About St. John’s

St. John’s Well Child & Family Center started as a one-room, volunteer pediatric clinic in 1964. Today, it is one of the largest non-profit healthcare providers in Los Angeles County: a Federally Qualified Health Center serving patients of all ages at 20 locations.

St. John’s strives for health equity by addressing the health care needs of low-income, uninsured, and under-insured people in Central/South Los Angeles and Compton. As a first-responder in the communities hardest-hit COVID-19, St. John’s launched a massive testing and contact tracing program in areas that had no access to testing and was the first community health center in the country to provide monoclonal anti-body infusion treatments for symptomatic COVID patients. In 2021, the agency opened 26 vaccination sites and launched the largest vaccination campaign by a community health center in the country. To date, St. John’s has administered 275,000 doses and counting. 94% of those vaccinated are low-income people of color.

St. John’s clinics are situated in stand-alone, school-based, mobile, and affordable housing sites. The diversity and expanse of our network enables us to reach those who most need our services: 83% of patients live in households with incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Level; 74% are enrolled in Medi-Cal; and 26% are uninsured. In addition to providing medical, dental, and behavioral health services, St. John’s goes beyond the traditional health care model by providing support services tailored to patients’ socio-economic needs and engaging the social determinants of health. Our partnerships with agencies working in health, education, social services, child welfare, legal assistance, reentry/anti-recidivism, and community/economic development complement and deepen the impact of our work on residents and our advocacy for systemic improvement.