

**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**
Provide CalWORKs eligible families with money for temporary shelter and permanent housing move-in costs.
- **Specialized Supportive Services**
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 Meals Program**
Homeless families can use their EBT cards to purchase hot meals from restaurants that have signed an agreement with Los Angeles 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 Specialized Supportive Services activities can receive funds for child care.
- **Transportation**
CalWORKs participants who are employed, looking for employment, or participating in GAIN or Specialized Supportive Services activities can receive funds for transportation.
- **Homeless Case Management**
DPSS workers assess needs of CalWORKs homeless families and work with families by providing services such as crisis intervention, short-term stabilization, individualized housing plans, and Specialized Supportive Services.

Note: Certain eligibility and criteria requirements must be met for the above programs.

MIDNIGHT MISSION

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

DPSS CalWORKs Eligibility Worker
(213) 624-9258 X1549

UNION RESCUE MISSION

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DPSS CalWORKs Eligibility Worker
(213) 347-6300 X1611 or X1613

DPSS Website: www.ladpss.org

Health & Nutrition Hotline: (877) 597-4777

Restaurant Meals Website:

http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/restaurant_meals/default.cfm

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

In case of a psychiatric emergency:
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Call **ACCESS: 1-800-854-7771**

For CalWORKs mental health services information
Contact **Dr. Elizabeth Gross** at
LAC DMH CalWORKs Program: **(213) 738-3103**

Contacts at Downtown Mental Health Center
Stacy Williams, RN: (213) 430-6714
Lisa Wong, MA: (213) 430-6899

Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 540-4000

For consultations on child abuse or neglect issues and medical issues related to children of homeless families.