



Transformation.

## Why are we called Cameo House?

The symbolism is perfect. A seemingly plain stone, when carefully carved, can produce an exquisite silhouette of a beautiful woman, and it becomes a priceless gem. We hope our program will provide the same transformation for our participants. Upon graduation from Cameo House each resident is provided with a beautiful Cameo to remind them of that they too are an exquisite and priceless member of the Cameo House family and our community.



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and Criminal Justice

CJCJ is a non-profit nonpartisan organization whose mission is to reduce society's reliance on incarceration as a solution to social problems.

In pursuit of this mission, CJCJ provides direct services, technical assistance, and policy analyses that work in unison to promote a balanced and humane criminal justice system designed to reduce incarceration and enhance long-term public safety.

In 2012, the agency merged with the San Francisco-based Northern California Service League (NCSL), a 64-year-old agency providing high-quality community-based reentry services to formerly incarcerated individuals.

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# Cameo House

Transitional housing for  
formerly incarcerated mothers  
with children



# Guiding Principles

## Safety, respect, and dignity:

Cameo House understands that gender specific services are key in helping women successfully reenter into their communities.

Cameo House is a community that upholds the values of Safety, Respect, and Dignity.

Cameo House promotes and bridges healthy connections to children, family, significant others, and community.

Cameo House provides integrated, comprehensive, and culturally relevant clinical services and supervision.

Cameo House provides women with opportunities to improve their socioeconomic status and gain a foundation of skills, which support long-term stability.

Cameo House is a holistic, community-based, and culturally sensitive program.



*“Our goal is to provide a nurturing environment where women can reunify with their children and obtain long-term emotional and residential stability.”*

- Danielle Evans, Director of Women’s Services

Opened in 1997, Cameo House is a transitional housing program for homeless formerly incarcerated women with children. Residents must be 18 years or older, sober for 30 days, and certifiably homeless. Residents may live at Cameo House for up to 24 months.

Cameo House provides supportive services and reunification for women with up to two children. No other program in San Francisco focuses on this particular population, female ex-offenders with children.

## **Cameo House places a strong emphasis on therapeutic services.**

Cameo has a licensed therapist on staff to provide services to all women who choose them. Some of the most common therapeutic themes include: domestic violence and child custody

conflicts, the stress of a single mother parenting, addiction to substances, addictive and repetitive unhealthy relationships, financial and vocational issues, and family of origin childhood trauma. A partnership with the Human Services Agency allows Cameo House clients to access permanent housing units with wraparound services.

Cameo House clients are able to transition to permanent housing in San Francisco near their support network; and with our clients transitioning more quickly to permanent housing, Cameo House is able to serve more families annually.

During the 2011 operating year, Cameo House was able to complete a total renovation of Cameo House, including clients and staff quarters. The extensive rehabilitation of the building has created a renewed sense of pride of Cameo House for the staff and clients.

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