The Weingart Center for the Homeless transforms lives by providing high-quality human services to homeless men, women, and families, giving them hope and an opportunity to move from the streets to self-sufficiency.

Founded in 1983 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles’ Skid Row, the Weingart Center for the Homeless offers a multitude of programs and services aimed to help individuals address the personal challenges they face daily. The Center combats poverty by giving homeless men, women, and families, the basic skills necessary to stabilize their lives, secure income, and find housing.

“If I hadn’t come to the Center, I don’t think I would have made it.”

~ Billie Jean, former client

As one of the most comprehensive human services agencies of its kind in the West, the Weingart Center for the Homeless partners and collaborates with public and private agencies to provide on-site services in these areas:

- Transitional Residential Housing
- Medical and Mental Health
- Substance Abuse Recovery
- Workforce Development
- Long-Term Management
- Family Reunification
- Community Re-entry
- Benefits Enrollment
- HIV/AIDS Services

The Weingart Center for the Homeless:

- Offers free residential and employment programs for the Los Angeles County homeless population.
- Provides targeted programs for veterans and women.
- Provides specialized services to individuals and families through our AmeriCorps Hope for the Homeless program.
- Connects homeless families to housing, childcare, and other supportive services in Los Angeles County.
- Has five facilities: an 11-story residential building, the Weingart Café, the Center for Community Health, the Family Solutions Center, and Metro Special, a site dedicated to employment services.
- Provides housing for 600 homeless men and women daily.
- Serves and assists 3,000 individuals annually through our residential programs.
- Provides 15,000 homeless individuals with bus tokens, legal aid, emergency housing, and other referral services via our walk-in Hope Row Resource Center.
- Offers free computer and internet access to clients for performing job searches and posting resumes.
- Gives professional attire to clients who are going on job interviews, appointments, or starting work.
- Teaches clients job search skills and interviewing techniques, and provides vocational training programs.
- Distributes phone numbers free of charge to homeless clients through a community voice mail program.
- Serves 225,000 hot, healthy meals made from fresh ingredients annually to program clients.
- Uses 85% of all funds raised for services and programs for our clients.

Our Mission is to empower and transform lives by delivering innovative solutions to combat poverty and break the cycle of homelessness.

The Weingart Center for the Homeless is a registered 501 (c)(3). All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
The Weingart Center for the Homeless provides comprehensive human services to homeless men, women, veterans, parolees, families, HIV+ and other at-risk individuals, giving them the skills, resources and hope they need to lead productive lives off the streets. Located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles’s Skid Row, the Weingart Center for the Homeless is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that breaks the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

**Programs and Services**

**Residential Programs**

Our transitional residential programs go beyond the emergency shelter approach by providing housing for up to two years along with comprehensive wrap-around services including case management and other treatment services. Case management includes: orientation, individualized needs assessment, client plan development and tracking, coordination of services, advocacy, referrals, group meetings, and other related services. All programs require clients to save at least 75% of their income.

**Employment-Focused**

**Women’s Renaissance** is an employment-focused transitional housing program that helps homeless women reach their goals through case management services, resources, referrals and job placement assistance. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**Project Paycheck** provides employment assistance, intensive case management and recovery counseling to men and women with histories of chronic substance abuse who are in active recovery. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**Community Re-Entry for Parolees**

**EPIC** is a comprehensive program providing housing, education, vocational training and job placement to help people on parole successfully re-enter the community. Requires referral a from parole officer. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**AB 109** is a 90-day realignment program that provides housing and employment assistance for men and women on probation, preparing them for community re-entry. Requires referral from Los Angeles County Probation Department. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**Emergency Services**

**Open Door** is a 90-day emergency shelter program that helps homeless men and women to get off the streets, stabilize their lives and move forward. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**Veterans Transitional Housing**

**Veterans Transitional Housing** provides individualized supportive services and promotes progressive motivation and instruction to help find permanent housing, secure a stable income and address the unique challenges that veterans face, including, but not limited to mental illness, physical illness and substance abuse. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**Detox/Substance Abuse Treatment**

**Volunteers of America (VOA) Drug and Alcohol Recovery Programs** provide alcohol and drug rehabilitation as well as short-term detox. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**Medical and Mental Health**

**Recuperative Care** is a short-term program that helps homeless individuals who have been discharged to the streets by area hospitals recovering from serious illness or injury. Operated with the JWCH Institute and staffed by RNs. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**Specialized Shelter Bed Program** provides temporary shelter beds for mentally ill individuals referred and case managed by Downtown Mental Health Department. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**HIV and AIDS Programs** provide housing and individualized case management, counseling services, benefits acquisition and referrals to outside resources to individuals who are HIV+. Collaboratively operated between Weingart Center for the Homeless and the JWCH Institute. For the HELP and HOPWA programs, contact: 213.486.4944.

**Short-Term Housing**

Provides short-term housing for men and women applying for General Relief. This DPSS Voucher program is operated through a contractual partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Social Services. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

**Hope Row Resource Center**

This walk-in center provides information and referral services, case advocacy, and a wide range of other social services to homeless individuals, families and people at risk of becoming homeless in downtown Los Angeles. Provides bus tokens to people with scheduled appointments, HIV and STD testing, veteran services and referrals, housing referrals, legal aid, mail services, and more. The Resource Center also provides:

**Community Voice Mail (CVM)** provides free, 24-hour voice-mail service to people without phones. CVM acts as the lead agency to provide voice mailboxes to Los Angeles area social service agencies and directly to individuals.

**Social Services Benefits and Enrollment Program (SSBE)** assists homeless individuals and families with mental or medical disabilities with applying for SSI, SSDI, Retirement and Medicare Benefits.

Contact the Hope Row Resource Center at: 213.833.5020

**Workforce Development and Education**

**EMERGE** provides computer-based remedial instruction as well as workforce development, onsite job training programs, and job placement assistance to help homeless individuals enhance their earning potential and successfully re-enter the community. Operated with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.
Housing Services
Assists homeless individuals and families with locating and moving into affordable housing. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

AmeriCorps
Reaches out to individuals and families in the Skid Row area of Los Angeles and provides them with specialized services, such as distribution of hygiene kits, clinical information, program referrals and service referrals. Also recruits volunteers to serve in community agencies. Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW)
Individuals filing for General Relief benefits are mandated to take part in GROW—a short-term, intensive job preparedness and employment search program that helps its clients obtain permanent employment and become self-sufficient. Operated in partnership by the Weingart Center for the Homeless, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), and The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

Clinical Services Department
Our Clinical Services Department provides Center clients with mental health services such as individual and group therapy sessions, focusing on issues such as trauma, domestic violence and substance abuse. Also offers a 16-week intensive outpatient alcohol and drug treatment program, based on the Matrix Model, as well as a 5-week program. The Clinical Department also provides:

Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV/AIDS Services
Increases access to HIV testing, substance abuse treatment and mental health services for high risk populations living on Skid Row, principally African-American and Latino homeless men and women. This Los Angeles-based program is operated in partnership with the JWCH Institute.

Project Fatherhood Helps bring fathers together with their children by addressing issues related to absenteeism, substance abuse, violence and trauma in supportive group sessions for fathers.

The Clinical Services department has an established Intern Training program for MSW, MFT and PsyD graduate students at UCLA, USC, Cal State Long Beach and Los Angeles and the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.

Center for Community Health
Provides integrated health care for homeless and indigent residents of Los Angeles’ Skid Row. Includes: medical, dental, optometry, mental health services and more. Operated by the JWCH Institute and the LA County Department of Health Services.

Contact our Access Center at 213.833.5020.
Located at: 522 S. San Pedro St.

Quick Facts
The Weingart Center for the Homeless:
- Serves and assists over 20,000 individuals annually through our residential programs non-residential programs.
- Provides housing for 600 homeless men and women daily.
- Has five facilities including a walk-in resource center and a site dedicated to employment services.
- Offers free residential and employment programs for the Los Angeles County homeless population.
- Uses 85% of all funds raised for creating, implementing and operating participant services and programs.
- Partners with organizations such as: Veteran’s Affairs, JWCH Institute, Inner City Law Center, CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Department of Social Services, and Beyond Shelter.
- Serves 225,000 healthy meals annually.
- Has 75% male clients and 25% female clients.

On-Site Supportive Services
Case Management — Former residential clients receive long term case management including on-going support for 6 to 12+ months, working one-on-one in goal-setting, attainment and referrals.

Employment Services — Skills and education assessment, pre-employment planning, job preparatory training, onsite job training and training referrals, labor market information, basic skills instruction, job search and placement, transportation vouchers, post-placement support.

Medical and Mental Health Treatment — Primary health care and mental health services such as individual and group psychotherapy, crisis intervention, and psychological assessment for Weingart Center for the Homeless program clients.

Substance Abuse Recovery — Evidence-based recovery services, relapse prevention, substance abuse testing, recovery meetings and individual counseling.

Life Skills Classes — Groups and classes on topics such as anger management, parenting, family relations, money management, appropriate decision-making, and self-esteem.

Education — Remedial education, one-on-one tutoring, literacy training, and vocational education.

Weingart Boutique — Provides clothing, including professional attire for job interviews, and personal care products for clients.

Permanent Housing Assistance — Assists clients in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing.

Weingart Café — Provides three hot, healthy meals made from fresh ingredients to Weingart Center for the Homeless program clients.
The Weingart Center for the Homeless has a dedicated Board of Directors, each of whom has a keen interest in the issue of homelessness, the well-being of the Greater Los Angeles community, and a genuine concern for the people the Center serves. Responsible for the fiscal stability, growth, and integrity of the Center, our Board of Directors oversees all of the organization’s operating, programs, and development plans.

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