

**SERVICES AND CONTACTS FOR THE CENTRAL CITY EAST
CASE MANAGERS SERVING HOMELESS FAMILIES IN THE SKID ROW AREA**



The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) serves the community through programs designed to both alleviate hardship and promote health, responsibility and economic independence. DPSS provides the following benefits and services to low-income families of Los Angeles County:

- ❖ **CalWORKs**
Cash benefits to needy children, under the age of 18 and their caretaker parent or relative. At least one of the household members must be a U.S. citizen or lawful immigrant.
- ❖ **Homeless Benefits**
Provides CalWORKs eligible families with money for temporary shelter and permanent housing move-in costs.
- ❖ **Specialized Supportive Services (SSS)**
Helps CalWORKs participants overcome barriers to work including domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse issues.
- ❖ **Food Stamps**
Provides benefits to assist low-income parents and their children in buying food in authorized retail stores.
- ❖ **Restaurant Meal Program**
Homeless families can use their EBT cards to purchase hot meals from restaurants that have signed an agreement with L.A. County and are certified to accept Food Stamp benefits.
- ❖ **GAIN**
Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) helps CalWORKs participants prepare for and find employment.
- ❖ **Child Care**
CalWORKs participants who are employed, looking for employment or participating in GAIN or SSS activities can receive funds for child care.
- ❖ **Transportation**
CalWORKs participants who are employed, looking for employment or participating in GAIN or SSS activities can receive funds for transportation.
- ❖ **Homeless Case Management**
DPSS workers assess the needs of CalWORKs homeless families and work with families by providing services such as crisis intervention, short-term stabilization, individualized housing plans and SSS.

DPSS Website:
www.dpss.lacounty.gov

CalWORKs Central Helpline:
(877) 481-1044

Health & Nutrition Hotline:
(877) 597-4777

Restaurant Meals Website:
http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/restaurant_meals/default.cfm

SKID ROW ASSESSMENT TEAM
Leavey Center
522 South San Pedro St.,
Los Angeles, CA 90013
(213) 486-4995
Monday thru Friday
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
In case of a psychiatric emergency:
24 hours a day / 7 days a week
Call **ACCESS:** (800) 854-7771

For CalWORKs Families
Mental Health Services:
(213) 895-6258

Contact at Downtown Mental Health Center:
Lisa Wong, MA
(213) 430-6732

Child Abuse Hotline:
(800) 540-4000
For consultations on child abuse or neglect issues and medical issues related to children of homeless families.