



## **Supportive Sustainable Family Housing Program** **Overview**

The Imagine LA Supportive Sustainable Family Housing (SSFH) Program is a two-year collaboration between Imagine LA, Faith Partners, Transitional Housing and Service Providers and Homeless Families ready to seek their own housing. Together these parties work together, one Family and one Faith Partner at a time, first to help the family find and move into their own housing and then to flourish in their new environment.

The blueprint of the program is the Family's Independent Living Plan. This Plan is created under the leadership of the case manager with input from the Family, the Faith Partner and Imagine LA. The Plan outlines the Family's goals (including each child's goals) and related budgets. The Faith Partner team helps each member of the Family achieve their goals in a sensitive step-by-step fashion.

Beyond goals and plans, the Faith Partner team members are caring and nurturing resources for the family – a male role model that likes to play ball or someone to play *Candyland* or go to the park with them when mom just needs a break. Specifically Faith Partners provide:

- Assistance in finding and securing an apartment.
- Assistance in moving in and outfitting the apartment.
- Assistance in achieving Plan goals (e.g., transportation to critical appointments, new job opportunities, help getting a child settled in school).
- Mentorship

Critical to the success and fun of the program is the Family's willingness to really engage in the process of creating and implementing their Independent Living Plan and Budget. And perhaps more importantly the openness to allow people to come along side them and their children and help, be their friend. To facilitate the success of the Plan and the program, the following is asked of the participant Families:

- Family willingly participates in the creation of an Independent Living Plan & Budget (ILP&B) with their case manager, Imagine LA and the Faith Partner.



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- Family is open to mentorship, educational and employment enrichment opportunities, as well as job training or life skills.
- Family actively works with the case manager and Faith Partner team on implementing their Plan. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Creating Monthly goals and tracking the activities needed to achieve them.
  - Regular (weekly) and timely communication with the Case Manager and the Faith Partner.
  - Maintaining a detailed budget and participating in bi-weekly follow-up meetings (includes tracking all receipts).
  - Adhering to the apartment lease terms and paying bills on a timely basis.
  - If necessary, weekly meal planning and shopping.
  - If necessary, regular participation in rehabilitation or AA type meetings.
- Family avoids illegal behavior and maintains a clean, sober and healthy lifestyle.
- Family adheres to all guidelines and responsibilities stated in the Memorandum of Understanding.

