



We are the Church Working in the World

Strengthening Children, Youth and Families through: Youth Counseling, Tutoring, Parent Education, Job Training and Placement and, Mentoring.

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Project IMPACT has twelve locations throughout the United States. Since 1986, Project IMPACT has served over 60,000 youth, helping to reduce youth and domestic violence.



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Making the Difference



*And You America,
Cast you the real reckoning
Upon Boyhood Look; Girlhood Look;
The Lights and Shadows of our Future.
-Emerson*



Project IMPACT Back-to-School Event Draws Thousands of Youth



Thousands of youth were reached with support services including each child receiving a backpack filled with school supplies provided by World Vision. The event was a collaborative effort of church, school, government and community coming together in a show of support to help youth at-risk of academic failure. The day was festive with Faith and Community based organizations present with information booths aimed at **helping prepare our youth for the future.** Special thanks to our community partners: World Vision, the Department of Children and Family Services, Compton Community College, the City of Compton, to our Faith and Community based organizations, our volunteers and staff who made the day a success and to the thousands of kids and families who



stopped by to say **"thank you"** for making a difference.

Dr. Matt Harris Shares the Work of Project IMPACT at the Clergy-Court Conference



Making the Connection between the Church and the Courts - In a meeting of over 100 Churches, Ministers and Superior Court Judges, Dr. Harris shares the work of Project IMPACT that offers opportunities for the church and courts to work together to provide intervention services for youth and families in need of help.

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Meeting the Challenge

The fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin has sparked a national debate on the safety and welfare of our children. People magazine said it best, it is an *“American Tragedy”*. Part of the real tragedy arising from this debate is our failure to develop the capacity to reach youth and families that are threatened by violence. Behind such loss, there’s a

face, a family, a friend and a community searching for answers that offer healing and hope. Among the leading causes of death of youth between the ages of 15 – 24 are homicide, accidental death (drug and alcohol related) and suicide.

Three leading causes of death by age group and race/ethnicity

	#1 Cause of death	#2 Cause of death	#3 Cause of death
15-24 years			
White	Accident	Suicide	Homicide
Hispanic	Homicide	Accident	Suicide
Black	Homicide	Accident	Suicide
Asian/Pacific Islander	Homicide	Accident	Suicide

More than talk about the problem, we at Project IMPACT are doing something about it. This past year we at Project IMPACT reached over 1,800 youth (see below), rescuing youth from gangs, drugs and violence. We have learned you can not abandon youth to hostile environments and expect change to come about with just good advice! Instead, we establish relationships with our youth, on-on-one, until our good advice brings about a positive change.

Program Highlights

Partner/Funding Agencies	Service Provided	Number Served
Department of Children and Family Service	911 Up-front Assessment, Youth and Family Support Counseling	922
Department of Mental Health	Tutoring, Youth and Family Support Counseling	100
Kedren Family Support Center	Youth Group Counseling	32
Probation Department	Youth Individual and Group Counseling	45
Department of Public Social Service	Tutoring, Mentoring and Youth Counseling	650
United Way	Tutoring	100
U.S. Department of Education	Supplemental Educational Services - Tutoring	68
Watts Labor Community Action Committee	Youth Counseling, Parent Education, Mentoring	169
California Department of Education	After School Snacks	964
Total Youth and Families Served (Unduplicated – youth and families benefiting from more than one service are counted only once).		1,886

180^o Challenge

“Turning It Around”

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF EVERYONE CARED? TAKE ACTION



“I’d rather have someone walk with me than merely point the way.”

We need your help ...

WE BELIEVE we can do something about this problem of youth and domestic violence ... *we believe* through the *180 Degree Challenge* we can *“turn things around!”*

Over the past 27 years, we have witnessed the remarkable capacity our youth have to respond to hope. These youth have had to face challenges many of us never had to think about and *they’re succeeding against the odds*. We’ve taken our message of hope off the drawing board and have taken it where the need is - we’re making the connection and making the difference!

We have set a goal to raise \$180,000 and are looking for 180 partners who would consider donating or pledging \$1,000 towards our efforts. Your support will help us maintain our current funding that requires matching funds. If you are not able to make or pledge \$1,000 any support you can offer us would be greatly appreciated. Your help will also go to support our “Mission Empowerment” program that helps churches across the country establish IMPACT programs to reach youth and families threatened by violence ... please join our *180 Degree Challenge*. Together, we can *“turn things around”*.