

# iOW InsideOUT WRITERS

## InsideOUT

When I get out...  
my life's gonna be inside-out.  
Instead of doing the bad, imma be doing the good.  
Instead of fighting, imma be hugging.  
Instead of smoking, imma be working.  
The word "HATE" has just faded,  
the word "LOVE" has been created.  
When I get out...  
my life's gonna be inside-out.  
This I know without a doubt.

-Andrew

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## ALUMNI RESOURCE GUIDE

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## How To Obtain An Identification (ID) Card



- Visit your local DMV office.
- Complete application form DL 44.
- Give a thumb print.
- Have your picture taken.
- Provide your social security number.
- Verify your birth date and legal presence (Provide original Birth Certificate).

**Note:** Make sure you ask your case manager for a Reduced Fee Form for the California Identification Card.

## How To Resolve Any Pending/ Unresolved Traffic Tickets



- Visit your local DMV.
- Request your DMV record.
- Once you have received your record, it will show how many pending tickets you have.
  
- Go to the Traffic Court Building:  
1945 S. Hill Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
(213) 744-4155.
  
- Go to Juvenile Court Room 808 .
  
- If you are under the age of 18 years old, your parent or legal guardian must go with you to court. The office clerk will assist you in determining next steps to resolve your traffic tickets.

unemployed and not receiving any source of income. All participants will be required to not to leave the premises the first 30 days. All potential candidates will not be accepted if they have any sex offences.

1665 10TH Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
(310)450-7235 ask to speak with Jesse Wright( Intake Coordinator).

### **Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic- Tattoo Removal**

Free laser tattoo removal to qualified candidates.  
3324 West Susent Blvd. Bld. #206  
Los Angeles, CA 90073  
(323)660-7975

### **Saban Free Clinic**

Comprehensive medical exams and dental services.  
Beverly Health Center  
8405 Beverly Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90048

### **Hollywood Wishire Health Center**

5205 Melrose Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90038

### **The S. Mark Taper Foundation Health Center**

6043 Hollywood Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90028

Tessie Cleveland Community Services Corporation  
Provides Mental Health Services to children from birth to 21 years of age.  
8019 South Compton Los Angeles, CA 90001

Casa Teresa  
Provides Housing for young adult pregnant women

**Para Los Ninos**

845 East 6th street Los Angeles

213-623-8446

Grace Lino Child Care

231 Eat 3 rd Street #G103 Los Angeles

213-617-8596

**Chinatown Service Center**

521 West Cesar E Chavez

Los Angeles CA

(213)617-4914

**Miscellaneous Resources****HOP ICS Family Center**

HOP ICS offers counseling services for at risk youth from ages 3-21 and their families. They offer individual and group counseling as well as parenting groups.

5807 Avalon Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90011

323-234-4445

**Dixon Recovery Institute Inc**

They provide substance abuse counseling, anger management, parenting classes. They provide transportation, snacks while in treatment.

4715 Crenshaw Blvd. 2nd Floor

Los Angeles, CA90043

(323)988-3744

**The Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center:**

Santa Monica Rehabilitation Program:

This is a six month treatment program. This is a working program, meaning that you will work 5 days a week and must be able to lift at least 50lbs. In order to be accepted, you must be

**How To Obtain A Birth Certificate**

- You can submit your application for a birth certificate at any of the following locations:
  - 7807 S. Compton Avenue, Room 215  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(323) 586-6192
  - 4716 East Cesar Chavez Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90022  
(323) 260-2991
  - 11701 S. La Cienega Boulevard, 6th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90045  
(310) 727-6142
- You will need to provide a valid photo ID when requesting a birth certificate in person.
- There's a \$19.00 fee for each copy.

## How To Request a Social Security Card



- You will need:
  - Photo ID
- Complete an application for Social Security Card (Form SS-5).

Here are some of the locations around Los Angeles County:

- 1122 N. Vine Street  
Hollywood, CA 90038
- 11500 W. Olympic Boulevard, Suite 300  
Los Angeles, CA 90064
- 171 E. Compton Boulevard  
Compton, CA 90220

## LOCAL DROP-IN CENTERS FOR YOUTH

### **My Friends Place**

Provides showers, clothes, food for homeless youth. Additional services provided include parenting classes, free HIV testing.

5850 Hollywood Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90028

(323) 908-0011

Open Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am- 1:00pm and 3:00pm to 5:00pm

### **Street Poets**

Provides weekly poetry writing workshops on Tuesdays  
4:00pm-6:00pm

Weekly writing and recording sessions on Fridays 4:00pm-  
8:00pm

Quarterly Open Mic Poetry Events out in the community.

2116 Arlington Avenue, Suite 310

Los Angeles, CA 90018

(323) 737-8545

## Day Care Services

Care.com is an only search engine where you can find local day care for your children. For more information please visit [www.care.com](http://www.care.com)

These are other Day Care service providers:

### **County Kid's Place**

2916 South Hope Street Los Angeles CA

213-744-6241

**Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center**

Technical Career Training. Academic instruction.  
10925 South Central. Ave.,  
Los Angeles 90059

**St. Joseph Center Culinary Training Program**

Ten weeks Culinary Arts training program  
204 Hampton Drive Venice, CA 90291  
310)396-6468

**Employment Websites**

[www.Teens4Hire.org](http://www.Teens4Hire.org)

[www.layouth.com](http://www.layouth.com)

[www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)

[www.opportunityknocks.org](http://www.opportunityknocks.org)

[www.jobing.com](http://www.jobing.com)

[www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com)

[www.jobstar.org](http://www.jobstar.org)

[www.istartonmonday.com](http://www.istartonmonday.com)

[Www.craigslist.org](http://Www.craigslist.org)

[Www.socialservices.com](http://Www.socialservices.com)

**How To Obtain Independent Living Program (ILP)/ Emancipation Services**



If you are a former L.A County foster youth or a current probation youth who was in foster care, you are eligible for the following benefits:

- High school graduation expenses
- Room and board expenses
- Transportation expenses
- Work clothes & job interview expenses
- Tuition, books, supplies, and computer expenses
- Free health care coverage with Medi-Cal until you are 21 years of age

You can find out whether or not you qualify for these services by contacting an ILP Coordinator, Probation Officer or by calling the Central ILP Office at (213) 351-0111.

**Have You Obtained Your GED or High School Diploma?**  
**If yes, then enroll at a Community College.**



Documents you need:

- Photo ID
- Social Security Number

How to apply to a Community College:

- Apply and register at laccd.edu.
- Select designated school.
- Provide your social security number.
- Apply for financial aid.
- Apply for BOGW- Board of Governors Fee Waiver.
- Register for an assessment test.
- Once assessment has been completed, register for classes.

**Jobstarts, Inc.**

Provides employment services for those who live, primarily, in the South LA, Inglewood, and Culver City, Compton, Lynwood and Watts. Area. Yet, no geographic restrictions apply.

3010 W. 48th Street

Los Angeles, CA 90043

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Phone: (323) 291-2812 or (323) 290-6627

[www.jobstarts.org](http://www.jobstarts.org)

**Watts Labor Community Action Committee - Youth Build Program**

Recruitment Policy: 18-24, unemployed, interested in learning construction trade skills, interested in helping to build housing.

Requested Documents

CA Driver's License, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, Drug Screening upon completion of acceptance.

10956 S. Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90059

(323) 563-4702

**Lax Century Community Training Center**

Pre- apprenticeship construction training. Job placement services. Eight week training at no cost to participants.

5021 Lennox Blvd. Lennox, CA 90304

310-673-3941

[csapienze@centuryhousing.org](mailto:csapienze@centuryhousing.org)

**Friends Outside in Los Angeles County- Watts**

Establishes job interview appointments. Mentors parolees in preparation for job interviews. Provides confidential services to families of parolees.

1827 East 103RD ST. #400

Los Angeles, CA 91107



### **Los Angeles Conservation Corps**

Provides at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success by providing them with job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community.

2824 S. Main Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90007  
Phone: (213) 749-3601

### **Occupational Therapy Training Program**

The purpose of this program is to provide paid work experience to youth who have difficulties obtaining employment.

19401 South Vermont Avenue, Suite A200  
Torrance, CA 90502  
Contact Marion Pate Phone: (310) 323-6887 Ext. 256

### **San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps**

Provides academic, vocational and leadership opportunities.

Minimum Requirements:

Between 16 and 24 years of age, eager to work outdoors, motivated to work towards a High School Diploma.

3017 N. Tyler Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91731  
Phone: (626) 444-5337  
www.sgvcorps.org

### **Los Angeles Job Corps Center**

Education and career technical training programs for young people ages 16-24.

1106 S. Broadway  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
(213) 748-0135  
www.lacorps.org

## **HOUSING SERVICES**

### **Jovenes Inc.**

**Casa Olivares:** Provides 18 months of housing to unaccompanied youth. Must be over 18 years old (Males Only)

**La Posada:** Provides 3 months of shelter services for unaccompanied youth. Must be over 18 years old  
1208 Pleasant Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033  
(323) 260-8035  
[www.jovenesinc.org](http://www.jovenesinc.org)

### **The Salvation Army/The Way In- Independent Living Program**

Provides housing for unaccompanied youth. 18-21 years of age (Males and Females)  
P.O. Box 38668, Los Angeles CA, 90038  
(323) 469-2946 --Ask to speak with Danette

### **The Covenant House Crisis Shelter**

Provides immediate crisis care for run-away, former foster youth and probation youth. Must be over 18 years old (Male and Females)  
1325 N. Western Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90027  
(323) 957-7455 X 300 --Ask to speak with Bobbie

### **Hollywood Youth Shelter/ Los Angeles Youth Network**

Provides 3 months shelter services for youth up to the age of 17 years old (Males and Females)  
1550 N. Gower Street, Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(323) 957-7364

### **Taft House**

Provides one-month emergency shelter services for youth under 17 years old.  
1754 Taft Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(323) 467-8466

## **HOUSNG SERVICES (cont.)**

### **Los Angeles Youth Network Transitional Housing**

Transitional Housing for 17-21 years old. Candidate must be employed or enrolled in school.  
2471 North Beachwood Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90068  
(323)962-0430 ext. 11 ask for Veronica

### **First Place for Youth Housing Program**

Transitional Housing Program for former foster youth. Provides independent living up to 24 months. Must be 18 years old. (Male or Female)  
1435 Leimert Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90008  
Ask to speak with:  
Monica Garcia (213) 446-0899 or  
Lola Bell at (213) 446-0949

### **Volunteers of America (Los Angeles)**

#### **Women's Care Cottage**

Transitional Housing Program for former foster youth. Must be I.L.P. eligible.  
Must be 18 years old. ( Females only)  
6428 Whitsett Avenue  
North Hollywood, CA 91606  
(818) 623-0504 —ask to speak with Norma or Sonia

#### **Beyond Shelter**

Housing relocation assistance, transitional case management, training & placement for families. Legal guardianship of minor needs to be provided. Applicants must currently be residing in a shelter.  
Corporate Office 340 North Madison Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90004  
(213)252-0772

### **Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice/ Teen LA**

Free legal advice and other services on : Parental Rights  
Paternity, Custody and visitation  
Child Support, Divorce, Guardianship

#### **Re- Entry Legal Clinic**

Every second Saturday of every month workshops are conducted at 10:00 a.m. Expungement, reductions of felonies to misdemeanor, juvenile records sealing.  
10957 South Central Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
(323)357-8431

## **JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Human Potential Consultants**

(Vocational Training, Employment Skills & Placement)  
500 East Carson Plaza Drive, Suite 127  
Carson, CA 90746  
(310) 756-1560  
[www.hpemployment.org](http://www.hpemployment.org)

### **NTMA-Training Centers**

(Training in Machining, Tooling & Manufacturing)  
14926 Bloomfield Avenue  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
(562) 921-3722  
[www.trainingcenters.org](http://www.trainingcenters.org)

### **Youth Build**

Provides opportunities to complete your high school diploma while obtaining job training (construction certificate)  
17216 S. Figueroa Street  
Gardena, CA 90248  
Phone: (310) 225-3060

## SEALING/EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS

### **California Expungement**

An expungement relieves the defendant of certain penalties and disabilities that result from criminal action. Under California law, once a case is expunged you are no longer required to disclose these convictions on employment, housing and education applications. Your criminal record is treated as if it had never occurred before.

### **California Seal**

Sealing a criminal record means to remove the specific record from public view. When a criminal history record is sealed, the public will not have access to it. Sealed records remain in a confidential file on the Department of Justice's computer but it does not show up on record checks such as background checks done by employers.

Following are organizations that can assist you:

### **The Alliance for Children's Rights**

3333 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 550  
Los Angeles, CA 90010  
Phone: (213) 368-6010

### **Public Counsel Law Center**

610 South Ardmore Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90005  
Phone: (213) 385-2977

### **Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles**

Provides Civil Legal services to poor and low-income people in Los Angeles County. Some examples of services they provide are; Government Benefits, Housing & Eviction Defense and Family Law. Call to access directory of services.  
800-399-4529

## HOUSING SERVICES (cont.)

### **People Assistance the Homeless ( PATH)**

Short Term Transitional Housing for men and women. To access program services, client needs to complete intake, need assessment & referral service.  
340 N. Madison Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 9004  
Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.  
(323)644-2248

### **Los Angeles Family Housing**

Provides transitional and emergency living services. L.A Family Housing has two locations for individuals and families. Intakes are done every 1th and 3rd Thursday of every month from 10.00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
7843 Lankershim Boulevard,  
North Hollywood CA 91605  
(818)982-4091

### **House of Hope**

Shelter and Sober Living provided to men and women. All candidates need to pay \$450.00 a month.  
1115 N. Normandie Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
(323)663-1214

### **New Way Of Life Re-Entry Project**

Housing and re- entry support to women and their children. Family reunification, custody and child support and expungement assistance. Assistance in obtaining government documents. Referrals to career and educational counseling.  
(323)563-3575  
[Www.anewwayoflife.org](http://www.anewwayoflife.org)  
[susan@newwayoflife.org](mailto:susan@newwayoflife.org)

### **Weingart Center Association**

Residential programs:

**Specialized Shelter:** This is a short term housing, mental health services, an other support services to severe mentally ill individuals who are chronically homeless.

**Short Term Housing**– This housing program provides housing in their residential building to 50 homeless men and women on General Relief. The average length of time for these individuals is 14 days and can be extended based on needs

566 South San Pedro Street  
Los Angeles , CA 90013  
(213)627-9000

### **Los Angeles House of Ruth**

Transitional Shelter for Women and Children

P.O Box 33288  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
(323)265-4139 asks to speak with Luisa Sanchez

## **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

*Need help finding employment? Go to any of the following locations for employment services*

### **Los Angeles Conservation Corps**

#### **South L.A Center**

2824 S. Main Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90007  
(213) 749-3601 Ext. 227

#### **Conservation Corps of Long Beach**

340 Nieto Avenue

(310) 668-6800

## **MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS (cont.)**

### **Augustus Hawkins Mental Health**

1720 E. 120th Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90059  
M-F: 8:00 am– 3:30pm walk in hours  
M– F: 8:00am– 5:00pm business hours  
(310) 668-3112

### **West Central Family Mental Health**

3751 W. Stocker Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90008  
M– F: 8:00am– 5:00pm  
(323) 298-3680

### **East LA Mental Health Services**

535 S. 2nd Avenue  
Covina, CA 91723  
M: 9am-6pm, T-Th: 10am-7pm, F: 8am-5pm  
(626) 974-0770

## MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS

If you were receiving Mental Health Services while at Juvenile Hall and would like to continue with these services, you can request your Mental Health records by faxing a request for Mental Health Records to 323-226-8820 or call 323-226-2655. Ask to speak with Deidra or Rosa.

*Upon receiving your Mental Health Records you can walk –in to any of the Mental Health Centers and continue seeking services.*

### Local Department of Mental Health Centers

#### **Hollywood Mental Health Center**

1224 N. Vine Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90038  
M-F: 8:00 am– 5:00 pm  
(323) 769-6100

#### **Downtown Mental Health Center**

529 S. Maple Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
M-F: 8:00am– 5:00pm  
(213) 430-6700

#### **DIDI Hirsh Community MHC**

672 S. Lafayette Park Place, Suite 6 Granada Bldg.  
Los Angeles, CA 90057  
M-F: 9:00am– 8:30pm  
(213) 385-3752

#### **Compton Mental Health Center**

921 E. Compton Boulevard  
Compton, CA 90221  
M-F: 8:00am—4:00pm

Long Beach, CA 90814  
(562) 216-1790

#### **Coalition for Responsible Community Development/ Workforce Development**

1006 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90011  
(323) 231-1572

#### **South Bay One Stop Business & Career Centers/ Youth Services**

110 South La Brea Avenue  
Inglewood, CA 90301  
(310) 970-7701

#### **Hollywood Youth Employment Service/ Goodwill**

5939 Hollywood Boulevard  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
(323) 469-2946 x 169  
Ask for Martha Martinez

#### **Chicana Services Actions Center**

3601 E. 1st Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90063  
(213) 483-6335

#### **Youth Opportunity Movement, Boyle Heights**

1505 East 1st Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
(323) 923-1434

#### **Los Angeles Urban League**

5414 S. Crenshaw Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90043  
(323) 292- 8111

**Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services**

3250 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1010  
Los Angeles, CA 90010  
(213) 736- 5456

**Homeboy Industries**

Employment counselor with local employers to find employment to their participants. The counselors also serve Homeboy trainees who are ready to move to permanent employment.  
130 West Bruno St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(323)526-1254

**GENERAL RELIEF/FOOD STAMPS**

If you are in need of temporary financial assistance and/or food benefits for families and individuals, the Department of Public Social Services is there to assist you.

*\*In order to apply, you must be at least 18 years old of age.*

**Commonly Requested Documents:**

- ☑ Birth Certificate
- ☑ Social Security Card
- ☑ State ID Card
- ☑ Proof of Income

**General Relief (GR):** GR is a county funded program that provides financial assistance to adults who are in need and who are ineligible for federal or state programs.

**Food Stamps:** The Food Stamp Program is to improve the nutrition of people in low-income households. Food Stamps benefits are issued via an Electronic Benefit Transfer Card (EBT).

**Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Offices:**

**Exposition Park District Office -12**

3833 S. Vermont Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90037  
(323) 730-6188

**Wilshire Special District Office-10**

2415 W. Sixth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90057  
(213) 738-4311

**Civic Center District Office-14**

813 E. Fourth Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
(213) 974-4301

**Florence District Office-17**

1740 E. Gage Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90001  
(323) 586-7218

**South Central District Office-27**

10728 S. Central Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90059  
(323) 563-4403

**Compton District Office-26**

211 E. Alondra Boulevard  
Compton, CA 90220  
(310) 603-8411