Our Mission

Jenesse Center is the oldest domestic violence intervention program in South Central Los Angeles. The Center was founded in 1980 by five African American women who were survivors of domestic violence. Our mission is to provide victims of domestic violence with a comprehensive, centralized base of support to assist them in addressing their immediate crisis and changing the patterns of their lives.

Our Philosophy

The program is based on the philosophy and values that (a) domestic violence is a family issue (b) women and children are our primary clients (c) clients should receive culturally sensitive and culturally competent services (d) children are equal victims of domestic violence (e) clients must receive more than shelter – they must receive life skills (f) services must transform victims into survivors (g) services must be provided to populations that are generally turned away elsewhere and (h) public opinion and public policy must be impacted to combat domestic violence. The plan for transition to self-sufficiency is self determined with clients setting goals in conjunction with case managers.

Our Programs and Services

Case Management
- Assist clients in assessing needs and goals
- Coordinates the receipt of all services and participation in programmatic classes
- Advocacy for housing solutions & financial resources
- Assistance in developing a self-determined plan for transition to self-sufficiency

Vocational Educational Program
- Pre-employment skills certification
- Basic computer skills classes
- Professional subjects: resume writing, career training
- Budgeting
- Job search, training, school enrollment

Mental Health Program
Gaining and Re-affirming Our Womanhood Through Healing (G.R.O.W.T.H. Program)
- Trained, registered MFT interns and counselors
- Individual/group/peer family counseling
- Empowerment & Enrichment Classes
- Substance Abuse/Anger Management Classes

Legal Services
- Procure restraining orders
- Provide legal assistance to prevent further domestic violence, increase economic security, and encourage independent living
- Assist in the legal aspects of areas such as child custody, immigration law, court accompaniment, and landlord/tenant conflicts

Children’s Enrichment Program
- Parenting classes
- Children’s case management provided by MSW
- Tutoring and educational activities
- Individual and family counseling
- Jenesse Moms and Children (JMAC), an after school mother/child relationship building program

Health
- Health care coordinator assesses all incoming clients
- Health care referrals and follow-up services
- Educational classes on issues such as breast cancer, nutrition, AIDS, and overall health

Outreach
- Raises awareness in schools, businesses and community about domestic violence
- Meets regularly with local law enforcement and social service agencies
- Quarterly Community Education Series
- Presentations on Healthy Relationships for Adolescents

Facilities

Emergency Housing
Families may reside for 30 days
- 30 beds
- All meals provided
- Children’s play area

Transitional Housing
Families may reside up to 2 years
Site A
- 15 Units (Up to 75 beds)
- Office
- Laundry facility
- Playground

Site B
- Six 2-bedroom units
- Five 3-bedroom units
- Office
- Confidential counseling
- Laundry facility

Drop-In Center
- Classrooms
- Offices
- Confidential counseling
- Computer lab
- Children’s playroom

Legal Clinic
Inglewood Court House
One Regent Street
Inglewood, CA 90301
- Services available to anyone in need
- Lawyers & paralegals on staff
- Legal Advisory Committee

Administrative Office
3761 Stocker St., Suite #100
Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Executive offices
- Data room & conference area

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