



21,719 children,
youth, adults and family
members served annually

80%
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

- ✓ Is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation for exemplary programs and operations, and recognized as meeting the highest standards in fiscal management by Charity Navigator, Candid (GuideStar) and the Better Business Bureau
- ✓ Is proud to be a trauma-informed organization that provides a safe, nurturing environment to increase resilience in all clients
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Operates the only temporary care shelter for foster children that accepts infants and toddlers in Los Angeles County
- ✓ One of the largest statewide foster care and adoption agencies in California and nationally recognized for expertise in kinship care, helping grandparents, extended family members or close family friends who have stepped up to raise children who would otherwise go into foster care
- ✓ Is committed to inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility (IDEA)



**Service area: Southern, Northern and Central California
53 counties statewide**



**President and CEO: Jay Allen
Founded in 1953**

Name: Junior Blind became Wayfinder Family Services in 2018



**Operating budget: \$49 million
Spent on direct services: 85 cents of every dollar raised**

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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 education and recreation programs for children, to residential programming and workforce development for teens and adults.

701 children with disabilities and **2,372** family members in our **Child Development Services** received home visits (virtual and in-person or hybrid) and supportive services

41 students who have multiple, profound disabilities developed communication, mobility and independence skills in our **Special Education School**.

174 campers, **273** youth and young adults and **819** family members participated in **Camp Bloomfield and our sports, recreation and outdoor adventure programs for individuals who are blind or visually impaired or have multiple disabilities**.

Wayfinder's **residential, rehabilitation and workforce development programs** served **166** teens or adults with vision loss.

Residential Services, Foster Care, Adoption, and Family Services

From the day they enter the child welfare system to their adoption into a forever home and beyond, 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.

921 children removed from their homes received care at our Cottage **temporary shelter program**.

2,007 children and **2,152** family members received assistance from our **foster care, adoption, kinship and family services**

91% of children and youth in our **foster care program** remained stable in their resource family home, transitioned to a lower level of care or entered a permanent placement.

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. This includes mental health counseling to deal with vision loss, multiple disabilities, trauma or family crisis as well as supervised visitation and coaching to strengthen parenting and sustain family ties.

Our comprehensive medical team includes a **psychiatrist, physician, 12 nurses, behavioral psychologist, and 18 mental health therapists**.

Wayfinder's nursing staff administered **77,015 doses** of medication last year.

353 people and 1,059 family members received **mental health services** from Wayfinder.

90% of children did not re-enter foster care within six months of discharge from our **Promoting Safe and Stable Families** program, which strengthens families whose children are at risk of entering or re-entering foster care.



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