

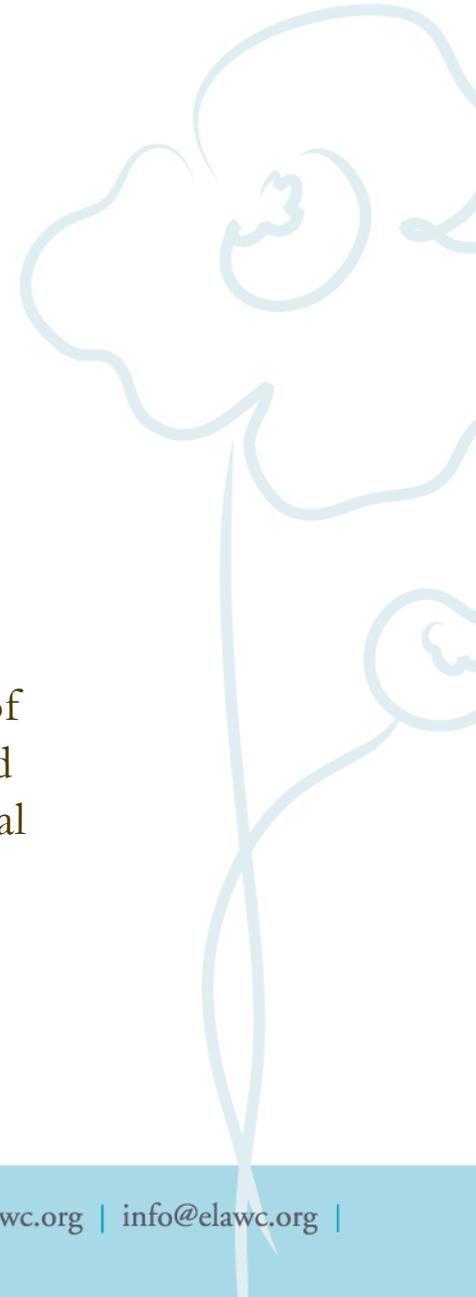
East Los Angeles
WOMEN'S CENTER
WHERE YOUR *Silence* IS Heard

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Since 1976 ELAWC has touched the lives of thousands of women and their families, empowering them to make a difference in their lives.

The **mission** of the East Los Angeles Women's Center is to ensure that all women, girls and their families live in a place of safety, health, and personal well-being, free from violence and abuse, with equal access to necessary health services and social support, with an emphasis on Latino communities.



Our purpose is to ignite

Esperanza – Hope in the lives of women and their families impacted by trauma, sexual and domestic violence. Using a holistic, trauma informed and culturally-centered approach.

ELAWC provides a broad range of personalized

services built on a foundation of best-practices, trauma informed evidence-based services, grounded in an empowerment model.

We recognize and honor the cultural strengths of the communities we serve. We provide services rooted in positive cultural influences that help families become grounded, centered, and interconnected. We are committed to creating culturally responsive programs that create violence free lives.



Creating an environment that supports trauma informed services helps survivors use skills they already possess, as well as to build new skills.

ELAWC Services:

Sexual Assault Services

24hr. Hotline &
Accompaniment

Domestic Violence
Services

HIV
Prevention/Intervention
Services

Hospital-based services-
emergency services,
emergency shelter
and housing
assistance



Youth Development
Program

Human Trafficking -
Outreach & Support

Substance Abuse
Recovery Support

College Campus Services

Instituto de Promotora-
National and local training
Promotoras contra la Violencia
Organizing Collectives

- ❖ ELAWC is nationally recognized for its Promotoras Contra la Violencia program. The empowerment model is focused on both sexual and domestic violence, mobilizing communities through collectives of community women who embrace the role of the Promotora, ultimately breaking the silence of sexual and domestic violence.
- ❖ This model utilizes a holistic, relational approach that creates a collective or supportive circle, it supports the development of a Latinas's identity, creates self-empowerment while building on existing strengths and acquiring new skills.

- ❖ The majority of the Promotoras are survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. **The Promotora** generously gives her time and reaches out to others at risk with her heart and soul. This role often becomes her life work. She defines herself as a **Promotora** and she is very proud of her role in her community.
- ❖ The model is fortified by building a strong alliance among the Promotoras, the organization and the community, and collectively building strong support networks for women who have been impacted by violence, disenfranchised, marginalized and silenced.

Promotoras Contra la Violencia



16 hour training

- Our Gender our Culture
- Rape and Sexual Assault
- Domestic Violence
- The history of Violence Against Women & Girls
- Public Speaking
- Advocacy
- Community Resources
- Self Development

Promotoras Contra la Violencia

Power Circles:

- Enhance personal skills
- Increase knowledge of community resources/programs
- Team and community building
 - Self care
- On average, 60-80 Promotoras attend our monthly meetings



Promotoras Contra la Violencia



Collectives:

- East Los Angeles
- Southeast Los Angeles
- Boyle Heights
- Compton/South LA

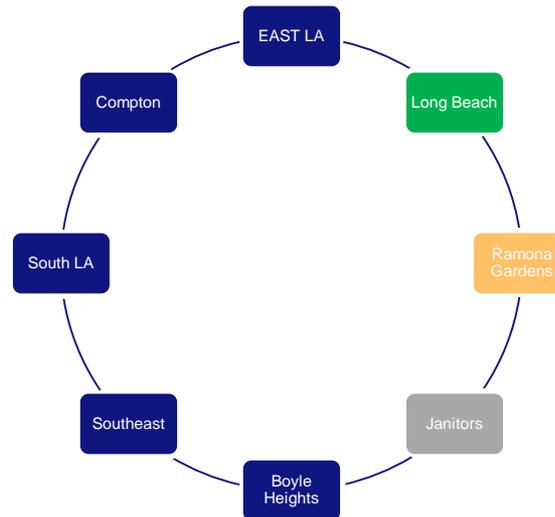
To be established:

- Long Beach
- Ramona Gardens
- Janitors

Collectives

Five Promotora collectives were developed under previous CSSP grants.

The target communities benefit from the collectives by creating a **sustainable voice in the community.**



The collectives are organic and rooted in their communities.

The members benefit from the establishment of a collective in order to create safe spaces for

dialogue, a united voice and further engages other members to **organize and mobilize** community accountability and to end domestic and sexual violence in their communities.

Breaking the Silence-

Coming full circle



Women and more than
often Latinas are silenced
by:

**fear, social norms,
religious beliefs and
gender roles.**

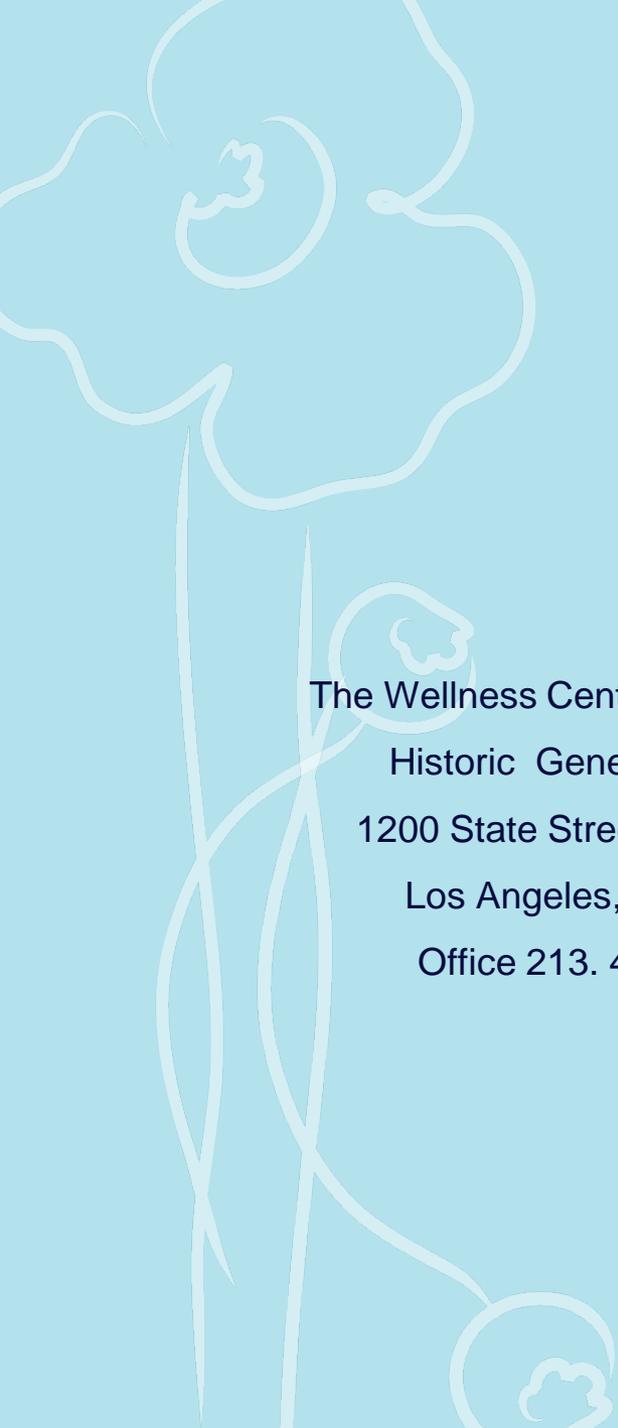
Together, collectively we
can help break the silence
and help individuals and
their families live in
peace.

Our Voices
Will Not
Be Silenced





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