



- Mission:** “To break the cycle of homelessness by empowering people with the tools for self-sufficiency”
- Approach:** To help homeless individuals and families find work, save money, secure housing, and empower their lives
- Motto:** “A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out”

### PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- PATH Mall:** PATHMall: Borrowing from the effective “one-stop” model, PATH created the PATHMall, a unique kind of mall designed to offer support for the homeless. At the PATHMall homeless people can literally “shop” for services provided by over 20 on-site social service providers, all under one roof! Some of the services available at the PATHMall include case management, substance abuse counseling, a job center, mental health services, legal advocacy, healthcare, and even a beauty salon, all free of charge.
- Housing Services:** PATHWays Transitional Housing: PATHWays housing helps individuals and families find permanent housing by providing transitional housing and supportive services. PATH operates the following PATHWays programs:
- PATHWays/Men: 39 beds for individual men located in the Regional Homeless Center (Los Angeles)
  - PATHWays/Women: 21 beds for individual women in the Regional Homeless Center (Los Angeles)
  - PATHCares: 18 beds in private rooms for men with special needs located in the Regional Homeless Center (Los Angeles)
  - PATHWays Westside Center: 32 beds for men, women and families located in the PATH Westside Center (West Los Angeles)
  - Rhonda Fleming Family Center: Located in the Regional Homeless Center, the RFFC provides 20 beds for mothers and their children. The program also has a tutoring center where children receive tutoring and recreational activities.
- PATHWays Interim Housing: Located in our Hollywood Center, this program provides 65 beds for chronically homeless men and women in the Hollywood and Los Angeles areas. Residents receive personalized support services that emphasize housing placement.
- LA HEALS (Healthy Exits and Linkages to Services): In partnership with local hospitals, LA HEALS is a strategic collaborative that links discharged homeless patients to stable housing and supportive services through PATH and its partnering agencies. Through the program, patients receive on-going support to secure permanent housing and long-term self-sufficiency.
- Employment Services:** PATHFinders Job Centers: Full-service employment centers that offer homeless job-seekers the resources to develop marketable skills, secure employment and gain greater financial independence. The program provides employment counseling, job preparation workshops, education opportunities, vocational training and gives clients access to office resources. PATH operates two PATHFinders sites, located in the Regional Homeless Center (Los Angeles) and the Westside Center (West Los Angeles).
- Outreach Services:** Street Outreach Teams: Our teams of outreach workers travel in vans and on foot to build relationships with homeless people living on the streets to encourage them to use local services and resources. The team also responds to calls for assistance from law enforcement, businesses and concerned citizens. Our outreach efforts are focused in the areas of Hollywood, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Inglewood and Los Angeles.

Hollywood Emergency Response Team (HERO): Specialized outreach teams specifically working with the Hollywood area to encourage homeless people to access supportive services.

Streets or Services (SOS) Program: A collaborative program operated by PATH with the Los Angeles Police Department that offers non-violent, quality of life offenders the option to enter social service programs rather than jail. SOS was created by the Mayor's Office, LAPD and the City Attorney's Office and consists of a network of providers including PATH, The Midnight Mission, Public Counsel, EIMAGO, Volunteers of America and Volunteer Center of Los Angeles.

Vera Brown Personal Care Center: The Vera Brown Personal Care Center is a full-service salon that offers free haircuts, makeovers, manicures and personal grooming services for homeless adults and children.

PATHMall Partners: Through the PATHMall, clients can access a complete network of supportive service providers, including mental health services, substance abuse treatment, health care, and legal assistance. For a list of the Mall partners, please check our website at [www.epath.org](http://www.epath.org).

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## People Assisting the Homeless

An Informational Guide



Los Angeles  
West Los Angeles  
Hollywood

People Assisting The Homeless (PATH) was founded in 1984 by a community collaborative of churches, synagogues, businesses, and concerned citizens that came together to address the problem of homelessness in Los Angeles. The group became incorporated as a non-profit with the mission “to break the cycle of homelessness by empowering people with the tools for self-sufficiency.” Our approach is to help homeless people find work, save money, secure housing, and empower their lives.

PATH operates our services out of three facilities (West Los Angeles, Hollywood, and Central Los Angeles), connecting clients to a comprehensive continuum of housing (emergency, transitional, permanent), street outreach, employment preparation and placement assistance, individualized case management, and supportive services.



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“Since 1984, PATH has been pioneering bold and effective approaches to assisting the homeless. Our approach is to help homeless people find work, save money, secure housing, and empower their lives.” - **Janet Kelly** PATH Executive Director



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### Strategic Outreach

The PATH Street Outreach and HERO (Hollywood Emergency Response Outreach) Teams set out onto the streets themselves to build trusting relationships with homeless people in order to encourage them to use local services and resources that are made available to them. The outreach teams also respond to calls from law enforcement, businesses, and concerned citizens, focusing mainly on the Hollywood, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Inglewood, Westchester and Los Angeles areas.

### PATH Hollywood

PATH Hollywood is a 65-bed interim housing program for chronically homeless adults. This program, which opened in 2005, provides an essential “first step” off of the streets and towards self-sufficiency for the traditionally ‘service resistant’ chronically homeless population.

### PATH Westside Center

PATH Westside Center, located in West Los Angeles, combines both quality residential living and an on-site employment center into a one-stop location. Alongside transitional housing, each client is given a goal-oriented employment “coach,” who helps with their case management plan and prepares them for, as well as helps them retain, permanent employment.

### PATHFinders Job Centers

The PATHFinders Job Centers are employment preparation and placement programs that respond to the diverse employment needs of homeless individuals, equipping them with the life skills and vocational training they need to secure and retain living wage employment and succeed in today’s job market. Our training programs prepare clients for in-demand jobs that pay living-wage salaries.

### PATH Los Angeles (The PATH Mall)

PATH Los Angeles houses 98 beds of transitional housing co-located with the PATHMall, an innovative and cost-effective centralized service center for the homeless. By bringing together more than 20 social service providers under one roof, the PATHMall eases the burden of homeless and low-income individuals from throughout Los Angeles County by enabling them to easily access the full range of services they need in one convenient location. Programs at the PATHMall include healthcare, substance abuse counseling, mental health care, legal aid, public benefits assistance, family services, domestic violence counseling, and even a full-service beauty salon to help prepare clients for job interviews and restore their sense of dignity and self-worth.

