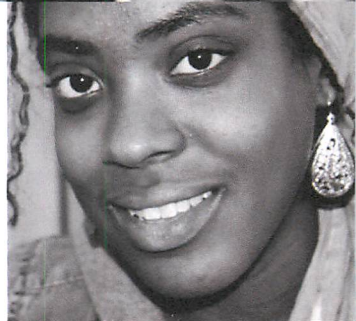


S.P.Y
safe place for youth

Our mission is to inspire, nurture and empower the resilient human spirit of homeless youth by providing immediate and lasting solutions, ***one young person at a time.***



Founded in 2011 by a group of dedicated volunteers and Founder/Executive Director Alison Hurst, Safe Place for Youth (SPY) is the leading service provider for homeless youth in West Los Angeles. In 2016, 1,322 unduplicated individual's ages 12-25 received life-saving support across SPY's continuum of care. Our program prioritizes low barriers for entry, harm-reduction, and a trauma informed approach in order to best meet the unique needs of young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.



STREET OUTREACH

Trained outreach teams engage with street-based youth throughout West LA three times a week, providing survival resources and a direct connection to SPY's Drop-In Center.



DROP-IN SERVICES

Located in Venice Beach, our Drop-In Center is open five days a week for youth to heal and connect to services that are essential to exiting homelessness in a safe, supportive environment.



Healthy meals served by volunteers, hot showers, and clothing are available for youth to meet their basic survival needs.



HOUSING

As the Youth CES Regional Coordinator for West LA, SPY works closely with agencies throughout the county to ensure that youth have access to all available housing resources, and then provides ongoing support once they are housed.



HEALTH/WELLNESS

Weekly medical clinics, dental care, mental health counseling, HIV testing and Medical signups are provided onsite by local partner agencies. Healing arts workshops are also offered to youth through this program.



CASE MANAGEMENT

Case Managers work with youth to address their short and long term goals to stability. Services include housing navigation and placement, parenting and prenatal care, family reunification, and drug rehabilitation.



EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

This program provides job readiness and workforce training, life skills workshops, high school completion, onsite internships, youth advocacy groups, and continued support throughout one's education/employment journey.