

CELEBRATING DYD'S FIRST YEAR!

JULY 1, 2022 – JULY 1, 2023



2,000+

Youth reached in Diversion, Development, & Credible Messenger Mentorship programs.

200+

Community, County, & Philanthropic partners engaged in collaborative planning & feedback.

40+

Organizations receiving an initial allocation of approximately \$22,000,000 to advance youth development services & shared learning.

38

New team members with a diverse range of professional & lived experiences.



DYD'S FOCUS AREAS



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Equitably investing in and advancing youth development opportunities.



YOUTH DIVERSION

Providing diversion as an alternative to traditional system involvement.



YOUTH REENTRY

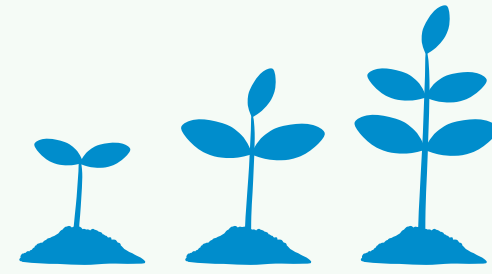
Supporting youth who are or were detained in juvenile halls and camps.



COORDINATION & INNOVATION

Managing research & evaluation, policy analysis, communications, and collaborative design.

**SINCE JULY 2022,
DYD HAS FOCUSED
ON BUILDING
INFRASTRUCTURE,
GROWING
PARTNERSHIPS,
& STRENGTHENING
SHARED LEARNING.**

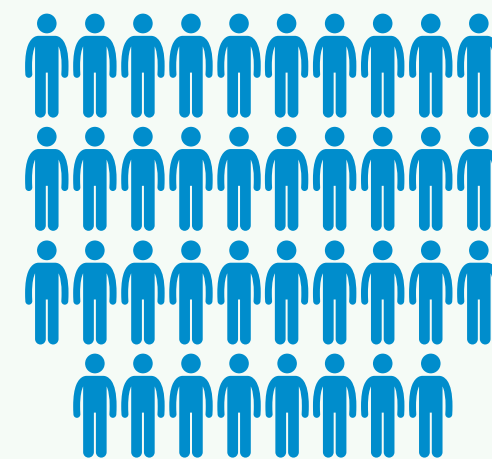


**40+ ORGANIZATIONS
RECEIVING FUNDING**

DYD has allocated an initial \$22,000,000 to community-based organizations to advance youth development services and shared learning in 3 program areas across Los Angeles County.



\$50,000,000+
**INITIAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



**38 NEW YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
EMPLOYEES AND COUNTING!**

This growing youth development workforce brings a wide range of personal and professional experience to the team, including social work, public health, public policy, law enforcement, education, direct services, & community organizing.



BUILDING REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS

- » Youth Development Networks (YDNs) are designed to improve access to free, comprehensive, and culturally responsive youth development services by coordinating low barrier and high access networks of care.
- » In 2023, DYD onboarded community leaders with the expertise to support community outreach, engagement, and planning across our three initial YDN regions: Antelope Valley, East LA, and South LA.
- » The initial YDN regions were identified based on geographic analysis of the highest Justice Equity Needs and other relevant measures indicating high youth development needs. In 2024 and beyond, DYD will expand to additional communities informed by data and engagement with community and other partners.

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Initial Regions
Based on Justice Equity Needs and Service Index

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Initial Community Listening Sessions

30

Community Task Force Partners



EXPANDING COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT

- » Diversion offers youth the opportunity to participate in supportive and restorative services as an alternative to traditional legal system involvement.
- » DYD funds a regional network of community-based providers and coordinate partnerships with law enforcement agencies with the goal of equitably reducing arrest in communities most impacted by system involvement.
- » By 2024, DYD plans to expand to approximately 30 additional diversion program locations.

2,000

Youth Reached

Since July 2022

11

Initial Diversion Program Locations





TESTIMONIALS

"IT WAS A USEFUL PROGRAM TO HELP ME GET THROUGH MY DECISION AND AMEND AND BRING BACK THE RELATIONSHIPS I HAD DAMAGED, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CIRCLE, THAT WAS REALLY HELPFUL."

YOUTH PARTICIPANT

"IT'S A CO-CREATION. WE ACCOMPANY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WE WALK BESIDE THEM, NOT IN FRONT OF THEM, WE'RE NOT TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO - IT'S A COLLABORATION. WE MAKE SURE THEY'RE INVOLVED SO THEY HAVE BUY-IN."

DIVERSION PROVIDER

"THIS HELPS OUR SON UNDERSTAND THAT HE MADE A MISTAKE BUT [IT] DOESN'T MAKE HIM A BAD PERSON. IT'S SOMETHING HE CAN COME BACK FROM AND GROW FROM. AND CONTINUE TO BE AWARE OF THE SITUATION HE WAS IN, SO HE DOESN'T REPEAT IT."

PARENT OF YOUTH PARTICIPANT



ADVANCING TRANSFORMATIVE MENTORSHIP

In 2023, DYD launched and began to expand a Credible Messenger program to support incarcerated youth with trauma-responsive and culturally-sensitive mentorship.

Designed based on the success of Credible Messenger models across the nation, DYD's community-based Credible Messengers are trusted mentors with personal experience navigating system involvement.

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COMMUNITY
MENTORSHIP
ORGANIZATIONS

120

YOUTH
REACHED
Since March 2023



TESTIMONIALS

"THE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS HAVE BEEN VERY INSPIRING AND A LIGHT OF HOPE AT TIMES WHEN I FELT LIKE GIVING UP BECAUSE LIFE WAS THROWING CURVEBALLS AT ME. BUT THEY ALWAYS TOOK THE TIME TO INVEST IN ME AND GIVE ME THAT INDIVIDUAL SPACE WITH THEM TO TALK TO ME AND HELP MOTIVATE ME AGAIN TO REMAIN FOCUSED AND THAT LIFE WILL BE HARD, BUT IT WILL ALSO GET EASIER. THEY SHARE REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES [AND] KNOWLEDGE WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE SO WE CAN GROW AND NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES."

YOUTH PARTICIPANT

"I HAVE BUILT RAPPORT AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH STAFF AND THE YOUTH. I FEEL LIKE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND I'M LOVING THE PROCESS. I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK."

DIVERSION PROVIDER



SHARED LEARNING DYD + YJAG STEERING COMMITTEE

- » DYD and the Youth Justice Advisory Group hosted five quarterly public Steering Committee meetings to engage partners in planning and feedback related to the vision, values, and recommendations of Youth Justice Reimagined.
- » Each quarter, Youth Leaders receive a stipend for their role helping to develop the agenda and facilitate collaborative dialogue.
- » The Youth Justice Advisory Group includes workgroups in the following areas: 1) Youth Development Networks, 2) Collaborative Decision-Making, 3) Safe Healing Centers, 4) Gender-Responsive Strategy, 5) Youth Leadership and Engagement, and 5) Legislative Strategy.

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Public Meetings

50+

Youth Leaders

100

Average Participants



SHARED LEARNING CROSS-DEPARTMENT COLLABORATION

DYD is collaborating with a wide range of youth-serving County departments, community partners, justice system partners, and system-impacted youth to design an evidence-informed approach to youth development, including a focus on programming for youth in Juvenile Halls and Camps.

Partnership with the Dept. of Arts & Culture to bring the Inner City Youth Orchestra to Juvenile Halls & Camps

Collaboration with the Dept. of Public Health, Dept. of Mental Health, and others to address substance use prevention.

Collaboration with the Dept. of Children & Family Services and others to expand Credible Messenger mentorship.



SHARED LEARNING SUPPORTING POLICY CHANGE

DYD is working closely with County Counsel, the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations team, and a working group of community & county partners to assess legislative opportunities and draft proposals focused on reducing bias in access to youth diversion, reducing barriers to accessing information and participating in multi-disciplinary teams for youth development practitioners, and more.

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Held three listening sessions to engage youth and community members about potential policy priorities to help inform our legislative and local policy efforts moving forward.

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Convened eleven monthly ad-hoc legislative working group to explore opportunities for legislative strategy related to youth development and Youth Justice Reimagined.





LOOKING AHEAD

To learn more, visit www.dyd.lacounty.gov

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DYD is releasing funding opportunities for Youth Diversion and My Brother & Sister's Keeper programs as well as launching initial Youth Development Networks, including demonstration projects for school-based crisis response, restorative practices, and youth centers. DYD is also planning a Fall 2023 Youth Summit to build a strong foundation for healing-centered approaches to youth development.

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DYD is increasing support for system-impacted youth through expanded Credible Messenger mentorship, holistic care coordination for youth in Juvenile Halls and Camps through reentry, and a demonstration project focused on Safe Healing Centers for girls and gender expansive youth.

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DYD will expand evaluation, communication, and community engagement, including supporting a process to develop a participatory youth development research framework through listening sessions with youth and partners.

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DYD will complete a comprehensive strategic plan and continue to expand opportunities for shared learning and policy change to advance Youth Justice Reimagined.