



Wayfinder

FAMILY SERVICES

16,500 children, youth, adults and family members served this year

90% low income clients

100% free of charge

OUR MISSION ensures that children, youth and adults facing challenges always have a place to turn.

Wayfinder Family Services empowers others to face some of their greatest challenges head on. No two people have the same journey or face the same obstacles.

But the determination to overcome the hurdles in our way – in pursuit of the life we deserve – is something that unites us all.

It's a call to step up, even when it's hard.

It's a challenge to keep going, even when we feel like stopping.

It's a mission that drives us...all of us... forward. Every day.

At Wayfinder Family Services, we understand the unique challenges facing some of our state's most vulnerable youth and adults. Those with disabilities, those without a home of their own, those who have been abused and many, many more. We see them. We believe in the amazing potential in, and for, each and every one of them. And, together, we turn that potential into reality.



Service area: Southern, Northern and Central California
Percent of clients in Los Angeles County: 79%



President and CEO: Miki Jordan / Founded: 1953
Name: Junior Blind became Wayfinder Family Services in 2018



Operating budget: \$35.1 million
Spent on direct services: 84 cents of every dollar raised

**WE BELIEVE EVERYONE DESERVES:
A CHANCE TO THRIVE · A SAFE HAVEN · A LOVING FAMILY**

WAYFINDER IMPACT EACH YEAR

Foster Care and Adoption

From the day they enter the child welfare system to their adoption into a forever home, Wayfinder offers children a safe place and comprehensive care. Wayfinder draws on its decades of experience assisting children with disabilities to increase the focus on foster children with health and mental health conditions.

1,665 children removed from their homes received care at our Cottage **temporary shelter program**.

95% of foster children with medical or mental health conditions in our **Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program** improved their educational performance or school attendance.

465 children received assistance from our **foster care and adoption services**.

Medical and Mental Health Services

Wayfinder provides essential medical services 24 hours per day, seven days per week, to foster children and children with disabilities. To build coping skills and resiliency, we offer a wide range of emotional and behavioral counseling services to children, adults and families.

Our comprehensive medical team includes a **psychiatrist, endocrinologist, 17 nurses, behavioral psychologist, and 14 mental health therapists**.

Wayfinder's nursing staff administered **120,815 doses** of medication last year.

275 people received **mental health therapy** from Wayfinder.

Vision Loss and Multiple Disabilities

For children and adults who are blind, visually impaired or multi-disabled, Wayfinder offers services that reach all ages, from early intervention for infants, through educational and recreation programs for children, to residential programming and workforce development for teens and adults.

91% of children with disabilities in our **early-intervention programs** met their individual developmental goals.

82% of students in our **Special Education School** met their individual goals.

87% of residents with disabilities in our **Group Homes** achieved two or more of their four individual goals for the year.

98% of teens and young adults with vision impairment in **Transition Services** increased their training, gained employment or enrolled in higher education.

Wayfinder's **residential, rehabilitation and workforce development programs** last year served adults with vision loss from **16 California counties**.



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