



# 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

- ✓ Provides services to more children who are blind than any other nonprofit in California
- ✓ Possesses the expertise to assist children with vision impairment and multiple disabilities
- ✓ Offers comprehensive programs for people with vision loss from birth through adulthood
- ✓ Operates the only short-term shelter for foster children that accepts infants and toddlers
- ✓ Houses the highest concentration of youth with complex medical or mental health needs in Los Angeles County's foster care system
- ✓ Is proud to be a trauma-informed organization that provides a safe, nurturing environment to increase resilience in all clients
- ✓ Accredited by the Council on Accreditation for exemplary programs and operations, and recognized as meeting the highest standards in fiscal management by Charity Navigator, Guidestar, and the Better Business Bureau



**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

## 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**.

## Residential Services, 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 **transitional 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.



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