMH)
- Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
- Los Angeles Partnership for Early Childhood Investment
- South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (First 5 LA)
- Specialty Family Foundation
- St. John's Community Health (SAMHSA)
- The Tikun Olam Foundation
- UCLA Pediatrics Interest Club
- Weingart Foundation
- Westside Infant-Family Network (ACEs Aware)



IMAGINING THE POSSIBILITIES

When an organization is just starting out, it needs sufficient initial capital, also known as "seed" funding, to support early exploration and discovery. This process is necessary to ensure there is a strong need for the organization and that the work it seeks to do is both actionable and sustainable.

The Carl and Roberta Deutsch Foundation is among the original providers of PCSLA's seed funding. Jacqueline Chun has been with the Foundation for 15 years and is its Chief Programs & Operations Officer. She also serves on PCSLA's Board of Directors.

"The Deutsch Foundation was one of the first funders, in a joint effort with others, that supported looking into whether an organization like PCSLA would work in South Los Angeles," Jacqueline says. "The initial idea was to determine the feasibility of the organization and its System of Care."

Seed funding enabled PCSLA's executive leadership to hold a series of meetings and hearings with community residents and others, and incorporate their feedback into the organization's operations and systems. Seeking the community's input and support for the project was critical, Jacqueline notes. **"That's the hallmark of PCSLA's leadership. This is not about replicating another model. From The Foundation's perspective, it's about funding what the model should look like: Who are the stakeholders? What are the possibilities?"**

Since those early days, The Deutsch Foundation has become a trusted partner in PCSLA's progress. Says Jacqueline, "From the initial seed funds, we've provided ongoing support for the work that PCSLA is doing, and for its continued development and evolution."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Board of Directors*

Jacqueline Chun

Chief Programs & Operations Officer
The Carl and Roberta Deutsch Foundation

LaJoi McClendon

Chief Operating Officer
Stone Tapert Insurance Services

Mark Soto

Deputy City Attorney, Public Rights
Division, Office of the Los Angeles
City Attorney

** Five members are needed to convene the Board, and we are actively recruiting members now. Our ultimate goal is to grow the Board to 15 members.*

Governance Committee

Delores Brown (Chair)

President & CEO
Institute for Maximum
Human Potential

Dexter A. Henderson (Secretary)

President & CEO
South Central Los Angeles
Regional Center

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Integrated Care Services

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Executive Director
Upward Bound House

Martine Singer

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PCSLA PARTNERS & STAFF

SERVICE SECTOR TEAMS

Child Care/ECE

- Crystal Stairs, Inc.
- Girls Club of Los Angeles

Child Development

- Children's Institute, Inc.
- LAUSD Early Childhood Special Education
- South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
- Wayfinder Family Services
- Wellnest
- Westside Infant-Family Network

Family Support Services

- Claris Health
- First Place for Youth
- Friends of the Children LA
- HACLA Watts/Los Angeles WorkSource Center
- Imagine LA
- Para Los Niños
- Shields for Families
- South Central Los Angeles Ministry Project

Health

- Open Paths Counseling Center
- Partners for Pediatric Vision
- Personal Involvement Center
- St. John's Community Health

Housing

- Coalition for Responsible Community Development
- Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System
- People Assisting the Homeless
- The Whole Child
- Upward Bound House

Legal

- Alliance for Children's Rights
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Bet Tzedek

Enhanced Services/Special Projects

- Baby2Baby
- Community Coalition
- Institute for Maximum Human Potential
- Junior Achievement of Southern California
- Maternal Mental Health NOW
- Nativity Catholic Church & School
- Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church & School
- St. Aloysius Catholic Church & School
- St. Columbkille Catholic Church & School
- St. Eugene Catholic Church & School
- St. Odilia Catholic Church & School
- St. Raphael Catholic Church & School



OUR DEDICATED STAFF

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Family Advocate

Eddie Velez

Faith-Based Project Manager
Family Advocate

Mary-Helen Leal

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Project Coordinator

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

At PCSLA, we are constantly working to identify challenges and gaps in meeting the needs of children and families and building strategies to resolve them. As we look ahead to the next several years, we will continue to evolve — strengthening our programs, establishing new partnerships, seeking additional funding opportunities, and serving many more families.

Increasing our reach and impact

While PCSLA currently focuses on children from birth through age 5, there is so much more work to be done in South L.A. that moves beyond early childhood. **One of our long-term goals is to create a new programming component that focuses on ways to reach teens and young adults who have aged out of the foster care system or have had early brushes with law enforcement.** Both populations face uphill challenges. At PCSLA, we have already demonstrated our ability to create and carry out new programs through our faith-based, kinship and parent-wellness projects. With adequate capacity and partnerships that allow us to support them properly, we can help guide these young people on the road to independence and help them realize their dreams.

Important priorities for the coming year include adding new PCSLA services that meet critical needs including:

- Providing quality, accessible childcare for families seeking employment.
- Offering lifeskills workshops and supportive services to young mothers living in transitional housing.
- Expanding our partner network to address housing, mental health support, and other vital needs.



Catalyst for replication

We are also poised to explore new ways to work in tandem with public agencies, such as the Los Angeles County Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, and Children & Family Services. The improvements we are making now will ensure that PCSLA has ample capacity in South L.A. to provide quality services for years to come.

Since PCSLA's founding, we have sought to create a model that can be successfully replicated in communities beyond South L.A. Now that we are a nonprofit organization in our own right, we believe it is time to introduce our collective impact model elsewhere. This will enable other underserved communities to better meet the diverse needs of their own high-risk populations while benefiting from our experiences, lessons learned, and results achieved.





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