Homeless women continue to face challenges necessary medical services. Although the vast majority surveyed (84.2%) possessed some form of health insurance, a majority (63.2%) had also visited the emergency room within the last year, suggesting they were not regularly accessing primary or preventative care.

A majority (54.9%) of women said they live with a mental health or psychiatric disability, and nearly two-thirds (63.5%) received treatment for mental health issues.

Homelessness is not inevitable.
It is a societal problem that bears especially hard on women. We need committed community members like you to help us develop policies that will transform systems and change lives.

From the Downtown Women’s Center 2019 Los Angeles City Women’s Needs Assessment
The Downtown Women’s Center is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women.

We envision a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Our mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy.

Visit the Downtown Women’s Center online to read the full report.

EXPAND transgender and gender-based discrimination protections, and ensure equal access to healthcare and housing.

CREATE policies and practices for follow-up care and discharge from emergency rooms, including connection to housing services and affordable, accessible medical aftercare.

INCREASE access to trauma-informed and women-specific preventative, primary, and dental care services in every neighborhood. Train staff in providing trauma-informed medical care to women engaged in sex work.

INCLUDE comprehensive mental health services as part of case management and general service provision.

ENHANCE access to Medi-Cal Health Homes and Whole Person Care 1115 Waiver programs for women.

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