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WE BELIEVE THAT ONE'S HEALTH SHOULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY THEIR ZIP CODE OR PLACE OF BIRTH AND THAT ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY CARE. THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SEEKS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND PREVENTION RESOURCES AND INTEGRATED PHYSICAL, SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. WHEN OUR RESIDENTS CAN GET THE CARE THEY NEED, OUR COMMUNITIES THRIVE AND PROSPER.

The first measure of a successful community is the health of its residents. Los Angeles County has an economy larger than most countries, yet one in five residents lives below the poverty line. The number of Angelenos who lack health insurance is greater than the population of several states. Hardest hit by the lack of insurance are undocumented immigrant communities. Ineligible to receive health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, they depend on L.A.'s network of community clinics to obtain life-saving treatment and preventive care.

Physical health care isn't the only glaring need. Studies estimate that nearly 20% of Americans struggle with a mental health condition. In Los Angeles County, that represents close to 2 million people. Yet most receive no treatment.

THE WAY FORWARD

CCF seeks to ensure that all Angelenos have access to high-quality, affordable prevention and care including medical, mental health, substance use, dental and vision services.

Throughout L.A. County we support nonprofits, not just clinics and hospitals, that serve the most vulnerable in our communities. Within each community we are led by local leaders to address issues of greatest importance to their residents.

BY THE NUMBERS

- **750,000** Angelenos are uninsured.
- **One in four** L.A. adults have difficulty obtaining medical care.
- **833,000** L.A. residents seek mental health care over the course of a year.

In order to achieve our goal, we focus on four primary strategies:

INTEGRATION OF PRIMARY CARE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

Increase integration of medical, mental health, substance use, dental, and vision services including prevention, care and treatment with an emphasis on publicly-funded nonprofit organizations whose missions center on health.

LINKING SYSTEMS

Facilitate collaboration among the L.A. County health systems, nonprofit hospital/health systems, and other publicly funded nonprofits and community partners whose missions center on health to address the root causes of racial/ethnic health disparities including but not limited to immigration status and racial equity.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Support policy and advocacy efforts of nonprofits whose missions center on health that promote universal access to and utilization of health coverage, services and other public benefits.

SUPPORTING HEALTH IN SOUTH L.A.

CCF's **Centinela Valley Medical and Community Funds** helps eligible hospitals and community-based organizations improve community engagement and ensure access to quality health care and preventive services for the economically disadvantaged residents of the Centinela Valley and surrounding areas. The fund serves Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lennox, Los Angeles, El Segundo, Watts, Compton and Lawndale.

BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

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