

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.

