

WHAT IS THE ARK OF REFUGE?

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Founded in 1992, The Ark of Refuge 501c3 Nonprofit was created to advocate for specialized populations in underserved communities. Our initial programs were; providing non-shelter services to TAY (ages 16-24), & DV Clients, alongside managing an Outpatient HIV Care Facility in Oakland CA.

In 2008, we added DV Emergency Housing and Crisis Response Motel Vouchers to our list of services. For this specialized group we provide; Brick and Mortar Emergency Shelter (9702 International Blvd. Oakland CA), Motel Vouchers for up to 7 days, Tapered Rental Subsidies, Culturally Competent Counseling, Case Management, Cal VCB Application Assistance, Emergency Food And Clothing, Emergency Transportation, and Other Vital Client Services.

The Ark of Refuge receives referrals from Sacramento County HMIS, Word-Of-Mouth, Steet Outreach, Law Enforcement, and NGO Partners. Our experience as a direct service provider has taught us that collaborating with community partners is the best way to serve our clients.

As a result, we now lead an NGO program that is recognized statewide under the umbrella of the Sacramento County HMIS as well as the State Registry Of Charitable Trust and Department of Justice. Because of these allegiances, clients are easily connected to additional resources provided by municipalities that reach beyond our own extensive service.



Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide inner-city communities with a perpetual sustenance program that is reliable. All of our programs have a separate mission for a collective goal, end communal impoverishment. The Ark of Refuge aims to indirectly rebuild trust between transient populations and municipalities through governmentally funded programs.

Corporate Vision

The Ark of Refuge's vision is to have more than one mission. The Ark of Refuge has varying programs therefore it is only right each program has its own objective. The Street Outreach program is in congruence but not exactly the same as Food Distribution. Just as the Poverty Diversion program's mission is not the same as Emergency Response.

Our overall goal is to eliminate homelessness and its leading factors. We have outreach centers in every county we operate. These counties are Sacramento County, San Francisco County, and Alameda County (Congressional Districts: 3, 6, 11, and 13) and soon to be Contra Costa County.

The total population of these districts combined is 3,313,000. As of 2019, the cumulative transient population was 21,627, half of which are Transitional Age Youth, 23% Chronic, 17% In-Shelter, and the remainder living in uninhabitable circumstances.

The Ark has established itself as an active participant in the local, public non-profit social services network to promote coordinated efforts with the community (COC). We do this by providing emergency shelter located at 9702 International Blvd., Oakland CA 94608 for over two decades.

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Programmatic Offerings

- ✓ Bi-Monthly Community Events
 - Boys/Girls' Days Out
 - Major League Sports
- ✓ Temporary Housing Services
 - Motel Vouchers
 - Emergency Shelter
- ✓ Food Distribution Program
 - Monthly Amazon Delivery
 - Sunday's Soup Kitchen
- ✓ Poverty Diversion Services
 - Rental Assistance
 - Transportation Vouchers
 - Ark Of Refuge Care Grant
 - Holiday Donations
- ✓ Crisis Response Services
 - Crisis Transportation
 - Emergency Clothing

The Ark of Refuge collaborates with :

HOSPITALITY CENTERS:

Life moves, Sacramento County CES (Coordinated Entry System) partners. Friendship Park (Loaves and Fishes), Mary house, Wellspring Women's Center, and Midtown HART Respite Center.

HOUSING RESOURCES:

Next Move Homeless Services' Permanent Supportive Housing, Mercy Housing.

MOTEL VOUCHER PROGRAMS:

Dept. of Human Assistance, The Salvation Army, Traveler's Aid.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS:

My Sisters House, WEAVE, Oakland Elizabeth House.

OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT:

BAART Programs, MedMark Treatment