

# AMY TURK

**Board Member**, National Women's Shelter Network, Inc.

**Chief Executive Officer**, Downtown Women's Center

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Los Angeles, CA



**Amy Turk, LCSW**, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Downtown Women's Center (DWC). Amy has held leadership positions in the field of social work and homeless services since 2001.

Amy began her tenure at DWC in 2013 as the Chief Program Officer, where she administered all of DWC's programs and social enterprise.

In 2018, Amy served as DWC's Chief Innovation Officer, providing leadership in the development and implementation of new organizational projects and fostering vital relationships with community partners.

Appointed as CEO in early 2020, Amy has grown revenue by 106%, created a new three-year strategic plan, and is deepening DWC's focus on social justice.

In the 12 years prior to joining DWC, Amy progressively took on more responsibilities to assist women experiencing homelessness from case management to serving for seven years as Director of Daybreak, a project of The People Concern.

Amy has held numerous local, statewide, and national leadership positions in efforts to end homelessness, including as a John A. Hartford Foundation Practice Change Leader award recipient for her efforts to improve healthcare for older adults experiencing homelessness, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's *100 Million Healthier Lives* Campaign Systems Leader, National Trauma Recovery Center Association Advisory Board Member, founding member of *1 in 4*, a national social change movement to end homelessness among women, founding co-lead of the Los Angeles Domestic Violence Homeless Services Coalition, Los Angeles County Coordinated Entry System Councilmember, National Women's Shelter Network Board Member, and the previous Board Chair for Los Angeles Central Providers Collaborative.

As a volunteer, Amy served for six years as a certified sexual assault and domestic violence hotline counselor and trainer with Peace Over Violence in Los Angeles. Amy holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Pepperdine University and a master's in social work from California State University, Los Angeles.