

INTRODUCTION

As Los Angeles' oldest children's charity founded by the Daughters of Charity in 1856, Maryvale has a long and rich history of serving children, youth, and families.

Three years ago, as Maryvale embarked on a major transition in its programs, we explored ways to have a greater impact in the community, serving more people with a greater array of services as part of a comprehensive three-year strategic plan. It has been exciting to see the following progress:



Our community-based Mental Health program implemented a Prevention and Early Intervention program and expanded its Outpatient Care Services program, leading to a 68% increase in unique clients served and an 84% increase in average daily census.



Twenty-slot expansion at our Rosemead early education center and 24-slot expansion at our new location in South El Monte with an 86% increase in average monthly enrollment.



Seton House, our new temporary housing program, has served 39 mothers and 50 children since its inception in August 2022, resulting in 71% of moms successfully building skills necessary for independence, with 26% exiting to independent permanent housing, 29% to family reunification, and 16% to follow-on programs with the shared end goal of independent living.



Since opening in August 2023, Connections by Maryvale, a mental health, substance use, co-occurring program, is fully staffed and, through a collaboration with Azusa Pacific University under a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant, is providing drug education to multiple school districts in the San Gabriel Valley with a planned grand opening of the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) and Enhanced Care Management (ECM) in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024.

While we have made important strides in growing and expanding Maryvale's services, there is much work still to be done; this new plan builds on all that has been accomplished these past few years. As you read through our 2025-2027 strategic plan, you will see our ongoing focus to build out our continuum of high-quality services, develop a continuum of housing solutions, position Maryvale as an innovator and leader of transformative services for children, youth, and families; and ensure Maryvale's future growth and sustainability. These are lofty goals, but we are most definitely ready and willing to accept the challenge!

I am deeply grateful for all the individuals, funders, and community partners who have continued their collaboration and support during these transition years and to all those who have newly joined us as we build on Maryvale's rich history of service in Los Angeles County. I am especially thankful for our associates who serve those in our care with immense respect and compassion.

As we begin this next chapter, we stay committed to finding ways to fulfill our mission by lifting up one individual, one family, one community at a time. I invite you to join us as we write the next chapter in Maryvale's story!

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