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The non-profit Alcoholism Center for Women was founded in 1974 with a pioneering commitment to the successful recovery from and prevention of alcohol and other drug-related problems among women at high risk for substance abuse.

Our 6-month residential alcohol and drug addiction recovery program was the first on the West Coast designed exclusively for women. Striving to meet growing community needs, ACW now provides leading-edge recovery and prevention services to more than 150 diverse women and teens every month.

We are licensed and certified by the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Program and are certified by California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources, certified personnel skilled in providing industry-recognized evidence-based programs in a supportive sober environment.

Our nearly four decades of committed, innovative and effective services have made us a respected and trusted beacon of hope in the underserved Pico Union area of Los Angeles.
At the Alcoholism Center for Women, we are passionately dedicated to helping women build a lifelong foundation for recovery. Our integrated 6-month residential recovery program effectively guides and supports women through every phase of recovery, leading millions of women to freedom from alcohol and drugs.

In our caring and safe environment, we focus on key areas including:
- Drug and Alcohol Services
- Relapse Prevention
- 12-Step Recovery
- Anger Management
- Self-Esteem Building
- Life Skills
- Domestic Violence
- Healthy Relationships
- HIV/AIDS Awareness
- Social and Recreational Activities
- Art Therapy
- Parenting Skills

Our structured program is a safe haven at Serenity House. It provides individualized treatment plans, one-on-one and group counseling, and case management assistance in a caring and quality home environment.

Our Valued Community Supporters Include:
Residential & Out-Client Recovery

Who We Are

Protecting Our Youth

Our future depends on our children, and ACW is dedicated to providing a strong foundation they need to build positive futures against the lure of drug and alcohol abuse, gang affiliation, and school dropouts.

Our New Choices for Positive Futures After School Program offers a safe refuge for homework tutoring, book clubs, learning computer skills, and enrichment activities including crafts and performance arts.

Specialized Girls' Chat and Boyz Club Programs provide intensive substance abuse prevention education in small group settings for high-risk middle- and high-school girls and boys, focusing on strengthening self-esteem, confidence, and empowerment.

Our Parenting Classes in Spanish, for parents of teens and adolescents, provide guidance and practical and relevant skills to improve communication, resolve family conflict, and strengthen cooperation.

Transforming Lives

Our Valued Community Supporters Include:

Hope

“There are dangers in life. ACW can help. They make this place fun and peaceful.”

- Carlos, 16
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Our Valued Community Supporters Include:

Annenberg Foundation’s Alchemy Program | ANetteWork, LLC | Cal State, Northridge, Department of Social Work
County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention Control | Orange County Community Foundation
People In Progress, Inc. | Playas Las Tuñas | Ralphs | The Ahmanson Foundation | The Rose Hills Foundation | Winston & Strawn, LLP
Pan American Bank | Zuma Engineering & Research

Success

“ACW has afforded me an opportunity to grow. They have encouraged me and made me believe that I can do it. And they’re giving me the tools to go out there and live. And once I’m out there, I’m going to be a productive member of society and I’m going to give back.”

“I was broken...but ACW is truly a miracle house. I am clean and sober and am hopeful about my future again. I can feel myself growing and will forever be grateful.”

“There is something different here, something special here that you don’t find at other places. ...They focus on each and every person. They care about us as people.”

Quotes from current and former ACW residents
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**The Need Today**

ACW is the only substance abuse treatment agency specifically for women and youth in Los Angeles County’s highest-risk and most densely populated areas: 24% of households are below the poverty line, and 31% are uninsured.

- 30% of adults lack a high school education.
- 85% are Latino, with the majority foreign-born.
- Crime, gang, and drug activities in our communities are among the highest in the county.
- Our area accounts for an estimated 15% of all Los Angeles County drug and alcohol users.

Substance abuse is a nationwide crisis:

- More than 4.4 million women over the age of 12 use illicit drugs.
- More than 2.2 million women over the age of 12 engage in heavy drinking five or more days a week.
- Heavy alcohol use alone accounts for about 75,000 deaths annually.

In ACW, we are committed to combating alcoholism and drug abuse by transforming lives one day at a time in our community.

**Effective, Evidence-based Results**

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**Connect with us on:**

- [Alcoholism Center for Women](http://www.alcoholismcenterforwomen.org)
- [Alcoholism Center for Women’s Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ACWLA)
- [Alcoholism Center for Women’s Twitter](https://twitter.com/ACWLA)
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- [Alcoholism Center for Women’s LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/alcoholism-center-for-women)

**Quick Facts**

- Over 3,000 women were reached by ACW in 2019.
- More than 150 women were served by ACW in 2019.
- More than 290 women were served by ACW in 2019.
- Approximately 22,000 women were served by ACW in 2019.

**95% Sobriety**

More than 75,000 deaths annually due to heavy alcohol use alone.
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Effective, Evidence-based Results

- ACW is dedicated to the efficient and effective use of every dollar contributed to its cause. The center's mission, commitment, and track record of leading-edge, evidence-based programs have proven results.

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Invest in Our Community

- Helping more than 100 women and youth every month overcome drug and alcohol challenges through prevention and recovery programs.
- Supporting our certified staff of treatment and prevention specialists working on the front lines of Los Angeles County's most at-risk and underprivileged areas.
- Ensuring a safe and supportive sober environment where women and youth learn to make new choices for positive futures.
- Building a stronger, safer, positive future for our children and communities.

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