



DCFS at Work Investing in Los Angeles County families every day



Supervising Children's Social Worker and Program Liaison Brandie Blount-Turner collaborates with regional offices and community partners to foster safety, healing and reunification in tandem with resolving housing instability.

Bringing Families Home Program Reunites Families and Restores Hope

For Kiahmees F., a single mother with a 2-year-old daughter who found herself homeless — moving from shelter to shelter, sleeping in tents, parks and cars — a home isn't just four walls and a roof; it's the first step toward a stable future where her child can grow and flourish. After connecting with Bringing Families Home (BFH) and receiving help from Upward Bound House, Kiahmees secured a studio apartment and has been living there for more than a year, now on the cusp of retaining full custody of her daughter.

For families caught in the complex challenges of homelessness and child welfare services, the BFH program is a lifeline. Particularly in Los Angeles

County, where thousands struggle to find a place to call their own, this Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) program offers a foundation of stability. Based out of the Metro North Office, BFH provides rapid rehousing, rental assistance and a network of supportive services to families involved with child welfare. To date, 1,144 families have been permanently housed, including 2,718 children.

“This program is amazing at helping families navigate permanent housing,” said Supervising Children’s Social Worker Brandie Blount-Turner, a dedicated DCFS staff member of 17 years who has been with BFH for the past year. “We collaborate across agencies to make sure that every family has what they need.”

The program’s goal is simple but profound: To help families avoid foster care placement due to housing instability and support their reunification when necessary. For many families, this assistance is a chance to reestablish themselves.

For BFH client John L., a single father who endured five years of homelessness, moving between abandoned units and motels while struggling to care for his 11-year-old child, reliable housing represents a journey toward self-sufficiency and healing. John worked closely with his case manager to build a plan that also involved elevating his overall quality of life. In tandem with the support of The Whole Child, one of BFH’s contracted providers, John was able to find housing and reunite with his child.



Bringing Families Home (BFH) Manager Maira Sanabria underscores that while each family has a unique story, they all share a common goal: To find stability, reunite with their children and build a future together.

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