# **OVERCOMING HARDSHIPS**

The Community Healing Project looks beyond individuals' trauma. We teach about our community's historical context and how to overcome any associated hardships and community trauma.

As part of the project, you will learn about historical traumas experienced in Willowbrook and Compton and the challenges of long-term social inequality. By understanding this history together, we can learn strategies to address poverty, joblessness, and the lack of community services.

By working with other partner organizations, we can also connect you with other resources. These resources can help with financial hardship, housing, health, case management, and other forms of support.



If you want to participate in any of the

Community Healing

Project's activities, please contact:

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You can also learn more on our website at drewcdc.org/services/trauma-informed-care-tic-training/



# Community Healing Project





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# **ABOUT DREW CDC**

Drew Child Development Corporation (Drew CDC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education and care of children in South Los Angeles, CA. Since 1987, Drew CDC's community-based programs have provided a variety of essential services to the underserved and culturally diverse families in our community. Drew CDC currently helps over 16,000 children and families every year.

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The Community Healing Project promotes community-based care in the Willowbrook/Compton area. The project provides services, trainings, and community events that focus on understanding and healing mental trauma.



# **OVERVIEW**



The Community Healing Project will provide you with the knowledge and tools to overcome traumatic events so you can help us heal the Willowbrook/Compton community.

Trauma is a powerful emotional response within our brains and bodies caused by stressful experiences. Trauma can affect:

- The brain and its development.
- Mental, behavioral, and chronic physical health conditions (SAMHSA, 2015).
- People of any age, gender, income level, race, or ethnicity.

To treat trauma, this project teaches
Trauma Informed Care (TIC). TIC is a special
method to help people that is more
sensitive to trauma than other types of
care. The project provides TIC and healing
through trainings and support groups to
individuals, caregivers, and families.

# **HOW WE WORK**

This project takes a collaborative approach. We build on individuals' strengths, look for barriers to recovery, and teach knowledge and strategies about TIC. Being trauma informed means recognizing that our children and fellow community members have experienced different types of traumas in their lives. You can learn how these traumas impact them and how to avoid further pain and trauma.

To guide and support the trauma recovery process, the project will include:

- Monthly Trainings (in English and Spanish)
- Coaching services
- Support groups
- Quarterly Townhall Meetings
- Connections to other community services

These activities will teach you how to support children and adults with trauma, how to use self-care strategies, and how to provide trauma-sensitive services, such as mindfulness and relaxation practices.

