

## ILLUMINATION FOUNDATION History



Adriana came to **IF** with her three young sons, Anthony, John and Joel, after losing her job and their home. While in **IF**'s Interim Housing Program, Adriana finished her education and received comprehensive services. During her time with **IF**, Adriana received a Section 8 voucher and **IF**'s HPRP program helped the family with the deposit for a new apartment. Adriana now works full-time as an insurance agent and is extremely grateful to **IF** for helping her family to be stably housed and self-sufficient again.

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Experts on homelessness within OC agree that it has reached crisis proportions and that there are not enough resources designated for chronic and emergency programs. **IF** was founded in late 2007 to effectively lower the barriers for OC's homeless population to access existing resources and services. **IF** was established within the UC Irvine Healthcare Executive MBA Program as a non-profit public charity organization. Today, **IF**'s governing board consists of community leaders in medicine, nursing, finance, social work, information technology and education.

**IF YOU ARE HOMELESS**

**IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN  
IF YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO GO**

**IF YOU ARE READY TO  
BECOME INDEPENDENT**

**IF YOU NEED HELP  
IF YOU CAN HELP**



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Celebrating our 5th Year of Service

ILLUMINATING LIVES TO BREAK OR PREVENT  
THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS



## IlluminationFoundation Mission Statement



The Homeless Crisis in OC:

- 1 in 6 Orange County children are living in poverty.
- Orange County has the highest percentage of unstably housed kids in the state—5% (or 1 in 20).
- 28,000 OC public school students live in unstable housing.
- In California, less than 25% of homeless children graduate from high school.
- 1 in 10 individuals in Orange County lives below the poverty line.
- Nearly half of all adults below the poverty line are employed full- or part-time.
- A minimum wage worker has to work 128 hours/week to afford a one-bedroom apartment.

**Illuminate lives by bridging the gap in existing services for the most underserved to break or prevent the cycle of homelessness.**

Our vision is to break the cycle of homelessness. Our public/private partnership combines housing and social services with healthcare and behavioral health services to reduce the impact of homelessness and reduce people's vulnerability to future homelessness.

**IF** offers a low-entry threshold to advance health and housing stability for the most vulnerable members of our community, with a focus on families with children and those with medical or mental health conditions.

**IF** empowers adults with the tools to become self-sufficient and inspires children to grow into independent, productive adults.



### HOUSING SERVICES



### HEALTHCARE SERVICES



### OUTREACH SERVICES

## OUR PROGRAMS



### Interim Housing Program

*Bridge the gap between emergency shelters and permanent housing to provide stable housing and comprehensive services to underserved homeless families with children.*



### Interim Supportive Shelter

*Provide homeless families from the County's cold weather armories with housing in motel rooms and on-site services to effectively transition them into permanent housing.*



### Sustainable Housing Services

*Ensure clients maintain permanent housing by helping them overcome barriers to obtaining permanent housing.*



### Recuperative Care Program

*Manage the discharge of homeless patients from hospitals to help them successfully transition back into the community.*



### Medical Outreach and Care

*Provide homeless and individuals at risk of homelessness with free medical care, behavioral health services, vision and social services at locations throughout Orange County.*



### Motel Families Outreach

*The Motel Family Outreach provides case management and vital social service connections to families living in motels.*

## PROGRAM STRATEGIES

- Use motel rooms and affordable apartments to provide housing that is scalable as need arises.
- Provide comprehensive on-site services for families: case management, medical services, behavioral health services, job counseling, financial literacy and life skills.
- Provide on-site tutoring, mentoring and enrichment programs for children and teens.
- Offer a low-entry threshold to serve all types of homeless families.

- Connect families from the County's Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Winter Armories to housing and services.
- Provide homeless families with housing and on-site services to effectively transition them into permanent housing. Services include: case management, medical services, behavioral health services, job counseling, financial literacy, tutoring and life skills.

#### Rapid Re-Housing

Move homeless families/individuals into appropriate housing as quickly as possible; provide necessary services to help them retain housing.

#### Housing Search and Placement

Provide families/individuals who can maintain housing with search and placement services to help overcome barriers to acquiring housing.

#### Permanent Supportive Housing

Secure permanent affordable housing with supportive services for people who have special needs, including disabilities, or other substantial barriers to maintaining housing stability.

#### Workforce Development

Provide workforce training, search and placement services to ensure clients acquire and retain employment to ensure the financial stability necessary to maintain permanent housing.

- Ensure all clients receive ongoing RN oversight, case management, medical care and behavioral health services to connect them to resources designed for their specific needs.
- Provide basic needs including: shelter, food, hygiene supplies and transportation.
- Connect clients to a medical home and permanent housing if possible.

- Collaborate with OCHCA to coordinate clinics and health expos that cover the county geographically and serve those who are unable to access healthcare.
- Provide behavioral health services for treatment and referrals.
- Connect clients to medical and social benefits, community clinics and physicians to provide them with ongoing medical care.

- Ensure that families living in motels with children 0–5 are receiving weekly case management and appropriate community referrals.
- Connect families to medical services, behavioral health services, job counseling, financial literacy, tutoring and life skills classes.
- Organize outreach events to connect motel families with valuable resources.

