



# Wayfinder

## FAMILY SERVICES

**22,780** 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

- ✓ Nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation for exemplary programs and operations, and is recognized as meeting the highest standards in fiscal management by Charity Navigator, Candid (GuideStar) and the Better Business Bureau
- ✓ Proud to be a trauma-informed organization that provides a safe, nurturing environment to increase resilience in all clients
- ✓ Provides services to more children with vision impairment than any other nonprofit in California
- ✓ Meets the complex needs of children and families facing challenges in child welfare, mental health, visual impairment and multiple disabilities
- ✓ Operates the only temporary care shelter for foster children that that is licensed to care for infants and toddlers in Los Angeles County
- ✓ One of the largest statewide foster care and adoption agencies in California
- ✓ Nationally recognized for expertise in kinship care, which assists relatives or friends who step up to raise children so they avoid the trauma of separation from their birth family



**Service area: Southern, Northern and Central California**  
**15+ offices across California reach all 58 counties**



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



**Operating budget: \$47 million**  
**Spent on direct services: 84 cents of every dollar raised**

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## THE Wayfinder IMPACT



### Foster Care, Adoption and Family Services

Wayfinder provides a safe haven, reduces trauma and finds stable placements in loving homes for abused and neglected children. They achieve better long-term outcomes in health, education and employment.

**10,519 children** who had been recently removed from their homes have found safety and loving care at **The Cottage**, our temporary shelter program, since 2016.

**17,923 children** have found stability and permanency in loving homes through our **adoption programs** since 1980.

**10,576 kinship family members** have received emergency assistance, case management and support services in our **Kinship Support Services Program** for extended family raising children who otherwise would go into foster care.

### Vision Loss and Multiple Disabilities

From infancy through adulthood, Wayfinder provides children and adults who are visually impaired or multi-disabled with programs that increase health, well-being, economic opportunity and educational success.

**21,250 babies and toddlers** with visual or other disabilities and **63,750 family members** have received home visits and supportive services that improved developmental outcomes in our statewide **Child Development Services** since 1983.

**50,548 children** with visual or multiple disabilities and family members have enjoyed **adapted sports, recreation and outdoor adventures at Camp Bloomfield** since 1958.

**2,932 teenagers and adults** with vision loss learned skills for independent living, employment and success in higher education in Wayfinder's **transition services, residential rehabilitation and workforce development programs** since 2014.

### Medical and Mental Health Services

Wayfinder provides essential medical services 24 hours per day, seven days per week to children and young adults in programs on our Los Angeles campus, as well as emotional and behavioral counseling services to children, adults and families that build resiliency.

**152,720 hours of mental health therapy** have been provided to clients dealing with vision loss, multiple disabilities, behavioral issues or trauma since 2012.

**80% of clients in mental health services** decreased the impairments that were preventing them from functioning well in their schools, families, relationships or social interactions.

Wayfinder's nursing staff administered **623,785 doses of medication** over the last seven years to clients in our residential programs and Special Education School since 2017.