



Purposely Chosen[®]
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Our Mission

Purposely Chosen, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) corporation, founded in 2006 by Dretona Maddox. Its services aim to offer help, hope and healing to displaced minor parents in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Our mission to help displaced teen moms keep their babies. We accomplish this mission by providing a safe haven for displaced and at-risk youth; particularly homeless, runaways, and abandoned pregnant and/or parenting adolescent girls, ages 13-21; to unreservedly come to have their basic needs met (i.e., shelter, food, water, love, and respect), and receive support, education, advocacy and access to community resources to ensure a healthy pregnancy and delivery. At Purposely Chosen, we hope that our services will enable these adolescents to discover their supreme purpose in life, overcome the obstacles of homelessness, and gain self-sufficiency.

Meet The Founder

Dr. Dretona T. Maddox is a distinguished Assistant Professor of Social Work at California Baptist University's College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Her personal journey—marked by overcoming homelessness and teenage pregnancy and coping with the loss of her mom to suicide—has informed her academic and professional pursuits.

Dr. Maddox holds a BSN from the University of Phoenix, an MSW from the University of Southern California, and a DSW from California Baptist University. Her doctoral research focused on addressing the health inequities faced by pregnant Black teenagers.

A recognized authority in Black Adolescent Maternal Health, Dr. Maddox is deeply committed to enhancing the lives of at-risk communities. In addition to her scholarly work, she serves as the Founding President and CEO of Purposely Chosen, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to supporting pregnant and parenting teenagers in foster care. She has successfully established two maternity homes in Southern California's Inland Empire, offering crucial resources to young mothers.



What needs are we addressing?

To help displaced teen moms keep their babies through non-stigmatizing support, advocacy, and parenting education.

Our Vision

To create a society where teen mothers and their children are recognized for their potential and purpose, receiving the support they need to thrive as independent and empowered families.



Our Programs

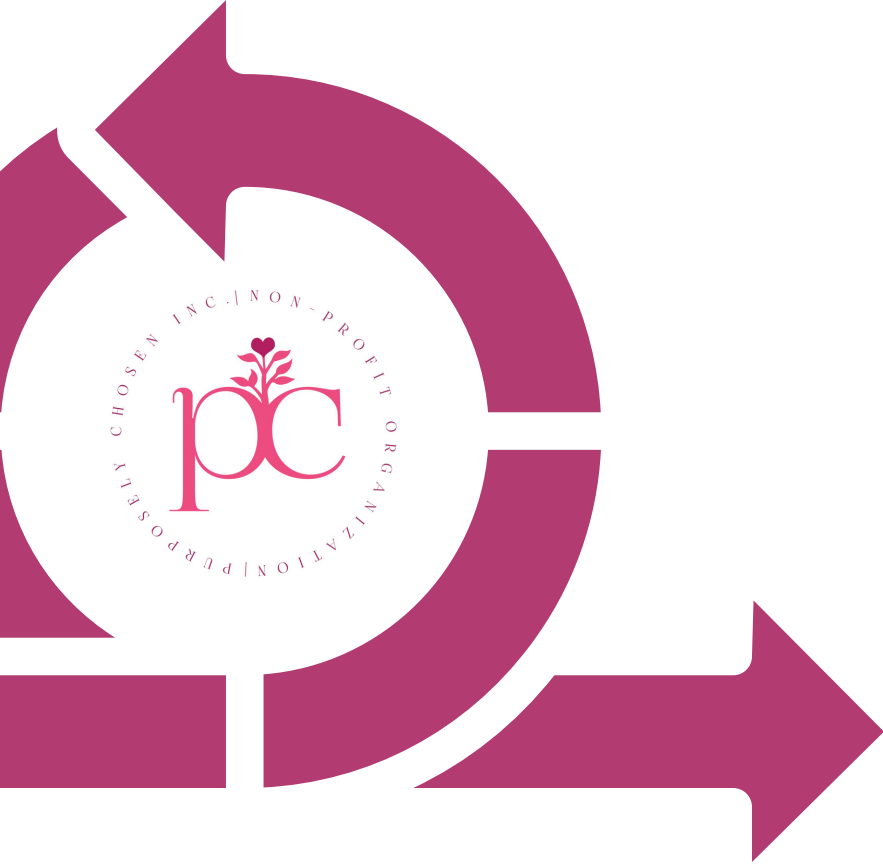
- 1 Comprehensive Parenting Education
- 2 Advocacy
- 3 Non-Stigmatizing Support
- 4 Residential Care at Born for Nia Maternity Home
- 5 Cultural and Trauma-Informed Care
- 6 Community Connection and Integration
- 7 Baby Shower Program



The Goal

To BREAK EVERY CHAIN of child abuse and neglect of children born to teen parents, transforming the narrative from a "Mistake" to a "Purpose". Our success is gauged not by our accomplishments alone but by the challenges we overcome and the courage we uphold in the face of adversity.





Our Philosophies and Methods

We integrate Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and Trauma-Informed Care into our approach, ensuring that the physiological, safety, social, esteem, and self-actualization needs of our clients are met with the utmost care and professionalism.



Our Commitment

We stand committed to empowering teen parents with the tools and resources to transition into a stable, nurturing family environment, where they can thrive and contribute meaningfully to society.

Our Resource



At the core of our ethos, Born for Nia Maternity Home's short-term residential therapeutic program is committed to fostering comprehensive, individualized care that is driven by the needs and strengths of our young parents. We prepare our residents for this transition by providing a trauma-informed social environment where they can address and overcome issues that may impede their relationships, reunification, and independent success.

In essence, Born for Nia Maternity Home is not just a program or a facility—it is a transformative experience that redefines the future for young mothers and their children, leading them from vulnerability to strength, from uncertainty to stability, and from being recipients of care to becoming active participants in their journey toward a purposeful life.

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