Since its inception SSHC continues to be guided by its Mission to provide comprehensive services to help people of all ages cope with, mental, physical and social problems by offering prevention and positive healthy alternatives so that at-risk individuals may live productive lives in their communities.

Our board, staff and local volunteers have made the personal investment of time and resources to ensure provision of quality services to negate health and social challenges. In addition, we have provided training to other community based organizations, based on our experience so that they too can obtain the sustainability needed to provide social services throughout the city, state and nation.

Despite fiscal and social challenges and ever-changing political and public policies, our agency has weathered the storms of time and survived in order to continue to provide much-needed services. SSHC has a stellar reputation in the community, among government agencies and globally-respected foundations for our programs and service ethics.

Help Is Here
The South Side Help Center Team works together with individuals and community organizations to address issues that inhibit the productivity of the community and hinder the greater-good of its residents.

Successfully resolving these issues takes the heartfelt dedication and hard work of people who know the community and possess the skills and passion to serve its people.

SSHC is structured so that it can effectively execute an array of community social services, while also broadening its influence and scope of services through capacity building and collaborations.

In essence, we provide HELP to individuals and organizations.
South Side Help Center will be perceived as a premier national and global provider of comprehensive community preventive social services to individuals and capacity building to organizations.

Our experience, intuitiveness and unique ability to engage our constituents affords us the opportunity to develop and implement some of the most innovative and impactful prevention and intervention programs including:

- Outreach Mobile unit with FREE HIV Prevention materials, HIV testing and counseling in beauty shops, partnering with local businesses to provide condoms, and more. In-School & After-School Youth Programs. Onsite mentoring programs at our Help Centre and school-based violence prevention by experienced professionals.
- Job Development & Home Utility Support. FREE Educational Workshops, counseling for women in homeless shelters, light/heat and weatherization intake site.
- Capacity Building Assistance Services. Training for program development, fiscal management, behavioral interventions and other services to organizations throughout the United States.

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Our Focus
We started with a focus on educating the African-American community about HIV in order to address its disproportionate and growing incidence. Then, we extended our services by developing cutting-edge, culturally sensitive youth mentorship, family violence prevention, mental health counseling, case management, and other programs so that we could serve the community needs. SSHC purpose and legacy is in serving the people of the community. We actualize our mission of “Providing people with positive and healthy alternatives” through many programs and services. Some of them include:

Youth Programs
- Male/Female Mentoring
- Youth Self Enhancement Program (YSEP)
- After School Program
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- School-based Violence Prevention Programs
- Valerie Smith Reid Scholarship Fund

Direct Services
- Mental Health Counseling
- Case Management

Community Outreach Programs
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- HIV Prevention Programs and HIV testing
- Young Men Community Action Program
- Coalition Development & Research program (Y.M.C.A)
- CEDA/ Energy Assistance

Capacity Building
- Statewide Capacity Building Initiative
- Building and Nurturing Communities of Color (BANCC)

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Donate Today
SSHC has worked hand in hand with individuals, families, organizations, businesses, political organizations, foundations and others who share our dedication to addressing the community's needs.

We need your help to provide hope and help for a promising future of our communities.

Whether its mental, physical, financial or spiritual support we aspire to lead by example, and this dedication is reflected in the ethics and hard work of our board, staff members, volunteers, collaborating vendors and partners.

Strengthening people strengthens communities. And that’s what we endeavor to do at South Side Help Center.

To Give, Visit our website at www.SouthSideHelp.org