

# Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center SPECIAL REPORT | SPRING 2016



ELARC plays an important role in securing appropriate housing for the individuals we serve. Types of housing may range from supported living arrangements to licensed facilities to remaining in one's family home. ELARC works to promote opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to be integrated into the mainstream of life in their home communities. Additionally, ELARC seeks to support efforts that educate and inform those we serve, as well as the entire ELARC community, regarding their responsibility to take an active role in ensuring that their city, county, state, and federal representatives are planning and supporting the development of affordable, accessible housing in their communities. By participating in the development of housing resources, ELARC aims to increase affordable housing

in the communities we serve.

## **A Place Called Home**

On November 9th, 2015, representatives from the City of Los Angeles, the Mayor's office, the County of Los Angeles, the Housing Authority, WORKS, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Housing Works, the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center, various financial partners, and many others gathered for the blessing and grand opening of Teague Terrace.



Pictured left to right: Doris Weis of ELARC, Channa Grace of WORKS, and Frances Jacobs of ELARC.

Located in Eagle Rock, Teague Terrace is a Permanent Supportive Housing development that will house formerly homeless veterans, persons with developmental disabilities, and other formerly homeless populations. This housing development honors the vision of fair housing advocate Ruth Teague, who



believed in putting people first no matter what systemic or financial obstacles may exist. According to the Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing, Ms. Teague created and established housing plans that were relevant to the needs of the community it served; Teague Terrace is no exception.





### A Place To Grow

The critical need for quality, affordable housing in the Eastern portions of Los Angeles County is evidenced by the ongoing closure California's Developmental Centers, recent research pointing to the need for community inclusion, and many adult consumers living with aging parents. While the number of California's adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in institutions or medical settings comparatively small\*, there are countless others who are working towards independence and an improved quality of life through housing options. Part of ELARC's Person-Centered approach to service coordination and service delivery is evident in its commitment to seeing a meaningful impact in housing, including outcomes such as homeownership, accessibility, rent affordability, and more. ELARC promotes and participates in housing partnerships (such as Teague Terrace) to create and maintain affordable housing options as well as an array of support services that results in the individuals we serve having opportunities to live in a home of their choosing.

ELARC envisions a future where individuals will have benefitted from these partnerships through the work of approaching housing as a critical community issue and not as a disability issue.

\*As of 2014, total number of individuals served by the Department of Developmental Services: 276,788. Total number of individuals residing in state Developmental Centers: 1,368





WHERE DO ADULT II	NDIVIDIALS
SERVED BY ELARC LI	
Ноте	2700
Residential	615
SLS/ILS	480
Other	58
Medical	51
DCs	13
Source: Eastern Los A Center 2015 Purchase o	0

### **FUTURE PLANS**

#### Coming soon:

T. Bailey Manor

ELARC will be partnering once again with WORKS Los Angeles and others in the support and cultivation of a Permanent Supportive Housing development in Northeast Los Angeles!

Construction of T. Bailey Manor is scheduled for completion in Summer of 2017 and will become a place to grow for 45 households of persons with developmental disabilities, homeless veterans, and homeless persons with HIV/AIDS.

#### For more information:

Our website offers information on housing advocacy. Visit www.elarc.org/resources-publications/housing to find more information about housing resources. To view the ELARC Performance Contract for agency activities related to supporting individuals in their own homes, www.elarc.org/about-us/performance-contract. You may also contact our Housing Specialist in our Community Services Division at (626) 299-4771.



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