



## INMED Leaves Compton with Pride in the Past and Hope for the Future



INMED began serving Compton and surrounding communities in South Los Angeles in 1994, soon after the uprising that left much of the area in despair. Plagued by rampant gang violence and poverty, families in this dangerous city needed support and services. In response to requests by the community and local organizations, INMED opened a center in Compton and launched the perinatal home visiting program, MotherNet L.A., to help improve birth outcomes, strengthen parenting skills and support early childhood development in this high-risk community. INMED is proud to have been a pioneer in introducing programs that are now recognized and funded by the child advocacy organization

First 5 LA through its Select Home Visitation Program.

The cornerstone of INMED's services in California, the MotherNet L.A. program launched support groups that still continue to meet today, and whose members themselves now provide their own community outreach. INMED also implemented a number of additional programs to address the area's needs through a broad range of home-, school- and community-based services.

Now, 20 years later, as INMED concludes operations in LA County, Compton is a community of hope and growth. County funding has increased for Compton, community parks have been refurbished, security measures have improved and Compton has been selected as a "Best Start" community, another First 5 LA program. INMED led the charge and mobilized community members to take part in ongoing community planning for the Best Start initiative, and is proud of the response and intensive collaboration that has been accomplished. Now it is time to pass the torch and move on from Compton, so we take a look back at what we accomplished in the last 20 years in Los Angeles:

INMED Partnerships for Children supported more than 43,000 youth and family members in the Compton community, which translates into:



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Our programs are expanding around the world and focus on:

- Health
- Education
- Family Services
- Youth Development
- Adaptive Agriculture (aquaponics)

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- Babies being born healthy and growing up healthy;
- Formerly obese children becoming more physically active and learning to make healthier food choices;
- Teen mothers avoiding repeat births and graduating from high schools and vocational schools, providing them with new pathways out of poverty;
- Overburdened parents learning to bond with their children and stimulate their optimal development;
- Children of prisoners—at risk of perpetuating the cycle of intergenerational incarceration—connecting to positive adult role models and gaining the self-esteem needed to help them make better choices than their parents.



## ► Highlights from INMED's Programs in L.A.:

**Intensive Perinatal Case Management:** Babies born in the program had healthy birth weights, were linked to a medical home and stayed up to date on immunizations.

**Case Management for Chronic Conditions:** Families learned how to treat their children's health conditions, reduce triggers and improve their overall health.

**Mentoring:** By providing children of prisoners with a positive adult role model, INMED helped reduce the statistical probability that these children will one day also be incarcerated.

**Youth Gang Intervention:** Participating youth reduced their affiliation with gangs and joined after-school activities and job training programs after receiving comprehensive case management and counseling from INMED.

**Domestic Violence Education and Case Management:** Education, intensive support, help in navigating the legal system and the development of safety plans helped participants achieve their personal goals for making a fresh start free from family violence.

**Community Health Access:** Through health coverage enrollment and immunization outreach, child adolescent vaccination rates increased and hundreds of children and pregnant women enrolled or retained health coverage annually.


**Referral Network:** INMED's collaborative partnership with clinical providers, social service agencies, public services and mental health resources linked hundreds of families in need of services with local facilities each year.

**Community-Level Obesity Reduction:** INMED's parent education and empowerment program rallied school district officials and parents to launch a Wellness Committee to improve the school food environment.

**Compton Family Health Collaborative:** Through an unprecedented community collaboration, INMED mobilized dozens of local service providers, schools and government agencies to share resources and work together to deliver community-wide initiatives such as immunization campaigns and health fairs.

"INMED's work was important in our community because it opened doors to those who were distressed, afraid, confused and did not have anyone to turn to," explains Olga Torres, a long-time case manager, family educator and parent organizer. The most rewarding part of her job, Olga says, was helping families reach their goals and enjoy a better quality of life. "Just seeing their smiling faces," she says, "when families were able to stand on their own two feet was gratifying."

**INMED Expands Programs in Virginia**  
**New Youth Center Planned**



Plans are underway to launch a youth center in the struggling community of Loudoun County, Virginia, where up to 2 in 3 children are economically disadvantaged and the number of at-risk youth is on the rise.

Click here to see our programs in Virginia's Loudoun County.

## ► Comments from Our Past Participants:

"Emily [INMED Case Manager] is an important person in my life. I still keep in touch with her. She is one of the persons who motivated me to continue my education."

**Melissa**  
teen mom

"Month after month we [my INMED Case Manager] spoke about different topics that helped me to become a good mom and keep my son healthy."

**Stacy**  
teen mom

"Thank you Emily [INMED Case Manager], Best Babies Collaborative, and INMED! Because of you...I graduated from high school and went on to become a certified nursing assistant and a certified home health aide."

**Bianca**  
teen mom

"Now I am doing everything right for my life. God has given me a second chance."

**Nichole**  
former drug addict  
and survivor of  
domestic violence

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