

IMPACT SUMMARY 2023

Access and Engagement for People Experiencing Vehicular Homelessness

THE NEED

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority 2024 homeless count, people experiencing vehicular homelessness comprise over 44% — totaling more than 23,000 adults and children — of Los Angeles County’s unsheltered population. This is the largest subgroup of people living on the streets throughout LA County.

There are glimmers of hope in the 2024 data, as the numbers for homelessness plateaued and unsheltered homelessness declined. However, there remains an overwhelming need for access and engagement for households living in cars, vans, and recreational vehicles. Safe parking programs enhance the Los Angeles region’s homelessness response by offering stability and extending services to many individuals and families with nowhere else to turn.



4 OUT OF 5 PARTICIPANTS

Are homeless for the first time

DID YOU KNOW?

10% OF PARTICIPANTS

Are children and transitional-age youth



1 IN 3 PARTICIPANTS

Are over the age of 55

OUR MISSION: Safe Parking LA provides safe overnight parking to facilitate stability and housing in Los Angeles County for individuals living in their vehicles, and advocates for fair and equitable treatment and resources for the unhoused.



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SERVICES PROVIDED



Community Warmline and Intake



Safe Parking Lot Operations



Case Management and Resource Coordination



Emergency Funds and Financial Assistance



Referrals and Linkages to Housing

PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

MICHAEL'S FAMILY

Michael and his wife, Richay, achieved their lifelong goals of owning a home and starting a family. It felt like the couple had “made it.” However, tragedy struck when they lost their one-year-old daughter, leading to disputes with the hospital and a heavy emotional and financial burden. The family welcomed their second daughter, Melanie, soon after.



The destabilizing impact of their daughter's death and the strain on their finances resulted in loss of housing for the family, who soon found themselves living in their vehicle to save money for their baby's needs. In their search for help, they enrolled in the **Vanowen Safe Parking Program**.

Safe Parking LA provided the family with **assistance to address car maintenance issues** – including brakes, tires, and battery replacement – and gas cards to ease transportation costs. Their case managers successfully advocated for the family's **placement into housing** so that Michael, Richay, and Melanie no longer have to shelter in their vehicle.

“Safe Parking LA made it feel like we had shields on our back. It's different when you have advocates looking out for you.” ~ Michael

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You can help end vehicular homelessness today. To learn more, call **(323) 210-3375 ext. 3** or email give@safeparkingla.org.



YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

1,899
HOUSEHOLDS

Provided with referrals and offered program enrollment

512
PARTICIPANTS

Parked safely overnight and got connected to case management services

490
FINANCIAL AWARDS

Awarded to participants to help with hardships

33,478
SAFE NIGHTS

Spent in our program

126
PARTICIPANTS

Transitioned into housing

34%
PLACEMENT RATE

Achieved for participants who exited the program

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