

Happy Spring! This has been a season of growth for our team and our work together.

In March, the Board of Supervisors passed three motions focused on improving conditions for young people in the County's Juvenile Halls and Camps. Our team has been collaborating with the partners listed in these motions to expand and improve programming available to youth in custody. We will continue to bring partners together as we move toward longer-term collaborative planning focused on programming, as well as advancing Youth Justice Reimagined.

In April and May, we will be welcoming 16 new team members, each of whom brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team. We are excited to have youth and community leaders joining us as well as folks with experience in advocacy and public service, including individuals coming to DYD from community-based organizations, Parks and Recreation, Public Health, and Probation. This diversity of experience and expertise will allow us to better serve youth and we are confident that their contributions will make a positive impact on our department and the youth we serve.

As many of you know, last fall, the Department of Youth Development began our very first round of recruitment for new positions at several levels and across all units of our team. We opened applications for Youth Development Ambassadors, Youth Development Specialists, and Youth Development Supervisors who would expand DYD's regional youth development network services; advance youth reentry, housing, and employment opportunities; lead research, policy, outreach, and innovation efforts; and provide administrative support to ensure we are living up to our values of equity and transparency.

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We received an overwhelming number of applications from incredibly talented candidates and have been working to review all applications and identify candidates who are the best fit for the team at this time in the months since.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who applied. We aren't able to connect with each of the thousands of applicants directly, but we are so grateful for your interest in DYD and your commitment to improving the lives of young people. We hope you will stay connected to the work and apply for future job opportunities.

David Carroll, Director

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